

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, May 4, 2016/Vaisakha 14, 1938 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 15

Funds allocated, released and utilized by NMET

*106. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that despite passage of a year of allotting mining licenses, no significant headway has been made by the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET);

(b) the State-wise details of activities carried out, progress made, funds allocated, released and utilized by NMET till date;

(c) the State-wise details of funds accrued to the Trust including the lease-wise details of two per cent royalty received from lease holders; and

(d) the State-wise and expenditure-wise details of the utilization of funds collected under NMET till date?

Promotion of steel sector

*107. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the fast moving steel producing countries in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the average steel consumption of India is less in comparison to other developed/developing countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken to promote the steel sector of the country?

Separate jails for undertrial and convicted prisoners

*108. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number

of inmates in most of the jails in the country, are more than the capacity of jails;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to keep the undertrial prisoners and convicted prisoners in separate jails;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has set up any commission/committee to suggest ways to initiate prison reforms and the funds allotted in the country for this purpose, State-wise?

Increase in minimum wages of contract labourers

*109. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase minimum wages of the labourers working under contractors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to amend the Wages Act to increase the wages and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Threat letters to political leaders from IS

*110. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of eminent leaders of both ruling and opposition parties have got threat letters purportedly by the Islamic State (IS), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has got the matter investigated to ascertain their veracity;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate safety to these leaders?

ESI hospital in Gulbarga

*111. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the potentiality of Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospital in Gulbarga and how much percentage of potentiality has been utilized in the service of the labour by ESI hospital; and

(b) if it has not been utilized, the reasons therefor, and by when it will be utilized fully?

Decline in number of foreign tourists

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign tourists have comparatively decreased in the places of religious importance in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated for promotion and beautification of tourist spots in Bihar?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Permission for rubber imports under Advance Authorization Scheme

*113. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any permission for rubber imports under Advance Authorization Scheme is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the number of such applications under consideration; and

(c) the details of the quantity of rubber for which each applicant has sought permission?

Anti-dumping duty on import of stainless steel

†*114. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has imposed anti-dumping duty upto 57 per cent on the imports of stainless steel to provide relief to domestic steel industry;

(b) whether there is a provision for imposing the duty for five years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether under the same provision it has been decided to impose different duties on the steel to be imported from various countries with a maximum of 57 per cent on China and a minimum of 5.39 per cent on Thailand; and

(d) if so, the reasons for imposing different duties on steel and what is the country-wise duty thereof?

Denial of permission to cotton exports

*115. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided not to permit further cotton exports during the current year, even as pressure is mounting from some States to allow fresh registrations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far including the request received from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

Increase in area under Fire and Flu cured tobacco in A.P.

*116. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand of tobacco farmers of Andhra Pradesh for an increase in the area under Fire cured tobacco and Flu cured tobacco;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are contemplated since there is a steep fall in tobacco production?

Considering heat wave as a natural calamity

*117. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 2,000 people died during the last summer due to

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heat wave and majority of them are from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of deaths;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been demands to treat heat wave as natural calamity like floods, droughts, etc.; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not considering heat wave as a natural calamity?

Decline in rate of employment

*118. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of employment in the country has declined in the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps/measures taken by Government to generate more employment in the country particularly among marginal sections of the society including those belonging to the reserved categories?

Foreign investment

†*119. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign

investment made in the country during the last two years and the areas in which investment is proposed;

(b) the quantum of employment opportunities likely to be generated through this foreign investment and the steps being taken by Government to provide human resources for that;

(c) whether Government has succeeded in getting the estimated foreign investment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to provide single window clearance to foreign investors?

8-hour shift duty for police personnel

†*120. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the police personnel in the country have to perform more than eight hours of duty everyday and sometimes they have to perform duties without a single leave in a whole month;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to implement eight hours shift duty for police personnel throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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