

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the July 30, 2003/Sravana 8, 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

Operation to flush out ultras in J&K

*141. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether security forces in Jammu
and Kashmir have launched a drive to flush
out ultras from mountain hide-outs in J&K;
and

(b) if so, the number of ultras captured
or killed in the operation and the arms and
ammunition seized from their hide-outs, and
the number of Indian security personnel
who laid down their lives during the
operation?

FIRs through e-mail

*142. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will
the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is
considering any proposal which will enable
police stations to receive FIRs through
e-mail from the citizens thereby bringing in
transparency in the citizen-police interface
in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when
it is likely to be implemented?

Funds for Sector Reforms Scheme

*143. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-
CHARYA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stopped
releasing funds for the Sector Reforms
Scheme which was started a few years
back as a pilot project for supplying
drinking water to the rural areas;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to
revive the scheme at an early date?

Terrorist incidents in J&K

*144. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist incidents have
increased in Jammu and Kashmir during
the last two months;

(b) if so, whether army camps and innocent people in Jammu and Kashmir have become again the targets of terrorist activities; and

(c) the new strategy which Government plan to adopt to counter these activities?

Activities of terrorist organisations

†*145. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist organisations like 'Khalistan' have recently vowed to increase their activities;

(b) if so, whether Government have requested the concerned State Governments to give details in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action the Central Government are contemplating to take in this regard?

Amarnath pilgrimage

†*146. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims from various parts of the country who registered themselves for the Amarnath pilgrimage as also the number of persons out of them who could have *darshan* of Amarnath;

(b) what arrangements Government of India have made for their security and in regard to catering facilities for the pilgrims during their pilgrimage;

(c) the amount of money incurred by the Government; and

(d) whether number of Amarnath pilgrims this year was less as compared to that of last year?

Reservation policy for ex-servicemen in Government and PSUs

*147. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation policy for ex-servicemen for jobs in all Government and Public Sector Undertakings is being implemented strictly; and

(b) whether Government are considering the formation of a "National Ex-Servicemen's Commission" to monitor the implementation of Government policies for ex-servicemen in the Central as well as State Government Undertakings?

Power generation in Tenth Plan

*148. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector's poor performance in power sector has forced the Government to take steps with the States to improve the power generation in Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, whether Centre has decided to formulate policy guidelines for granting multiple distribution licence under New Electricity Bill;

(c) if so, the main features thereof;

(d) what has been the actual capacity addition upto June 15, 2003, in thermal and hydro fields; and

(e) the steps Centre proposes to take to set certain portion for production by private sector during the Tenth Plan?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Joint patrolling at Indo-Bangladesh border

*149. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSF and Bangladesh Rifles have jointly agreed for patrolling along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, whether the modalities for joint patrolling have been worked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of "Deendar Anjuman" as unlawful association

*150. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared "Deendar Anjuman" as an unlawful association;

(b) whether certain members of the organisation were arrested for indulging in unlawful activities;

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard; and

(d) the names of States where they are active in their activities?

Power position in Gujarat

*151. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage continues in Gujarat despite taking steps in this regard;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total requirement, availability and shortage of power as on June 30, 2003 in Gujarat; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of power in Gujarat?

Wind energy potential

*152. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up to tap the wind energy potential in India since 1999-2000; and

(b) the details of projects proposed in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Assam

*153. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of roads constructed, funds allocated, released and remained unspent under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) till March, 2003;

(b) the criteria fixed for selection of roads including those with recommendation of MLAs and MPs; and

(c) the list of roads constructed with names of recommending MPs in Assam during the last three years?

Houses under IAY in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

*154. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent district-wise, year-wise and number of people benefited under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last five years;

(b) whether sanitary latrines, fuel efficient smokeless *chulhas* etc. have been

provided in the houses constructed under IAY in the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and alternative arrangements made or proposed to be made?

Gold wealth beneath Deccan plateau

*155. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vast untapped gold wealth lies beneath Deccan plateau and it is proposed to exploit these dormant untapped potentials;

(b) the progress made in mining of Huti region gold mines in Karnataka and other similarly placed mines in the country; and

(c) the reasons for lagging behind Australia in gold mining when both the countries have similar geographical characteristics such as rock formation and the soil beneath surface?

Studies on abnormal increase in summer temperature

*156. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disaster management wing of Home Ministry is aware of the fact that several parts of the country, mainly Andhra Pradesh, recorded unprecedented high temperature in the summer of 2003;

(b) whether any agency studies the reasons for the abnormal increase in the average summer temperature in the States like Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) if not, whether Government intend to ask any of our scientific agencies to find

the scientific reasons for the unusual phenomenon; and

(e) the action plan to save the poor people from calamity of heat wave during summer?

Power charges in States

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

(a) what are rates of charges for one unit of electricity in each State of the country;

(b) how much subsidy is borne by different State Governments to relieve the public from the heavy charges of electrical bills;

(c) the reasons why the unit charges for consumption of electricity go high up in some States; and

(d) the remedial measures that may possibly be adopted?

Funds for various rural development schemes

*158. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated/ released, utilised and remained unspent for various rural development schemes during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 so far, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether there have been complaints regarding misutilisation of funds in some States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the criteria being adopted for allocation of funds for various schemes in the States/UTs?

Facility of LTC to Government employees

†*159. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility of LTC which is availed of by Government servants is less as compared to the employees of organised enterprises of private sector;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is unrest among Government employees in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps being taken in this regard?

Norms for improvement of rural sector

†*160. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated norms for improvement of rural sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to give share of Rural Improvement Incentive Fund (Grameen Sudhar Protsahan Nidhi) to various States; and

(c) if so, the details of provision given to the States so far?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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