

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, the August 9, 2005/Sravana 18, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Company Affairs; Finance; Panchayati Raj;
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Tourism; Water Resources)**

Total number of questions — 20

Pollution of underground water

†*221. SHRI JANARDAN

DWIVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the School of Environmental Sciences of Jawaharlal Nehru University which says that underground water is getting highly polluted due to a landfill arising in the form of hills in the Capital and in its bordering areas;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to curb this;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete arrangements being made by Government to check pollution of ground water and by when?

(a) whether it is a fact that there are major delays for landings and take-offs at Delhi and Mumbai airports due to lack of runway space, etc.;

(b) to what extent Government have been un-prepared for the expansion of air traffic;

(c) whether Government will take the best advise possible to create immediate inter-mediate arrangements using the existing runway space;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has not used the latest methods to arrive at optimum use of existing runway and parking bay space at Mumbai and Delhi airports; and

(e) the steps proposed to call in outside experts to devise new systems for use of runway space, etc.?

Optimum use of runways at Delhi and Mumbai airports

*222. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA

RAO:

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

Inflow of tourists in Madhya Pradesh

†*223. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to constant neglect of main tourist

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centres of Madhya Pradesh, there is continuous decrease in the number of tourists going there;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have any figures regarding the number of foreign tourists who visited Khajuraho during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in air traffic infrastructure

*224. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of ATC offices at most of the major airports, which is making our airports unsafe;

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the infrastructure with 63 per cent increase in air traffic in the last five years; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of area control centres there are gaps in the Indian skies and if so, what steps have been taken to remove these gaps?

Five point agenda for improvement of investment climate

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has suggested a five point agenda for improving investment climate in India which includes easing restrictions on hiring and firing of workers and simplification of procedure for entry and exit of firms;

(b) if so, what are the other points mentioned in the report;

(c) whether Government have fully examined World Bank's five point programme to boost investment in India; and

(d) if so, to what extent it has been implemented?

Rain Insurance Scheme

†*226. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH
LODHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a Rain Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and

(c) the number of farmers likely to be benefited by this scheme during the current financial year?

Detection of adulterated cases

†*227. SHRI NAND KISHORE
YADAV: Will the Minister of
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the petrol and petroleum products are being adulterated with the nexus of the officers of the public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of powers vested with these officers to stop adulteration and the number of cases of abuse of these powers reported during the last three years?

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**Changes in co-operative sector
legislation**

*228. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Panel set up by Government to suggest changes in the co-operative sector legislation;

(b) what are the terms of reference given to the Panel;

(c) by when the Panel is expected to submit its report; and

(d) whether any suggestions have been received in the Ministry with regard to professionalising the functioning of the co-operatives?

Losses to GIC subsidiaries

*229. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Insurance Corporation subsidiaries, New India Assurance and Oriental Insurance incurred losses amounting to more than Rs. 140.00 crores due to lack of diligence and caution while issuing special contingency policies on mobile handsets; and

(b) whether the GIC will henceforth enforce rigorous norms for its subsidiaries in regard to non-conventional and tailor made policies?

**Development of tourism in Western
States**

*230. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not formulated any

scheme to develop tourism in the Western States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether proposals received from Western States for financial assistance have not been cleared so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

**Monitoring system to check printing
of fake stamps**

†*231. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) which mentioned that no monitoring is done or secret system installed in the Security Press of Nasik to ward off counterfeit stamps and danger to security;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-adoption of any monitoring or secret system despite the serious incident of counterfeit stamp paper case; and

(c) by when Government would make proper arrangement for monitoring or installing secret system in the Security Press of Nasik?

**Non-availability of tickets on Gulf
sector**

*232. SHRI A. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN:
PROF. P.J. KURIAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many instances of

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non-availability of tickets to Gulf region for Gulf passengers from Kerala due to heavy traffic especially during vacation/festival season;

(b) if so, what steps will be taken to initiate more services of Air India flights to this region;

(c) whether there is any proposal/decision by the State Government of Kerala to float airline company for operating flights to Gulf region;

(d) if so, whether competent authority will relax norms of five years experience in domestic flight for operating international flights, to such airline company;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allotment of land for displaced persons from BALCO

†*233. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allotted 1200 acres of lands on lease to the displaced persons from BALCO;

(b) whether the Sterlite Industries have set up a power plant and a sub-station for its private use on the said land; and

(c) if so, the details of action being taken to evict Sterlite Industries from the said land?

Promotion of CNG

*234. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will encourage the use of environment friendly fuel Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in private/commercial vehicles also;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken to facilitate supply and distribution of CNG in the cities of the country;

(c) whether Government is having any plan for providing cost effective changes in the engines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fixation of gas prices

†*235. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain norms have been prescribed for fixation of selling price of gas in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the ratio of profit fixed on production of gas for gas producing companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that different gas producers sell gas at different rates to the gas consumers in the country; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of kerosene to Jammu and Kashmir

*236. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of kerosene oil has been reduced for Jammu and Kashmir;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
 (c) how Government propose to meet the demand of public?

Vacant posts of ATCs

*237. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of posts sanctioned for Air Traffic Control (ATC) and the number of posts filled;
 (b) how long these posts are vacant;
 (c) the reasons for not fulfilment of those posts, if any; and
 (d) the impact of such vacant posts on the working of ATC?

Mid-term appraisal on foreign airlines operations

*238. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Planning Commission has suggested a review of a policy that debars foreign carriers from investing in domestic ones;
 (b) if so, whether in the mid-term appraisal, FDI share has been raised to 49 per cent and foreign airlines are still debarred from equity participation in domestic air operations;

(c) what are the other suggestions made by the Planning Commission in their mid-term appraisal on foreign airline operations;

(d) whether Government have seriously considered to remove bar on foreign airlines in domestic sector; and

(e) if so, by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Delay in allotment of PAN

†*239. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the delay occurring in the matter of allotting a Permanent Account Number (PAN);
 (b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and
 (c) the number of cities where computerised system is being used for allotting a Permanent Account Number (PAN) at present?

Review of States' debt relief schemes

*240. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has promised a review of States' debt relief schemes;
 (b) whether Government propose to evolve some mechanism to address the concerns regarding the debt burden of States; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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