

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, August 6, 2015/Sravana 15, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Overseas Indian Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

#### Welfare of children living in slums

†\*181. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is monitoring education, health and housing of children residing in slums, begging on the streets and residing in orphanages;

(b) if so, details of the schemes of Government for providing education, health and housing to lakhs of the children; and

(c) whether Government also monitors the schemes after implementing them?

#### Steps to make bureaucracy accountable and transparent

\*182. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers of All India Services-IAS/IPS/Customs/Income Tax etc. have been found corrupt and dishonest, State-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what measures are being contemplated to identify and punish tainted officers; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making the bureaucracy more accountable and transparent?

#### Cutting of trees in Taj Mahal's special eco-sensitive zone

\*183. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cutting of thousands of trees

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in Taj Mahal's special eco-sensitive zone and selling them off by a former District Forest Officer without any written orders or intimation, has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, what is the total number of trees cut and the amount of money siphoned; and

(c) whether any Committee has been set up to find out as to how it all happened and fix the responsibility on the erring official(s) to recover the money so collected and the details thereof?

#### **Quota for persons with disabilities**

\*184. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of persons with disabilities in the country;

(b) what is the quota reserved for persons with disabilities in Government and PSU jobs; and

(c) whether the quota reserved for the persons with disabilities in Government jobs is being followed strictly, if not, the reasons therefor and what is the current backlog in this regard?

#### **Closure of five sick units**

\*185. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed closure of the five sick units will be completed in the next two-three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while the cost of closure of these units is estimated to be around ₹ 1.40 crore and

their assets are estimated to be worth ₹ 22,000 crore; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these units have been non-functional since 2007?

#### **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme in Rajasthan**

†\*186. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government of India for effective implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made any special provision for this scheme in the budget, if so, the provision for Rajasthan, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to implement this scheme in the remaining 23 districts of Rajasthan, if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Air pollution due to construction waste**

\*187. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that construction waste is big contributor to air pollution in the country and especially in Delhi and NCR;

(b) if so, whether Government has formulated any rules to manage and regulate huge quantity of construction waste in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Talks with Bangladesh on usage of Chittagong Port**

\*188. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had talks with Bangladesh regarding usage of Chittagong Port by the north eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in financial aid to SC students**

†\*189. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action being taken by Government to increase the financial aid/grant being provided to students belonging to Scheduled Castes residing in Government Hostels or Hostels managed by Government organizations/trusts receiving Government grant;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of the rates/norms of such aid are unchanged since long; and

(c) whether Government is considering to increase this amount in view of rising inflation and for better facilities, if so, the details thereof?

**Mahakaal heritage area in Ujjain**

†\*190. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government pertaining to the

conservation and development of Mahakaal heritage area in Ujjain along with the proposed amount, is pending with Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the proposed amount related to the proposal is to be released soon and if so, the details thereof?

**PMs visit to China, Mongolia and South Korea**

\*191. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had visited China, Mongolia and South Korea;

(b) if so, the details of the agreements signed with the leaders of those countries and contentious issues sorted out; and

(c) whether this visit will help in Act Easy Policy, if so, the details thereof?

**Urban mass transit**

\*192. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether transportation in urban centres is a major constraint, if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether at present public transport accounts for less than a quarter of urban transport in India, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether urban mass transit including metro, rail, electric buses and trams as well as other forms of public transport need to be greatly strengthened especially in under-served urban centres; and

(d) if so, the details of scheme prepared by the Union Government to strengthen urban mass transit, and the success achieved by the Union Government in this regard?

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**Use of fly ash in construction work**

\*193. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been done regarding the use of fly ash in replacing sand in construction work, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the present status thereof, and the success rate achieved in this regard?

**Roadmap for increasing mangrove forests**

\*194. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mangrove forests apart from improving environment also save coastal areas during cyclones and typhoons, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has put in place any roadmap for substantially increasing mangrove forest in Coastal Maharashtra and other Coastal areas of the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reducing the numbers of CVOs**

\*195. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to cut down the number of Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs);

(b) if so, whether one CVO will look after many Ministries, the reasons for doing so; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the volume of vigilance work in Public Sector Enterprises is considerably less, if so, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;  
The 31st July, 2015  

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Sravana 9, 1937 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
Secretary-General.

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