

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, April 10, 2017/Chaitra 20, 1939 (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

Funds allocated under PMKSY for Maharashtra

*391. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of irrigation projects undertaken in Maharashtra under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), so far, district-wise;

(b) the details and amount of funds allocated under PMKSY, so far, year-wise for all States, State-wise for the last three years;

(c) the amount of funds released under PMKSY for Maharashtra in 2016-17, month-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the procedure for selection of projects and release of funds under PMKSY?

Air and noise pollution in Delhi and NCR

†*392. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air and noise pollution in Delhi and NCR is increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to formulate strict rules for curbing such increase in pollution; and

(c) if not, the measures being taken to reduce pollution?

BPL population in NER States

*393. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the total Below Poverty Line (BPL) population in 2016-17 in the States of North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) the total rural BPL population in 2016-17 in those States;

(c) the total urban BPL population in 2016-17 in those States;

(d) the percentage of BPL population out of the total population in those States; and

(e) the percentage of BPL population out of the total population in the country?

Thermal power plants in water scarce areas

*394. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thermal power plants require large quantities of water during power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether thermal power plants have been set up in water scarce areas of Maharashtra, Bundelkhand, etc. making them more water scarce;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

Impact of vehicular pollution on air quality in Delhi

†*395. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to irregularities at pollution checking centres in Delhi, Pollution Under Control (PUC)

certificates are being issued in contravention to the parameters laid down for vehicular pollution, which is leading to failure in checking high level of vehicular pollution in environment;

(b) the extent of impact being made by vehicular pollution on air quality in Delhi; and

(c) the details of steps taken to make the air cleaner in view of dwindling air quality in Delhi?

Bajaj Committee Report on river water sharing

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

(a) whether the AK Bajaj Committee constituted to address the pending Krishna river water dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has given its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the views expressed by both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in regard to sharing of Krishna river water; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken in this regard by the Central Government and if so, details thereof?

Employment for evicted tribals in irrigation projects

*397. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a representation from a tribals' organisation,

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namely 'Godavari Coolie Sangham' demanding one job per family for tribals evicted from all irrigation projects;

(b) what are the details of the petition given by tribals; and

(c) whether steps will be taken to give employment to all tribals evicted across the country?

Status of proposals under CRF from Jharkhand

*398. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had returned the proposals for funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) recommended by the Jharkhand Government for the year 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether revised proposals have been received by the Ministry, so far, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the proposals as on date?

Objectives of 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution

*399. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main objectives of 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution have been realised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the areas of failure or under-achievement; and

(d) in view of the fact that the rural people who are far away from 'Sabka Vikas' what time bound programmes are being envisaged or implemented?

Progress of installation of solar rooftop systems

*400. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made from ₹ 5000 crore given in 2015 to install 4,200 MW solar rooftop system under the National Solar Mission;

(b) the measures undertaken by Government to increase the number of solar rooftop projects in residential areas; and

(c) whether Government has kept any record of the number of houses in urban and rural areas which have rooftop solar panels supplying electricity?

Herbicide tolerant GM mustard

*401. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to geneticists, GM mustard is tolerant of herbicides;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it will be the first time a herbicide tolerant crop would be cleared for commercial use in the country, if cleared by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Payment of compensation to displaced families by CIL and its subsidiaries

*402. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether several displaced families have raised the issue of non receipt of compensation and rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount spent by the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries during the last three years as compensation to displaced families, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has estimated the loss, coal mines have incurred due to protests by such displaced families and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of number of criminal cases filed against such protestors during the last three years?

Improvement of Sambalpur-Cuttack NH-42

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

(a) whether the Ministry had entrusted the work for improvement of NH-42 (new NH-55) from Sambalpur to Cuttack to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during 2012;

(b) if so, the steps taken by NHAI, in this regard till date;

(c) whether the work has been awarded, if so, the name of the agency and the present status of the work along with the likely

date of commencement and completion of the project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government in this matter?

Coal stockpiles due to lack of supplies to power companies

*404. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power companies have requested, to cut supplies of coal;

(b) whether it is a fact that stockpiles are now so large that they are approaching one sixth of annual production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Sharing of cost of Polavaram Irrigation Component

*405. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bear the cost of Polavaram Irrigation Component as on the 1st April, 2014 only; and

(b) if so, who will bear escalations in the cost of the project till date, as the project is likely to be completed after the year 2019?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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