

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, August 1, 2016/Sravana 10, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

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Power generation from renewable energy sources

*151. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set and achievements made in power generation from renewable energy sources in the country during the last two years, State-wise and source-wise;

(b) whether schemes/programmes for development of renewable energy sources have been successful in various States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of incentives being offered to the State Governments for implementation of these schemes; and

(d) whether Government has set up any monitoring mechanism for ensuring proper implementation of these schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Amendments to Coastal Regulation Zone

*152. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a number of amendments and appointed a number of committees for Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the said Act/Policy;

(c) whether any draft Act/Policy has been prepared; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Providing safe drinking water to tribal households

*153. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main source of drinking

water in 2011 was away from their houses for 33.6 per cent household of tribal population at the country level and this was 33.2 per cent in Chhattisgarh, 24.8 per cent in Gujarat, 42.3 per cent in Jharkhand, 41.5 per cent in Madhya Pradesh and 45.5 per cent in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is being done in these and other States to provide safe drinking water to tribal people near their premises; and

(c) the plan and the provision of funds made by the Central Government in this regard?

Infrastructure projects pending clearance in West Bengal

*154. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of infrastructure projects in respect of West Bengal, proposed by the Central or the State Government, are pending for clearance at various stages;

(b) if so, the extent of their pendency, sector-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the efforts being made to expedite these clearances and time schedule therefor, if any?

Sewage dumped into river Ganga

*155. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the number and details of sewers which dumped sewage into river Ganga as in May 2014, May 2015 and May 2016?

Transfer of Lignite blocks to GMDC

*156. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state what action has been taken on State Government's specific request to transfer E, F and G Lignite blocks in south Gujarat to Government PSU *i.e.* the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (GMDC) for supplying the same to small manufacturing industries for meeting with their energy requirement?

Effectiveness of SBM

*157. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the overall impact of the flagship programme Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) ever since its launch on the 2nd October, 2014;

(b) whether there has been any phenomenal increase in the number of people coming forward after the increase in incentive funds for individual toilets;

(c) what steps are being taken to bring behavioural changes among the masses so that more and more people can be convinced for constructing individual toilets; and

(d) what is the monitoring mechanism to ensure the success of the programme and how effectively it is working?

Wages paid under MGNREGA

*158. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current per day wages being paid under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA); and

(b) the present minimum wages being paid to unskilled workers in different States, State-wise?

**Six laning of NH-2 between
Aurangabad-Barwada in Jharkhand**

*159. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is converting the existing four lane NH No. 2 between Aurangabad and Barwada in Jharkhand into six lanes;

(b) how many people in Bihar and Jharkhand are likely to lose their land due to it;

(c) what are the total number of trees that are likely to be felled due to it; and

(d) how Government proposes to deal with the displacement and ecological effects of the six laning?

**Water transfer from Godavari to
Krishna river**

*160. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission (CWC) has installed water gauges *i.e.* the hydrological observation station to measure the actual water transfer from Godavari to Krishna river through Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Project of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of water transferred from Godavari to Krishna through this project during the last two seasons?

Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh

*161. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from the Andhra Pradesh Government requesting for financial assistance as promised in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of financial assistance released, so far, and whether there is any balance to be released and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to compensate the revenue deficit of the State?

**Passenger vessel grounded in premises
of MPT**

*162. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a passenger vessel is grounded in the premises of Mormugao Port Trust (MPT) for the last two years;

(b) whether the vessel has recently tilted giving rise to the possibility of oil leakage into the sea;

(c) whether various authorities dealing with pollution control are engaged in collecting samples from the sea-waters;

(d) whether MPT has sent any report to the Central Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Changes has taken any remedial measures on the request of any central agency or otherwise; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of water for irrigation in drought hit areas

†*163. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating an action plan to provide underground water for agriculture in the drought hit areas like Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, by when the work is planned to be started so that farmers may get relief; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for the storage of water and management of other sources if it is contemplating any such scheme?

Four laning of Vilaraya-Panvari road in Uttar Pradesh

†*164. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the roads identified by Government

for the purpose of four-laning of National Highways in the country; and

(b) whether Vilaraya-Panvari road in Uttar Pradesh has been selected under this project and if so, the details regarding the commencement of work?

Electrification of villages

*165. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some un-electrified villages were included and counted as electrified villages in rural electrification data published by Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actual number of rural villages which were electrified during the last year under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, State-wise;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the number of villages/habitations where electrification work is yet to be undertaken in order to fix the target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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