

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, May 2, 2016/Vaisakha 12, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Work under SAGY in Telangana

*76. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the villages covered under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in Telangana, district-wise;

(b) the details of works undertaken in each such village and the progress of each work;

(c) whether any work is pending or languishing due to lack of financial or other constraints; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of shipyards

*77. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:
Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is taking steps to revive 27 shipyards which

are facing problems in unlocking capital worth over ₹ 1 lakh crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is committed to revive them on the lines of stuck road projects where it has rolled out a majority of the ₹ 3.8 lakh crore stuck projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indigenous systems of pure drinking water

*78. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL:
Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) what were the indigenous systems of pure drinking water;

(b) whether that system is costly compared to the present system; and

(c) whether Government has made any study and if so, the details thereof?

Achievement of NRDWP

*79. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has been able to reduce the disparity of water availability in urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electrification of villages

*80. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has electrified more than 7,000 villages out of the estimated 18,452 unelectrified villages during the last financial year;

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

(c) whether Government has ordered any enquiry into this wrong data published; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Permission to use forest land in Uttarakhand

†*81. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether time-limit given to Uttarakhand to use upto five hectares of forest land without permission, has expired;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has requested to extend this time-limit for another year;

(c) if so, whether the permission has been granted; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be granted?

Accidents due to drunken driving

†*82. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road accidents due to drunken driving are on the rise;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such accidents?

Progress of Sagarmala project

*83. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of Sagarmala project aimed at port-led development in coastal areas;

(b) what is the expected amount to be invested in various major ports under this project, with details;

(c) the outcome of the meeting of the National Sagarmala Apex Committee in connection with execution of various projects on the basis of suggestions from international consultants to increase efficiency, with details; and

(d) what is the schedule of various projects, port-wise and State-wise?

Yamuna Action Plan

*84. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the efforts made by the National Green Tribunal

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(NGT), so far, to clean up the river Yamuna have not produced any result;

(b) if so, what are the efforts made in this regard and the results thereof; and

(c) the reasons for failure of Yamuna Action Plans?

Benefits of Sagarmala project

*85. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) how many coastal and river States are to be benefited under the Sagarmala project to promote port-led development;

(b) what is the estimated number of job opportunities to be created in shipping and port sector under this project during the next five years, with details for each sector; and

(c) what would be the cost of the project and the roadmap for its funding?

Steps to increase forest cover

*86. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether forest cover in the country is decreasing due to acute water shortage and environmental degradation;

(b) if so, remedial steps taken to provide adequate support to increase forest cover;

(c) the steps taken for greening of degraded lands, forestation and eco-restoration of ecologically sensitive areas and the technology-based monitoring of forest cover, biodiversity, etc. through dedicated satellite by 2017;

(d) the details of funds allocated and disbursed for these green initiatives; and

(e) whether Government has established an open web-based National Forestry and Environmental Information System for research and public accessibility, the details thereof?

Strengthening of PMGSY

†*87. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to strengthen the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether work under PMGSY has been stalled due to lack of funds as the contractors have deserted the work midway and left majority of roads in an incomplete and dilapidated condition due to non-payment of dues for the work; and

(d) the details of funds allocated to Bihar under PMGSY during 2016-17?

Revival of Kolleru Lake

*88. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that Kolleru Lake in Andhra Pradesh is shrinking every year and its eco-system is in danger;

(b) if so, whether any steps are proposed to be taken to revive and protect the Lake; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Status of Brahmaputra Board and
NEBRRA Bill**

*89. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:
Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy for
reconstitution of Brahmaputra Board
circulated to North-Eastern States and West
Bengal in 2012 and response thereto by all
the States; and

(b) the details of draft Bill on North-
East Brahmaputra River Rejuvenation
Authority (NEBRRA) and the comments
of all the States thereon and its present
status?

NEW DELHI;
The 26th April, 2016
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**Discharge of harmful waste in
river Ganga**

†*90. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether industries have been banned
for discharging hazardous effluents into
river Ganga, the number and details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when all the industries
discharging their hazardous effluents into
the river would be banned and the reasons
for delay in this regard?

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