

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, August 3, 2015/Sravana 12, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Human Resource Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

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Reduction of Central assistance under MDMS

*136. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reduced the Central assistance under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) for certain States and Union Territories during 2014-15;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of review, if any, conducted before reducing the assistance?

Losses of power distribution companies

†*137. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity connections are being provided in the

country without electricity meters even today and if so, the details of losses to power distribution companies due to this; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the reason for increase in losses to the power distribution companies is non-payment of bills by consumers on regular basis and if so, the details of measures taken by Government to tackle this problem?

Improvement of health of river Ganga

*138. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is undertaking any programmes to improve the health of river Ganga and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has formulated

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a plan for the management of corpses in the river and if so, the details thereof?

Funds spent on Polavaram Project Authority

*139. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent on the Polavaram Project Authority for Polavaram Dam during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Authority has not put in place a transparent system of contracting and releasing of funds;

(c) what steps would be taken to have an immediate CAG audit of all expenditure incurred for the Dam and amounts claimed for reimbursement; and

(d) the steps proposed to withhold payments till CAG submits a report on this?

Financial assistance for under-ground cabling in Goa

*140. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any financial assistance to the State Government of Goa for laying underground electric cables;

(b) if so, which are the areas proposed to be covered under such financial assistance;

(c) the financial assistance given, so far, year-wise; and

(d) whether coastal areas of the State are proposed to be covered under such assistance and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution

*141. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN.: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have implemented the provisions of 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution;

(b) whether all the powers are transferred to the Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs) in States as envisaged in these Amendments and if so, the number of such States; and

(c) in how many States District Planning Committees (DPCs) are constituted with an elected District Panchayat President chairing them to approve plans submitted by various LSGIs in the district?

Setting up of thermal power projects

*142. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have been conducted to explore/find out the feasibility of setting up of thermal power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Karnataka; and

(c) the details of thermal power projects, under consideration of Government, which are proposed to be set up in Karnataka?

Contamination of drinking water

†*143. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State where the maximum number of cases of drinking water contamination have been reported;

(b) the major factors found responsible for contamination of drinking water and the reasons for generation of such factors; and

(c) the efforts made by Government till now to obviate the drinking water contamination?

generated from auction of such coal blocks in subsequent years;

(b) by when the remaining coal blocks are likely to be auctioned;

(c) whether the cases of cartelization/ other irregularities have come to the notice of Government in the auction of the said coal blocks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, company-wise along with the action taken/being taken by Government in such cases, so far and the other steps taken/being taken by Government in this direction?

New jobs under MGNREGA

*144. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified certain new jobs to be executed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure greater participation and use of scientific methods in planning of works as well as focusing on convergence with other programmes?

Revenue generated from auction of coal blocks

*145. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal blocks auctioned and revenue generated therefrom, so far, along with the total revenue likely to be

Integrated Ganga Conservation Programme

*146. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the Integrated Ganga Conservation Programme—Namami Gange;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with likely cost on implementation of the programme;

(c) the details of projects under the programme, so far, approved and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, project-wise and details of funds, so far, released to such projects;

(d) whether Government has also established Clean Ganga Fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with details of contributions, so far, received

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under the said fund and the steps taken by Government to bring awareness about the said fund?

24 hour power supply in villages

†*147. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where there is 24 hour power supply; and

(b) whether there is any scheme to provide such a supply to all the villages in the country and if so, by when it would be completed?

Increasing financial aid to Panchayats for construction of toilets

*148. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sulabh International Social Service Organisation has requested Government to increase the amount given to Panchayats to build toilets from the present ₹ 12,000 to ₹ 15,000 to construct better quality toilets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Steps for energy saving and conservation

*149. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Ministry regarding energy saving and conservation during the last five years; and

(b) the details of new initiatives being taken and how much saving is being planned by the Ministry with such proposals/innovations?

Motor Vehicles Agreement with Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal

*150. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved signing of a Motor Vehicles Agreement between India and three other nations of the SAARC group—Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the agreement would allow seamless transit of passenger and cargo vehicles among these nations and promote safe, economical, efficient and environmentally sound road transport in the sub-region and if so, the details thereof?

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