

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, August 8, 2016/Sravana 17, 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

Green energy corridors in Andhra Pradesh

*226. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation is working on green energy corridors in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in the proposed new capital of the State Amaravati, with setting up of main electricity station and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether, under the project, substations of 400 kv high voltage circuits are proposed in Eluru, Chilakaluripet, Gudivada, Tulluru/Ainavolu to assist the proposed capital in future and if so, the details thereof and the present status of these projects; and

(c) whether Amaravati requires 3,766 MW electricity to meet its demand and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in demand for work under MGNREGA

*227. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of people demanding work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has been able to provide the promised 100 days of work to all the people who applied for work under MGNREGA;

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

(d) what steps are taken by Government to ensure creation of job opportunities, especially in rural areas?

Forum for addressing coal and minerals' problems

†*228. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an independent forum should be put in place for better coordination between the Centre and the States to address the problems relating to coal and minerals, and if so, by when it would be constituted; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the efforts being made by Government to repeal the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 and to provide for registration as the State Governments are suffering huge losses of stamp and registration fees as no contract has been executed by State Governments with coal companies?

Ro-Ro service between Kolkata and Varanasi

*229. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to use Kolkata-Varanasi stretch of river Ganga for "roll-on and roll-off" (Ro-Ro) service to transport cars between these two points, if so, when;

(b) whether a trial run has been made to this effect;

(c) whether it is going to be a cheaper and non-polluting water way cargo vessel transport when formally launched;

(d) whether, as a part of the plan, a multi-modal terminal is proposed to be constructed at Varanasi which may have road and rail connectivity and may also help in reducing the road distance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Approval for effluent treatment plants in Rajasthan

†*230. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of proposals for effluent treatment plants sent by the Rajasthan Government to the Central Government;

(b) whether all the proposals sent by the State-Government have been approved and if so, the date of their approvals and if not, by when they would be approved; and

(c) whether the amount for approved proposals has been disbursed to the State Government and if not, by when the amount would be provided?

24-hour electricity to all households

*231. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and proportion of households, rural and urban, that have a working electricity connection since 2013, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number and proportion of these households that have 24-hour supply of electricity; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to provide 24-hour electricity to all households?

Compensation to coal companies

*232. DR. K. V. P. RAMA-CHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released compensation to the companies, whose coal allocations were cancelled by the Supreme Court;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of compensation paid, company-wise?

Pending irrigation projects

*233. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap to complete pending irrigation projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the names of irrigation projects identified for the purpose, State-wise;
- (c) the details of pending irrigation projects to be taken up under AIBP and PMKSY during the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government for time bound execution of identified projects?

Declaration of Moradabad-Karnaprayag Chardham route as National Highway

†*234. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a route for Chardham Yatra from Moradabad to Karnaprayag also which goes *via* Kashipur-Ramnagar-Mohan-Bhatraunjkhana;
- (b) if so, whether the bridge across the river between Moradabad and Thakurdwara is in a dilapidated condition and it might collapse at any moment;

- (c) if so, whether the Ministry would order the construction of the bridge by declaring the Moradabad-Karnaprayag highway as National Highway so that any untoward incident could be avoided; and

- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dry docking of ships in SCI

*235. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any allegations of corruption are there regarding dry docking of ships in the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MoU for 24/7 electricity target

*236. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Governments to achieve its "24/7 electricity target";
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what are the financial constraints and what are the measures to curb it?

Forest fires in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

†*237. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that

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incidents of terrible forest fires in the forests of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand keep surfacing during the summers which cause heavy losses of forest resources and wildlife;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents that occurred during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for preventing such incidents?

Renewable power to villages and hamlets

*238. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to provide power from renewable energy sources in villages and hamlets where electrification through grid power is not possible;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of targets and achievements and budget spent on these schemes during the last two years and this year, year-wise?

Survey to identify dried rivers

*239. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out dried rivers in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

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

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to revive these rivers within a time-frame?

Arsenic mitigation technology

*240. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT Madras has devised a technology through which arsenic elements in water are mitigated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would make a plan to make this device available in those areas which are facing arsenic contamination in water?

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