

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, April 3, 2017/Chaitra 13, 1939 (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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Toxic e-waste stored in power firms

*331. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of toxic e-waste of disposable nature was stored in all the power firms across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the power firms to dispose of these e-wastes without damaging the environment; and

(d) if so, the response received from the power firms in this regard?

Standardization of procedure for issuing driving licences

*332. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken

steps to standardize the procedure of issuing driving licences by Road Transport Officers (RTOs) in order to check the unskilled drivers on roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how online issuance of licences would help in solving the aforementioned problem and the constraints faced therein?

Legislation on use of air conditioners

*333. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring a legislation that will require buildings, commercial spaces and airports to ensure that air-conditioners function at pre-set temperatures, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such legislations are in force in Japan and European countries and if so, whether they are successful in implementation;

(c) whether such measures would reduce use of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), which have high global warming potential, if so, to what extent; and

(d) what is the target of reducing consumption of HCFCs in the years to come?

Supply of Yamuna water to Rajasthan

*334. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is getting adequate supply of Yamuna water;

(b) whether Government has issued directions to Uttar Pradesh and Haryana to prevent unauthorized lifting of Rajasthan's share of water in their territory;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for forests through REDD+

*335. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to raise finances for forests through the UN's Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+); and

(b) whether local communities are being consulted to formulate a national policy on REDD+, if so, the details thereof?

Legislation on safeguarding Western Ghats

*336. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not brought into force, for the second time in three years, a law that will make about 56,825 sqkm. of the ecologically rich Western Ghats out of bounds for industrial development;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the States have forced the Central Government to consistently delay the imposition or ecologically sensitive area restrictions; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to hold a discussion with all State Governments in this regard?

Provision of safe drinking water

*337. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States affected due to fluoride and arsenic contamination in drinking water across the country;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to provide safe drinking water to these States, including Haryana; and

(c) whether Government is providing any special assistance to these States in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed for these States, State/UT-wise?

Sanitation facilities in tribal and backward areas

*338. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve sanitation facilities in the tribal and backward areas of the country; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the same during the last three years?

Amendment of Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986

*339. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to amend the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 to relax deadline for emission norms till 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government is planning to do it before December, 2017;

(c) whether this move will be in line with global environment standards and treaties, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of all emission standards, India is bound to follow due to International treaties

Drinking water crisis in the country

*340. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

critical water problem in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the situation in those States; and

(c) what measures have been taken for improving the supply of drinking water in water scarce districts of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra?

Afforestation in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

*341. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether afforestation activities have been taken up in full scale in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of new afforestation measures taken up in those States, district-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of expenditure incurred on new afforestation measures in both the States, district-wise?

Pace of construction of NHs in West Bengal

*342. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways (NHs) in West Bengal have been created at a record pace during the last three years and the State is far ahead of the national average;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Collection of money by a charitable trust in VPT

*343. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dock Labour Board, Visakhapatnam (DLBV) was collecting money for welfare of private pool workers working in Visakhapatnam Port since 1993;

(b) if so, whether Stevedores Association formed a separate charitable trust without knowledge of the Ministry/Visakhapatnam Port Trust/DLBV and whether DLBV was asked by the Ministry to allow charitable trust to collect money from private pool workers; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that the trust swindled a large amount of money so collected, which has led to pitiable condition of workers?

Penal action for polluting Ganga river

†*344. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any campaign to clean the Ganga;

(b) if so, the details of the works undertaken by Government to clean the Ganga, especially in Bihar;

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines/notifications with regard to punishing/imposing a fine on culprits dumping garbage in the Ganga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of the persons penalised in this regard during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period as on date?

Development schemes in power sector

*345. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development schemes/programmes launched in the power sector in various States, State-wise, including Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the total amount sanctioned/released and utilised under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of families deprived of electricity in rural and urban areas, category-wise, State-wise; and

(d) the total number of villages electrified during the last three years and the current year?

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