

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, August 10, 2015/Sravana 19, 1937 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Human Resource  
Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj;  
Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development;  
Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and  
Ganga Rejuvenation)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Exemptions to madarsas and vedic pathshalas under RTE Act**

\*211. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to exempt madarsas and vedic pathshalas from the purview of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it will not be against the Article 21A of the Constitution which is a fundamental right?

#### **Supply of safe drinking water in villages**

†\*212. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy to supply safe drinking water in villages and the amount

provided during the last three years for its implementation, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the latest information regarding the number of villages facing the problem of safe drinking water in the country, State-wise?

#### **Enrolment of children engaged in family labour in schools**

\*213. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding the number of children who are engaged in family labour while attending schools;

(b) what is the number of children who do not attend school due to their being engaged in family labour; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to bring such children also to schools either by allowing them to continue in family labour part time or by compensating their families?

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**Financial crunch for rural job projects in States**

\*214. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rural job projects in the States are facing financial crunch and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the status of these projects in Odisha; and

(c) the details of financial help that has since been given in this matter to the State during the last two years and the current year?

**Initiatives for cleaning river Yamuna**

\*215. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to clean the river Yamuna, particularly in Delhi region, in order to provide clean water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for this project?

**Biometric based documents to seafarers**

\*216. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the ratification of an international convention on biometric based documents to keep track of seafarers to ward off potential breach of security and possible terror attack through sea routes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ratification of International Labour Organization Convention on Seafarers' Identity Documents would benefit about 1.8 lakh Indians; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Water conservation in rural areas**

\*217. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government schemes to support and increase water conservation in rural areas;

(b) the number of villages that have been selected and started activities under the Jal Gram Yojana and the current status of these activities; and

(c) the measures in place to ensure involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions and other local bodies in leading and participating in rural water conservation efforts?

**Status of Ultra Mega Power Projects**

\*218. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of setting up of Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) in the country;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to expedite the work of the delayed projects;

(c) the number of power projects lying pending/incomplete in the country, including Haryana; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for completing the pending projects, State/sector-wise and plant-wise?

### **Experts for thematic consultations for NEP**

\*219. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experts for thematic consultations are identified in relation to the New Education Policy (NEP); and

(b) if so, the details of those experts?

### **Production of coal**

\*220. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of coal during the last three years ending on 31st March, 2015, year-wise; and

(b) what major policy initiatives were taken during the last year to increase the coal production and what was their impact?

### **Coal theft**

\*221. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the coal is being stolen from mines as well as during its transportation;

(b) if so, the details of value and quantity of coal stolen from mines and at the time of transit during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that the actual number of cases of coal theft are under-reported resulting in revenue loss to Government exchequer; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken by Government to ensure that the coal theft cases are minimized and all such cases are reported without fail or undue delay?

### **Energy security**

\*222. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working towards energy security and power for all by 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is taking up major projects for enhancing transmission network; and

(c) whether around 700 MW of power would be added to the Southern transmission grid during the next few days and if so, the details thereof?

### **Monitoring of Mid Day Meal Scheme**

\*223. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a special committee to monitor the quality and standards of meals under the Mid Day Meal Scheme;

(b) whether the State Governments are failing to provide their matching share (75:25) for the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of such Governments and the action taken by the Central Governments in this regard?

### **Allocation of funds for toilets in rural areas**

†\*224. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has set target for States for construction of toilets in rural areas;

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(b) if so, whether the Central Government would allocate funds also for the achievements of those targets; and

(c) if not, the details of other options available with the State Governments?

**Mid Day Meal Scheme in Madhya Pradesh**

†\*225. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Madhya Pradesh under the Mid Day Meal

Scheme during the last three years and the current financial year by the Central Government and the quantum of funds out of these utilized, year-wise;

(b) whether the State Government has followed the norms laid down by the Central Government while spending these funds;

(c) whether the Central Government is aware of distribution of sub-standard porridge and other food items in Government schools in that State; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
Secretary-General.

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## **I N D E X**

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