

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, August 3, 2016/Sravana 12, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 15

Phone snooping racket busted by Delhi Police

*181. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police busted the racket of phone snooping by obtaining Call Detail Records (CDRs) data illegally by private detective agencies to make hefty amount;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made to ascertain that such CDRs were obtained illegally from other cities in collusion with telecom providers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CDRs were also used for illegal activities, like blackmailing, kidnapping and also by the terrorists; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that such things do not happen in future?

Land acquired for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

*182. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had promised people whose land was acquired for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, that every family would get one permanent job at the plant;

(b) how many such jobs were eventually given at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(c) whether many families whose land was acquired never got any benefit from the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(d) the reasons for neglecting families to whom promises were made solemnly by Government for the land acquired for the plant; and

(e) what steps will be taken to review the entire history of relief and compensation promised and not given by the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant to local people?

Cases registered under NDPS Act, 1985

*183. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 in the country in the last two years and that in Punjab out of those cases; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken by Government to help the State Government of Punjab to curb the menace of drug trafficking and drug addiction in the last two years?

Youths joining terrorist and naxalite organisations due to unemployment

†*184. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the number of youths in the country, who are joining terrorist or naxalite organisations due to their frustration stemming from unemployment;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any step to create awareness and employment opportunities in naxal-affected areas so that inclination of the youths towards naxalism may wane; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Beautification of tourist places in Bihar

†*185. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has drawn up a new plan for the beautification of tourist places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of tourist places in the country and particularly in Bihar, which have been included under the said plan of beautification and amount released for this purpose, the details thereof?

Impact of FTAs on commercial crops

*186. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) entered into with other countries have detrimentally affected the prices and market of commercial crops produced in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to assess gains and losses to our people due to such FTAs and to review if they go generally against interests of those engaged in agriculture?

Meeting of NCST on tribals evicted at Polavaram dam

*187. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) called Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Chhattisgarh in a meeting in May, 2016 to discuss tribal evictions and displacement due to Polavaram dam; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

States facing wrath of floods

*188. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that in Northern India, many States are facing the wrath of floods;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step for rehabilitation of those people whose houses have been flushed in the floods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocated in Child Labour Fund

*189. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount of funds allocated in Child Labour and Rehabilitation Welfare Fund;

(b) the amount and proportion of these funds that have been spent;

(c) the number of cases of child labour that have been reported in the past three years; and

(d) the number of cases of child labour exploitation that have been prosecuted in the last three years?

Extension of tax holiday for startups

*190. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that startups are demanding for extending tax holiday to seven years from the current three years;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification for their demand;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up this issue with the Ministry of Finance, if so, the details thereof;

(d) to what extent the longer tax holidays would help entrepreneurs and

whether there are any plans before the Ministry to put a condition that a minimum number of persons should be employed for the extension of tax concessions; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake currency notes racket busted by Delhi Police

*191. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police Special Cell recently busted international syndicate involved in smuggling and circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether FICNs are pushed through porous Indo-Bangladesh borders with the backing of ISI to destabilize Indian economy;

(c) whether protest has been lodged with Pakistan; and

(d) the reasons due to which smuggling of FICNs could not be reduced or effectively controlled by BSF authorities who are responsible for securing the borders from smuggling, the details thereof?

Increasing the strength of BSF at international borders in Punjab

*192. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of Border Security Force (BSF) personnel posted at international borders in Punjab;

(b) whether the State Government has

requested the Centre to increase the strength, given the recent infiltration by terrorists in the State; and

(c) whether the Central Government is considering this request and if so, by when will additional forces be deployed?

Promotion of mythological inheritance as tourist spots

†*193. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to conserve the places of mythological inheritance and turning them into tourist spots;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated by the Central Government towards the maintenance, beautification and development of all tourist centres in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

Tribal battalion of CRPF in Chhattisgarh

*194. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to create a tribal battalion of CRPF in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rationale behind such a decision?

Labour courts in the country

*195. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the existing number of labour courts in the country, for resolution of labour disputes;

(b) the State-wise details of the number of cases pending with them for the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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