

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the April 30, 2003/Vaisakha 10, 1925 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy  
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power;  
Rural Development; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions—20**

#### **Linking villages to cities**

\*561. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link all the villages to main city of concerned district in the country;

(b) if so, by when the target would be achieved; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for achieving the above target?

#### **Floating of equity by NTPC**

\*562. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation proposes to float a certain quantity of its equity in the primary market;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; the anticipated financial inflow through such offerings and whether such offerings would be in conformity with SEBI guidelines; and

(c) the projects and proposals to which the earnings from dispensed equity would be channelled?

#### **Medium of examinations and interviews in UPSC**

†\*563. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the medium of examinations and interviews conducted by UPSC;

(b) the progress made and hindrances in the complete use of official language *i.e.* Hindi; and

(c) by when the same will be introduced completely in the working of UPSC?

#### **Modernisation of security forces**

\*564. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has sanctioned Rs. 235 crore for modernisation of security forces and promotion of a sense of security amongst the people living in border areas;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed modernisation of security forces;

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(c) to what extent it will be helpful in checking the ISI activities on Indo-Nepal and Indo-Pak borders; and

(d) whether the modernisation would cover Indo-Nepal and Indo-Pak borders only?

#### **Loan for power sector**

\*565. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation has agreed to sanction about Rs. 10,500 crore of loan for power sector 2003-04;

(b) if so, to what extent it is more as compared to 2002-03;

(c) what was the target set in 2002-03;

(d) what is the target of power set by 2003-04; and

(e) whether this loan will be less to meet the target set for power in 2003-04?

#### **Funds allocated under various schemes**

\*566. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any monitoring mechanism has been devised for keeping a vigil on the utilization of large public funds being spent under all the programmes of the Ministry;

(b) whether recently the Ministry has reconstituted vigilance and monitoring committees at various levels for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether in view of the large quantum of funds being made available under various

programmes, a comprehensive report on utilisation of funds allocated and utilized will be laid on the Table of the House?

#### **Role of Electricity Regulatory Commissions**

\*567. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electricity Regulatory Commissions which were created to play a crucial role in addressing crisis in the power sector has not been successful because most of the States have not yet reconciled to the concept of ERCs;

(b) if so, whether there are delays in appointments, resistance to delegating full powers to the Commissions;

(c) if so, what were the main reasons for the same;

(d) to what extent the Union Government has been able to implement the Electricity Regulatory Commissions in all States; and

(e) whether all the State Governments have been urged to implement this decision?

#### **Terrorist incidents in J & K**

†\*568. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of innocents killed in the terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the number of soldiers and officers of para-military forces killed in such incidents; and

(c) the details of Government assistance given to the people and soldiers killed?

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**Thermal power projects based on natural gas in Tripura**

\*569. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power projects (based on natural gas) undertaken by the Government/Non-Government enterprises all over the country during the last five years giving details State-wise;

(b) the amount of money earmarked and disbursed so far, project-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the works of the thermal project at Mainer Chak in the West District of Tripura are getting delayed; and

(d) how the works there is proposed to be expedited?

**Killings in J & K**

\*570. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of people belonging to minority community consisting of women and children were massacred in Jammu and Kashmir on 24th March, 2003;

(b) if so, whether such type of incidents have been on an increase in the State for several months;

(c) whether any inquiry was conducted regarding these incidents;

(d) if so, the outcome of the inquiry;

(e) whether the Centre in consultation with the State Government has decided to improve the security arrangements in the State in collaboration with security forces to check such incidents; and

(f) if so, whether the Deputy Prime Minister has alleged Pakistan's role in increasing extremist activities in the State?

**Consumption of coal by thermal power plants**

\*571. SHRI S.S AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of coal is imported every year for consumption by thermal power plants in the country;

(b) the quantities of coal supplied by Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries to the respective thermal power plants and the volume of coal imported by them during the last five years;

(c) what measures have been taken by CIL for washing of coal with a view to enhancing its purity and enabling reduction, particularly in the cost of transportation of pure coal of greater calorific value to the power generation units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Approval of publishers**

\*572. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'BAHARI'S PUBLICATIONS' of Central Civil Service Rules and Fundamental Rules and Supplementary Rules, handbook have been approved by the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether there is any discrepancy in publications of above rules by BAHARI'S PUBLICATIONS and Muthuswamy's compilation of above rules; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Militants killed in Assam**

\*573. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants of secessionist outfits killed or apprehended by the security personnel in Assam during the last two years;

(b) whether it is true that Indo-Bhutan border is completely unguarded; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

**MIG crashes**

\*574. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG aircrafts crashed during the last three years;

(b) the time when these accidents occurred along with the loss suffered in each of the incident;

(c) the steps taken by Government to avoid these accidents;

(d) the decisions taken with regard to flying of MIG aircrafts;

(e) whether it is a fact that another MIG aircraft crashed again on 7th April, 2003; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor along with outcome of measures taken by Government?

**Closure of powerlooms**

\*575. SHRI SURENDRA LATH.: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of

powerlooms and their ancillary units have been closed down;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to revive these powerlooms?

**Non-Conventional energy projects in Karnataka**

\*576. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Conventional energy projects being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) the quantum of the power being produced from these projects;

(c) whether MNES has fixed tariff for the projects of the power being produced by the Non-Conventional energy producers in Karnataka;

(d) if so, whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., has withdrawn the MNES imposed tariff in Karnataka; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that more Non-Conventional Energy projects are taken up in Karnataka?

**Loss making NTC mills**

†\*577. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by

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Government during the last three years to turn loss making textile mills of National Textile Corporation into profit earning ones;

(b) if so, the number of sick textile mills which were turned into profit earning ones from 1999 till the end of the year 2002; and

(c) the amount spent by Government in this regard?

#### **Massacre of Kashmiri Pandits**

\*578. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since identified the persons/organisations involved in the recent massacre of 24 Kashmiri Pandits at Nadimarg in South Kashmir by militants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have decided to play greater role in Jammu and Kashmir Security after the sad massacre and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to win the confidence of Kashmiri Pandits?

#### **Overstay of foreign nationals**

†\*579. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several foreign citizens who visit India, stay back in the country even after the expiry of their visas;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of such foreign nationals during the last two years; and

(c) the directives Government propose to issue to stop such type of activities keeping in view the current circumstances?

#### **Deaths of BSF jawans in avalanches**

\*580. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than ten soldiers and jawans from Border Security Force (BSF) and other police organisations are reported to have been buried alive under avalanches in Ladakh region during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the bodies of the victims have not been retrieved from under the debris so far; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to protect the lives of soldiers and jawans in this region?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.

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