

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the November 30, 2005/Agrahayana 9, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions — 20

Implementation of power projects

*101. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether of the 44 power projects under implementation currently, 39 projects are slated to come up by the first year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether 5 projects are reported to be facing constraints in timely commissioning;

(c) the total projects that are being completed within the stipulated period of time and how many will be there which will not be completed;

(d) whether any guidelines had been issued by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to the Ministry of Power in this regard; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by the Ministry of Power to implement suggestions made by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

Non-utilisation of funds under SGSY

*102. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to spend funds allocated to Sampoorna Gramin Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY);

(b) if so, whether Centre allocated Rs. 1000 crore for the programme upto June this year which was twice the sum allocated last year, but only Rs. 469.56 crore of this was released and even paltry Rs. 61.94 crore was used;

(c) what are the main reasons for failure in utilisation of funds under SGSY and the agencies responsible for this;

(d) what action has been taken against the said agencies; and

(e) what are the steps taken to fully utilize the funds allocated for SGSY during the remaining period of 2005-06?

**Funds released under RGNDWM to
Andhra Pradesh**

*103. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Rajeev Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission during the last one year till date;

(b) whether grants are being given to voluntary organizations under the scheme;

(c) if so, the funds provided thereunder during the last one and half year in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the district-wise details of projects undertaken under the Mission in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last one and half year till date?

Indian Approach Paper at WTO

*104. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WTO has formally accepted the "Approach Paper" of Government of India outlining the structure and basis for services negotiations;

(b) if so, whether Government is lobbying for acceptance of the contents of this Paper by majority of WTO members; and

(c) by when an intensive package allowing developing countries to have flexibility on opening of services based on the development levels will be cleared by the WTO?

**Signature campaign against power
hike in the Capital**

*105. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that signature campaign against power hike in the Capital has taken place demanding withdrawal of recent increase in power tariff;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether any direction for reconsideration of hike was given to the State Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Communal riots in different parts of
the country**

†*106. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that occurrence of communal riots in different parts of the country have come to light during the last six months;

(b) if so, the names of the places where such riots have taken place;

(c) whether any enquiry is being conducted to find out the culprits of these riots;

(d) if so, persons given responsibility of enquiry in each case; and

(e) the details of those persons who are enquiring into these incidents what are themselves coming under the purview of Government enquiry?

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Import-export gap

†*107. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports in the country are increasing more than exports;

(b) if so, the value of imports and exports done in the country during first six months of the year 2005-06; and

(c) the value of crude oil imported in the country and whether it is a fact that the foreign trade of the country is running in losses due to gap between import and export?

Declaration of MES as Inter Service Organisation

*108. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Military Engineering Service has been treated as an Inter Service Organisation by including the same as such in the Annual Report of Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not declaring the service as an ISO formally and keeping it under the Engineer-in-Chief;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal in this regard;

(d) if so, what is its status and likely time by when it will be finalised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export of vegetable oils

*109. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of vegetable oils has been made free and export restrictions on groundnut oil has been removed;

(b) if so, the quantities of different vegetable oils exported during 2004-05; and

(c) their impact on the production of vegetable oils and their prices in domestic markets?

Permanent shelter to the Tsunami victims of Andaman

*110. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria, cost and plinth area entitlement fixed by Government for providing permanent shelters constructed or being constructed for the Tsunami victims of Andaman district; and

(b) who would be the implementing Agency for allotment of permanent shelters to the Tsunami victims of Andaman district?

Crimes against minors

*111. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the crimes committed against minors (children), as per the National Crime Records Bureau, during the last three years, State-wise and sex-wise;

(b) the rape cases against minor girls, State-wise;

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(c) the disposal of above crimes, namely challan, conviction etc. and percentages thereof;

(d) the incidence of crime, per 10 lac of population, State-wise;

(e) the first three States in the country having worst scenario of 'crimes against minors' on the basis of (i) total incidence of crime (ii) total rapes (iii) total incidence per 10 lac; and

(f) the steps being taken to protect the minors?

People to be benefited under NREG Scheme

†*112. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have started the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and if so, the number of targeted people who would be benefited every year and the amount required for the same;

(b) whether creation of permanent assets and basic infrastructure works is possible keeping the proportion of wages and cost of materials; and

(c) the details regarding the system of implementing, monitoring and controlling the said programme?

Indo-UK trade

*113. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-UK joint economic and trade committee would function as a

key mechanism for strengthening trade and economic co-operation between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether during meeting with UK representatives the Commerce and Industry Minister felt that joint economic and trade committee must be used as an effective tool to promote India-UK partnership;

(c) whether UK is the second largest investor in India, and has a bilateral trade worth 5 billion dollar per annum and attracts 60% of all Indian investment into Europe; and

(d) if so, to what extent both India and U.K. have taken steps to improve further trade between the two countries?

Indo-Sri Lanka joint patrolling

*114. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Sri Lanka have begun co-ordinated patrolling along the international Maritime border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to make a joint patrolling with the Sri Lankan Navy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing the share of power

*115. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals to increase the share of power from various sources like nuclear power and natural gas;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals on anvil, including terms and conditions, if

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any, and the countries associated with the above programme as on today;

(c) the details including the programme for generating energy from civil nuclear programme;

(d) whether there is any proposal to allow private sector/marketing forces in the above power generation programme especially civil nuclear power generation programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for BPL population

*116. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Centrally sponsored schemes are targeted for the BPL population;

(b) if not, then which are the targeted schemes and which are untargeted; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to universalise any of the targeted schemes?

Warning about terrorist strike in Goa

*117. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any warnings about an impending terrorist strike in the State of Goa during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the precautionary measures adopted in this regard?

Hydro power generation

†*118. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of power being generated from hydel resources in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that cost of generating power from water resources is very high but the said power becomes very cheap after its generation;

(c) the capacity for generating power from hydel resources in India; and

(d) the capacity of generating power exploited till date out of the said capacity?

Food for Work Scheme for Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

†*119. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra where Government have implemented 'Food for Work Scheme';

(b) the number of labourers benefited under this scheme and the amount spent on it during the current financial year;

(c) whether complaints of executing work with help of machines in place of labourers have been received from Tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken against the erring persons and the details thereof?

Wind power units in Tamil Nadu

*120. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wind power units in

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Tamil Nadu are saddled with evacuation problem with the State power grid fully occupied in the evacuation of hydropower following heavy rains;

(b) whether Tamil Nadu accounts for

half of the total wind power generation in the country; and

(c) whether Government considering such eventualities propose to have dedicated grids for evacuating wind power to the nearest consumption centres?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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