

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the July 7, 2004/Asadha 16, 1926 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Coal and Mines; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles; Youth
Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions—22

Quality and price of Indian coal vis a vis other countries

†58. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of coal being produced in the country is assessed low in comparison to the coal being produced and sold by other countries in the international market;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that besides quality, the comparative price of Indian coal is higher as well;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are Government's plans to bring the quality and price of Indian coal at par with the international level?

Development of hypersonic plane

59. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Defence scientists are aiming to fly an indigenously built hypersonic plane very soon;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the hypersonic plane is three-times faster than the existing fighter aircraft;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the ground tests of the above aircraft are going to take place?

Training of IAF pilots on Hawk AJT

60. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first batch of 25 IAF pilots has gone to UK for training on the Hawk Advanced Jet Trainers; and

(b) if so, by when the second and third batch of pilots will go to the UK to get training from the Royal Air Force?

Defence Modernisation Fund

61. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated Defence Modernisation Fund to tackle the chronic under-utilisation of the Defence Budget year after year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether the fund is going to become operational from the current financial year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Trial of 155 mm 52 Calibre Towed Howitzer System

62. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of January, 2004 the Indian Army has carried out new round of tests on 155 mm 52-Calibre Towed Howitzer System;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the earlier tests the above systems have not met the general staff qualitative requirements; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Deployment of QRTs of CISF at airports

63. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to raise and deploy highly trained and fully equipped "Quick Reaction Teams" (QRTs) of CISF at all the 47 airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the directive to CISF regarding the QRTs;

(c) what will be the period of training of QRTs;

(d) whether help of foreign experts is likely to be taken; and

(e) the details of the role of QRTs and the services they are expected to perform?

Infiltration from Bangladesh

64. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration from Bangladesh continues in different States of the North East; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to intensify patrols to check infiltration?

Deployment of paramilitary forces in naxal infested areas

65. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the policies of Government in regard to deployment of paramilitary forces in naxal infested areas; and

(b) who bears their expenses?

Koel Karo Hydel Project in Jharkhand

66. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHPC is constructing the Koel Karo Hydel Project in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

Target for rural electrification

† 67. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any time-limit to provide electricity to all houses in rural areas of the country;

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(b) if so, the details of the said target alongwith the estimated funds and total electricity needed to achieve the target; and

(c) the percentage of rural areas in each State provided with electricity by the end of March, 2004?

Setting up of gas-based power projects

68. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up gas-based power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of estimated cost, production capacity and location of the projects; and

(c) the details of the financial allocation made for the purpose during the current year and also for the Tenth Plan?

Sale of power by central power producer institutions

† 69. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the central power producer institutions sell power to the private companies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the quantum of power sold in the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04; and

(c) the cost of power togetherwith the per unit rate of the sale of power in each of the above years?

Proposal of PFC to raise US dollar via ECBs

70. SHRIS.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation proposes to raise US dollars *via* External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the requirements of PFC to raise such resources;

(d) whether alternates have been explored in the Indian financial market; and

(e) if not, reasons for the PFC seeking to raise funds through ECBs at high rates of interest?

Co-ordination between various agencies in the Power sector

71. SHRIS.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment are aware that there is a need for coordination between various organizations and agencies like Power Grid Corporation and others to ensure that while laying power lines and building transmission towers some specific route is followed;

(b) if so, details of possibilities explored in this regard;

(c) the details of steps proposed to increase safety and economy in such operations; and

(d) the steps proposed to avoid duplication of work by various agencies?

Setting up of National Energy Board

72. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Energy Board to integrate the energy related Ministries

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so as to enable Government to evolve an Integrated Energy Policy which helps as a road-map for the energy sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Rural Housing Scheme

73. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of houses constructed and distributed in various parts of the country, District-wise/State-wise, under the Rural Housing Scheme for the poor people, who are residing below the poverty line, during the last three years till date; and

(b) the number of houses proposed to be constructed under the scheme during the Tenth Plan?

Improvement and upgradation of poverty alleviation programmes

74. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the action taken to improve and upgrade the poverty alleviation programmes aiming at providing Food for Work to the poorest of the poor?

Welfare of handloom weavers

†75. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise/category-wise number of handloom weavers in various States of the country as on date;

(b) the facilities provided by Government to these handloom weavers during the last three years; and

(c) the subsidy made available to each State during the said period for the welfare of handloom weavers and number of handloom weavers benefited thereunder?

India as global outsourcing for textiles

76. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is set to emerge as a global outsourcing destination for textiles with an export potential of ten billion dollars in the next two-three years;

(b) how are the Indian textile exports expected to improve after phasing out the quotas by the year end;

(c) whether Mckinsey Report has said that Indian exports grow at the rate of 15-18 per cent and would reach 25-30 billion dollars by 2013; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for women sports-persons in NER

77. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing schemes and new ones formulated to promote and encourage women sports-persons in NER, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) how much funds have been allocated during the last three years, year-wise/district-wise;

(c) what are the Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies involved in implementation of such schemes; and

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(d) how many women sports-persons have been benefited from these schemes so far?

India's bid for 2016 Olympics

78. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
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SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Olympic Association has unanimously decided to bid for the 2016 Olympic Games in India; and

(b) if so, how the stadia and other infrastructure that have been developed for the first Afro-Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games will help to conduct the Olympics;

(c) whether India have started mustering support of other countries to win 2016 Olympics for India;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Scheme to promote National
Integration**

79. SHRIS.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a scheme to encourage youth to work and be familiar with National Integration;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the Government agencies which implement the scheme;

(d) whether a component of this scheme involves taking youths to different parts of the country to familiarize them with other areas, languages, etc.; and

(e) the details of the scheme and how it is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
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