

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, May 9, 2016/Vaisakha 19, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest 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

Developmental activities on river fronts and floodplains

*151. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to regulate developmental activities on river fronts and floodplains;

(b) whether there is any proposal to ban all developmental activities near vulnerable floodplains and river beds; and

(c) if so, the details of Government's planning to monitor that these guidelines are followed by all States?

Rights of pedestrians

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

(a) the percentage of trips made in urban India by foot or walking *i.e.* the share of pedestrian mode of transport as compared to other modes of transport;

(b) whether Government is considering to define the rights of pedestrians including therein motorists bearing legal responsibility if they fail to comply;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Meeting of NMC on land acquisition issues

*153. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Monitoring Committee (NMC) on land acquisition issues had a meeting recently;

(b) the details of subjects that were discussed;

(c) whether any time frame was set to obtain early outcomes for relief to displaced people in various areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to take to extend the benefits of the new Land Acquisition Law of 2013 to tribals and farmers?

Development of multimodal ports

*154. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop multimodal ports in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sahibganj in Jharkhand has been considered for development of such port and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked and released, so far for the purpose?

Raising Ganga Task Force

*155. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to raise a Ganga Task Force for monitoring pollution through ex-servicemen living along the river Ganga;

(b) if so, the current status thereof and the expected time-frame by when the Force is expected to begin functioning;

(c) the operational details of the Force such as the criteria for selection, scale of remuneration, area of functioning, etc.; and

(d) the allocation and utilization of funds which have been made for creation of the Force during the current year, State-wise?

Financial support to consumers of solar power

*156. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of solar power per KW for consumers; and

(b) whether Government is going to provide any financial support to the consumers and also the public institutions like schools, colleges, etc. in this regard?

Budget for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme

*157. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocated for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme for the current year and how it compares with the last two years;

(b) whether Government has approved irrigation projects worth ₹ 86,500 crore in the country;

(c) if so, the details of projects undertaken, State-wise;

(d) the number of projects completed out of the sanctioned projects and the number of projects pending; and

(e) the number of projects pending in Maharashtra and since when and the time likely to be taken to complete them?

**State Highways converted into
National Highways**

*158. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of State Highways which have been converted into National Highways in the country during the financial year 2015-16, State-wise; and

(b) the number of new State Highways proposed to be converted into National Highways during 2016-17?

Pollution in Delhi and NCR

*159. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current status of pollution in Delhi and its NCR areas;

(b) how far it has been controlled;

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory to the residents of above areas in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how far it has helped to control pollution?

**Least visible pollutant particle in air
in major cities**

*160. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has found the

smallest and the least visible pollutant particles in air in major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such smallest and least visible pollutant particles are causing lung cancer and cardiac ailments; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to check it?

**Increase in number of private toll
booths**

†*161. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of private toll booths in the country including Maharashtra has increased during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Requirement of funds for NHAI

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

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) needs more funds since it is involved in widening of highways to four and six lanes and needs to acquire land for such expansion;

(b) whether the projects implemented by Government do not require land acquisition as most of these are widened to two and a half lanes;

(c) whether with private investments still coming less in the sector, NHAI proposes to execute most of the projects with 100 per cent Government funds; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Construction of flyover in
Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh**

†*163. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister had announced the construction of flyover in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh to connect elevated roads on 29th January, 2015;

(b) whether the State Government has formally requested for the same; and

(c) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and by when the construction would start?

Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana

*164. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY)

to turn around highly indebted State power distribution and generation companies; and

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

Funding pattern for PMGSY

*165. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government was providing full Central grants for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the reasons for changing it to 60:40 ratio between the Centre and States respectively by Government;

(c) whether this policy would adversely affect the economically backward States of the country, including Odisha; and

(d) whether Government would consider and provide full Central grants to the States identified by different committees in the recent past?

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