

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, April 5, 2017/Chaitra 15, 1939 (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

Historical monuments/temples in Uttar Pradesh

†*346. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical monuments/temples and other sites conserved by Archaeological Survey of India in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total budgetary allocation made during the last three years and the current year in this regard and the year-wise details of funds utilised for this purpose;

(c) the details of revenue earned from the sale of tickets;

(d) whether Government has declared all monuments and sites to be polythene free areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Safety of senior citizens in Delhi

*347. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of senior citizens murdered in Delhi during the last three years; and

(b) the measures taken to strengthen policing near residence of senior citizens?

IS modules operating in the country

*348. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Islamic State (IS) has established its base in the country and its modules were recently found operating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

BIS certification for steel products

*349. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to introduce new technologies to produce high quality steel to compete at international level;

(b) whether Government proposes to make Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification essential for various steel products; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Fake new currency notes smuggled from across the border

†*350. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake new currency notes are coming in large scale from across the border which have been caught by Indian paramilitary forces and other agencies on the borders of the country;

(b) the number of fake currency notes of the denomination of ₹ 2000 and ₹ 500 caught so far; and

(c) the details thereof?

Review on preparedness of NDRF

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

(a) how many battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are in operation, at present, the details thereof;

(b) whether NDRF is proposing to add two more battalions to its manpower;

(c) whether the funds spent on equipment used in disaster response and equipment purchased had gone up year after year for upgradation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any review has been made about the total preparedness of NDRF in the country, in view of unexpected disasters happening, if so, the details thereof?

Closure of tea gardens

†*352. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise list of tea gardens lying closed, presently;

(b) whether Government has chalked out any programme to revive these closed tea gardens;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Awareness towards cultural heritage in the country

*353. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up any centres in the country to spread awareness among people towards cultural heritage in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

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Social security to private sector workers under EPFO

†*354. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Ministry of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of workers in the private sector are deprived of the benefits of social security provided by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a campaign named Employees' Enrolment campaign has been launched to provide social security to the workers of private sector under EPFO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies of Independent Directors of CPSEs

*355. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of timelines being issued by the Ministry for selection and appointment of non-official Directors, no Independent Directors have been appointed in 16 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) out of 49 CPSEs;

(b) if so, what were the timelines the Ministry issued to each CPSE and by what amount of time each CPSE has lapsed the deadlines;

(c) the details of actions taken against these CPSEs who have lapsed the timelines; and

(d) the details of 90 positions of Independent Directors which were filled according to the recommendation of Search Committee, CPSE-wise?

Upgradation of employment exchanges

†*356. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment exchanges functional in the States/Union Territories of the country, including Bihar and Jharkhand at present;

(b) details of present status of upgradation and modernisation of employment exchanges in the country, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(c) details of allocated, released and utilised funds during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) whether the progress of modernisation in this regard is as per the targets in all States including Bihar and Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Latest weapons to police forces

†*357. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to equip police and paramilitary forces with latest weapons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Factors limiting domestic demand

*358. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lack of

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positive bias towards domestic value addition in public procurement policies, difficult contract conditions, persistent imports and use of second-hand machinery with no incentive for replacement, zero import duty under Project Imports and delays in project implementation are the key factors limiting domestic demand; and

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to improve the situation?

New connections under PMUY

*359. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is releasing lakhs of new LPG connections every month across the country under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) if so, the number of new connections released so far across the country under the scheme and the number of refill purchase status of the beneficiaries, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to educate all LPG consumers on the importance of following safety norms, the details thereof?

Illegal overstaying of foreign nationals

*360. DR. VIJAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals were issued Visas under various categories during 2014-15;

(b) whether Government has any record to state as to how many of them have returned to their own countries after the expiry of their Visa, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place to ensure that foreign nationals, especially from neighbouring countries are not allowed to overstay illegally, if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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