

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the July 5, 2004/Asadha 14, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of
North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises;
Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting;
Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and
Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development;
Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)**

Total number of questions—28

Chinese investment in infrastructure sector

1. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has called for expanding bilateral ties with India in the infrastructure sector, keeping in view a spurt in East Asian countries' construction industry after its accession to the World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, whether China International Construction Association (CHINCA) Vice Chairman has pointed out that Chinese companies were keen to explore projects with Indian companies on BOT basis in the areas including railways, housing, hospitals and bridges;

(c) if so, whether Government have accepted the Chinese proposal;

(d) if so, whether any agreement has been reached; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to coffee growers

2. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended a special financial assistance to the coffee growers to tide over the economic crisis in the sector during 2003-04;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of subsidy given to the coffee growers during 2003-04;

(d) whether any interest free loans were given by the Coffee Board in 2003-04; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Marine exports

3. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the marine products exports during 2003-04 and foreign exchange earnings;

(b) whether it is a fact that many countries have banned Indian marine

products on the grounds of not maintaining high standards of hygiene;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to mitigate such problems?

Shifting MPEDA to Vishakhapatnam

4. SHRIS.M. LALJANBASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to shift the MPEDA from Cochin to Vishakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the marine product exports originate from the East Coast; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to shift MPEDA to the East Coast?

New Trade Policy

5. DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revamped the trade policy;

(b) if so, whether a twenty five Member Advisory Group had been constituted to advise on the export and import related issues;

(c) whether the new policy would focus on agriculture and employment generation;

(d) whether Government are also considering for promotion of FDI that promotes agriculture exports and creates additional jobs; and

(e) if so, by when the New Trade Policy is likely to be announced?

Coffee and tea production

6. PROF.M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coffee/tea production and consumption during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any policy to increase the coffee/tea production;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the measures being taken by Government to give some relief to the coffee/tea growers?

Wheat export

7. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surplus wheat available for exports during the year 2004-05;

(b) the details of the surplus wheat exported to various countries during the last three years; and

(c) the value of the foreign exchange earned in Indian currency during this period?

Expansion of G-20

8. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are planning to expand G-20 and building linkages with other developing countries of the world; and

(b) the steps Government are planning to adopt India specific approach in the

coming WTO talks, especially on agriculture?

Special Economic Zones for financial services

9. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of setting up of a Special Economic Zone for the financial services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed Economic Zone would be developed into an international financial services centre;

(d) whether presently computer software is the only service eligible for tax exemption; and

(e) whether Government are thinking of giving tax benefits to the Special Economic Zone for financial services?

Funds for export marketing and sales promotion

10. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to pump in Rs. 450 crores in the mid-term for export marketing and sales promotion activities;

(b) whether the Indian exporters would get any assistance for establishing warehouses and showrooms in the Indian markets;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are seriously thinking of phasing out popular Market Development

Scheme in the light of the increased allocation; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Export of Basmati rice

11. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the country has succeeded in getting preferential access for all basmati varieties of rice that are exported to various countries;

(b) the plans Government have to get support from the European Union before switching over to the new regime;

(c) whether it is a fact that India is facing a lot of problems in convincing the European Union for preferential access to our varieties; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

International Trade Talk

12. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US trade representative, Mr. Robert Zoethick, has urged the member-countries of the WTO, in the second week of January, 2004, to restart the stalled International Trade Talks;

(b) if so, the details of the statement made by him; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Free trade among SAARC countries

13. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of January, 2004, SAARC countries

have signed an agreement to allow free trade among the member-countries to eliminate trade barriers and bring down the tariffs;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed to operationalise the free trade;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how India is going to safeguard its interests on sensitive items?

**Restoration and conservation of
Temple in Angkor region of
Central Combodia**

14. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to take up a five phase restoration and conservation of the 12th Century TA Prohin Temple in the Angkor region of Central Combodia;

(b) the likely time for completion of the project;

(c) whether similar requests have been received in his Ministry from any other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Review of History text books of
NCERT**

15. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a three member panel of historians to make a quick review of the changes made in the History text books of

NCERT by the previous Government for the current year's school syllabus;

(b) if so, whether this panel has already submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when, the same would be made public?

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

† 16. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds were allocated to all the State Governments under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' in recent years;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to each State during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04; and

(c) the percentage of funds utilised during each year by the each State Government?

Expenditure on education

† 17. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to spend six per cent of the Gross Domestic Product on education;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on primary, secondary, higher education and vocational education out of it?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

University Grants Commission for technical institutions

18. SHRIS.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a separate University Grants Commission exclusively for the technical institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any schemes to finance upgradation of technical education; and

(d) the details of a more focused organization which would be set up to cater exclusively to the technical education?

Cases of paper leakage

19. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a number of incidents of paper leakage of various Government controlled examinations;

(b) if so, the details of all such cases during the last one year;

(c) the number of officials found involved in each case and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Navodaya/Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country

20. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas set up in different

parts of the country during the last three years and till date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the amount spent on setting up of such Vidyalaya during this period?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar

†21. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise;

(b) the district-wise details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar; and

(c) whether Government propose to open any new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State and if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in fees of Management Institutes

22. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government had initiated a proposal to cut down the exorbitant rates of fees in the various Institutes of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would like to push forward the proposal; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Global Mega University Network

23. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering of a Global Mega

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University Network to promote mutual understanding, academic solidarity and to explore the ways of co-operation among the member universities of the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a meeting of the Presidents, Rectors and Vice-Chancellors of the Mega Universities of the world was held recently in Shanghai to discuss various aspects of the issue; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the meeting?

Setting up of a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority

24. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of setting up of a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority to enforce guidelines and regulations on Television and Radio contents; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including composition of the authority?

Implementation of CAS

25. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experiment to implement CAS in South Delhi has failed and even the Delhi Government has stated that consumers do not like CAS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to postpone implementation of CAS in the metropolitan cities from the 1st January, 2004;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the fate of those who have already installed set top boxes?

Inclusion of Labana Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes

26. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 122 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 2003 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the ethnographic material on Labana Community from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for its inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this matter?

Housing Problem in Delhi

† 27. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has been advised to take help from the private Sector to solve the residential problems of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposal is under Government's consideration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Water shortage in Dwarka

28. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Dwarka sub-city, a prestigious colony in South West Delhi of the Delhi Development Authority is reeling under

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acute water scarcity for the last two months or so;

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

(c) the short-term and long-term measures contemplated to tide over the acute scarcity of water in the sub-city so that the colony may be self-sufficient with regard to the water supply?

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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