

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 7, 2015/Agrahayana 16, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; 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

Projects undertaken by NTPC

*76. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects undertaken by NTPC during the last five years;

(b) whether certain projects have been delayed and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

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

Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme

†*77. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the “Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme” is being run by Government to encourage rural youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons benefited under this programme, so far?

Non-compliance of E-Waste Rules by producers

*78. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-waste contains toxic materials such as mercury, lead, cadmium and brominated flame retardants which are extremely harmful to humans and the environment;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the leading producers of electronic and electrical equipments are shirking their responsibilities provided under the E-Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2011 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Delhi-based environmental organisation “Toxics Link”

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has conducted a study on e-waste recently;

(d) if so, whether Government has studied the aforesaid report; and

(e) if so, the action taken against the producers for non-compliance of E-Waste Rules?

Solar pumps to farmers

*79. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to provide one lakh solar pumps to farmers to reduce dependence on coal-based energy, especially in drought prone areas;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) how many farmers have been benefited through this scheme indicating the target set for the current year?

Increase in import of thermal coal

*80. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of thermal coal has increased by 18 per cent between April to October, 2015 as against the corresponding period in 2014;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Coal India Limited (CIL) has not been able to meet the domestic demand of thermal coal;

(c) if so, what steps are proposed by Government to ensure that CIL meets the domestic demand, at least, by 2016-17; and

(d) how imported coal is cheaper than domestic coal and what is the difference in quality of imported coal, grade-wise?

Special schemes for promotion of new and renewable energy

*81. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any special schemes to promote new and renewable energy during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the investment cost for solar energy is being reduced as compared to previous years and if so, the details thereof?

Revival of stalled highways projects

*82. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to revive at least 9 stalled highway projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that while the developers are seeking more funds from the lenders, banks are pointing out that the developers need to find resources; and

(c) whether Government has held discussions with lenders and officials who are trying to clear the road blocks holding up these projects and if so, the details thereof?

Environment friendly mechanism for coal mining

*83. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a mechanism that would augment coal mining without damaging the environment, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether the Ministry and the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change have come together and are working on a mechanism whereby natural resources could be extracted with minimum damage to the environment; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

New National Highways

†*84. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new National Highway projects sanctioned by the present Government;
- (b) the length of roads proposed to be constructed under these projects and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (c) whether a plan has been formulated to identify and remove bottlenecks in the construction of National Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Boosting the panchayats

*85. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state the details of action taken by Government to boost the panchayats in the country during the recent years in order to raise the living standard of people of rural areas?

Pace of construction and repair of highways

†*86. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pace of

construction and repair of highways is very slow as compared to the past;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the names of highways being constructed and repaired at present along with the status of their progress?

Allocation to States under plan projects

†*87. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has curtailed the amount to be allocated to States under various plan projects during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the names of such States whose allocation for plan projects has been curtailed;
- (c) the details of amount allocated to States under various items for the financial years 2013-14 to 2015-16, year-wise; and
- (d) the names of the States whose allocation for projects has been increased?

Control room for review of air pollution

*88. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a control room for daily review of air pollution initially in Delhi, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to set up such control rooms in other cities and towns of the country; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof?

jobs in the renewable energy sources by the year 2022?

Solar and wind power targets by 2022

*89. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the solar and wind power targets fixed by the year 2022;

(b) what would be the percentage of the total energy generation capacity in the country, energy-wise;

(c) what is the number of full time equivalent jobs created by renewable energy sources, energy-wise, during the last three years; and

(d) what would be the target of creating

Road accident report

*90. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road accident report has been recently released by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether India has the deadliest roads in the world with 16 people dying every hour; and

(d) what are the reasons for not being able to educate road discipline to the people of our country?

NEW DELHI;
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