

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, December 5, 2016/Agrahayana 14, 1938 (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)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Delayed projects under NGRBA**

\*196. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects under the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) had been delayed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details regarding the total amount of funds allocated to the Authority and utilised during the last three years, year-wise up to 2016; and

(c) the details regarding the change in pollution levels in priority locations, during the above period, year-wise?

#### **Protection of Yamuna river in Delhi**

†\*197. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA

REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to find a permanent solution to protect Yamuna river in Delhi from pollution on the lines of Thames river of London;

(b) whether Government had sent a team of MPs/technical experts to conduct a study there;

(c) whether Government propose to apply the technology which was used to rid the London's Thames river of solid waste/waste/industrial waste for Yamuna river in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Complaints of illegal mining in Uttar Pradesh**

†\*198. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received about illegal mining in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

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(b) the details of the action taken on these complaints, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of illegal mining have increased in the State during the said period but action has been taken registering a few cases only;

(d) whether enquiry is being done by CBI about illegal mining in the State; and

(e) the outcome of CBI enquiry, so far?

#### **Languishing projects of NHAI**

\*199. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has identified 46 projects as languishing with a total length of 4,860 km.;

(b) whether out of these projects, issues have been resolved in 27 cases; and

(c) if so, what are the issues with remaining 19 projects and the time-frame by which these would be sorted out?

#### **Release of Krishna river water to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

\*200. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have requested the Krishna River Management Board to release 15 TMCs and 13.5 TMCs of Krishna river water to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh respectively and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any decision is proposed to be taken by the Board and if so, the

details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to satisfy the States in this regard?

#### **Arsenic and fluoride in drinking water in U.P. and Bihar**

\*201. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arsenic and fluoride affected districts in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar which have been equipped with Amrit Technology (Arsenic and Metal Removal Indian Technology) for drinking water;

(b) whether Government is aware that Ballia district of U.P. has the highest concentration of arsenic in drinking water;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of habitations in Ballia equipped with Amrit, till date?

#### **Use of plastic waste**

\*202. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to use plastic waste for energy generation, road construction, oil production, etc.;

(b) if so, what is being done in this regard;

(c) whether it would be a commercially viable proposition; and

(d) what is the experience in other countries in this regard?

### **Production of zinc**

\*203. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of zinc produced during the last three years, year-wise and its consumption pattern in the country;

(b) the amount of zinc exported and imported during that period; and

(c) whether there exists any collaboration between zinc producers and other Ministries to deploy the usage of zinc for infrastructural development and if so, the details thereof?

### **Power plants in the country**

†\*204. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power plants set up and operated by Government and out of these the number of coal and gas based power plants separately; and

(b) the number of such plants operational and non-operational, separately, as on date?

### **Depletion of water table**

†\*205. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of districts in the country, including Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh, where water table has gone down considerably upto the level of Dark Zone;

(b) the mechanism put in place by the Ministry to ensure that water table does not go down to a level of Dark Zone; and

(c) the details of measures implemented by the Ministry during the last three years to recharge ground water table through rain water and the outcome thereof?

### **Grant to State Road Transport Corporations**

\*206. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given a grant of ₹ 1 crore to all State Road Transport Corporations (SRTCs) for augmenting training infrastructure;

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

(c) whether Government had specifically instructed SRTCs to concentrate on skill upgradation of drivers in order to avoid accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Six laning of Raipur-Durg National Highway**

†\*207. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to convert four-lane National Highway from Raipur to Durg in Chhattisgarh into six lanes; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider conducting a survey on the said highway for its six lanning so that the heavy pressure on this road could be eased off?

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**Sanitation under SBM in rural areas**

†\*208. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the standards of sanitation prescribed under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether there has been considerable change in awareness towards sanitation in rural areas of the country after the launch of SBM on 2nd October, 2014;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the challenges in implementation of SBM in rural areas of the country and the measures being taken/taken to deal with these challenges?

**Flood in Bangaluru due to encroachment**

\*209. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent flood that inundated Bangaluru city was due to encroachment of tanks, lakes, feeder canals or storm water drains; and

(b) if so, the details of steps that Government proposes to take, in consultation with the State Government, to conserve water bodies in metro cities?

**People dependent on wells for drinking water**

†\*210. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people in the country still depend on wells for drinking water;

(b) whether it is a fact that water from wells is not safe enough for health;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any corrective action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
Secretary-General.

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