

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 11, 2018/Agrahayana 20, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy
(AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Culture; Finance; Health and Family Welfare;
Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Tourism)

Total number of questions — 15

Development of tourism in country

*1. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to develop tourism in various parts of the country, including Uttar Pradesh in order to create employment among the youth of the country;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to popularise these places;

(c) the amount allotted for the beautification of the said tourist places during the last three years; and

(d) to what extent it is likely to help in attracting the tourists in the country as well as increasing the employment opportunities?

Development of coastal tourism circuit

*2. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to

develop coastal tourism circuit in the country to meet the international standards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that initially five States have been identified for such development;

(c) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh has also been included in that list; and

(d) the quantum of funds earmarked and released along with the details of the developmental works that would be carried out in the State?

Gains from demonetisation

*3. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has received back all the demonetised high value currency notes of ₹500 and ₹1000 as per its annual report of 2017-18;

(b) whether a study or audit has been conducted to identify the gains accrued

from demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cash in circulation in the economy has increased *vis-a-vis* the time before demonetisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has obtained the high value currency notes in circulation in Nepal and if so, the details thereof?

Safety of female tourists

*4. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) steps that are being taken to ensure the safety of female tourists in the country in view of the rise in the number of incidents of violence in last three years so as to prevent the reduction in number of footfalls per year; and

(b) steps being taken to increase the number of trained and registered female tourist guides?

Coordination Committee for conservation of Taj Mahal

*5. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up a 100 year plan for conservation of Taj Mahal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any action is proposed to be taken against hazardous industries in and around Agra;

(c) whether pilot bio-ethanol fuel project for public vehicles would be introduced, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any coordination committee has been constituted to coordinate all measures including Yamuna cleaning project, if so, the details thereof?

Advance research centres for Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy medicines

*6. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the existing facilities for advanced research to develop effective medicines based upon clinical trials, under Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems of medical treatment in the country;

(b) whether the existing facilities are enough to develop effective medicines which could be promoted world-wide; and

(c) if not, the long-term plans Government has to create such facilities in the near future?

Share of tourism in GDP

*7. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the share of tourism-driven revenue in the GDP of the country;

(b) the share of tourism-driven revenue in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of States, State-wise, since 2015 to 2018;

(c) the fund allocated for tourism in different States and spent on creating infrastructure in the form of statues, buildings, museums and parks, State-wise and District-wise since 2015; and

(d) the details of employment generated by tourism since 2015 State-wise and year-wise?

Measures for curbing the menace of meat adulteration

*8. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures which have been taken by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and other agencies to curb the menace of meat adulteration, like rotten and diseased meat making its way into supply chains;

(b) whether there exists a centralised reporting mechanism which citizens can use to report instances of food adulteration; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any data pertaining to the conduct of surprise safety raids which would result in detection of food adulteration, if so, the details thereof?

(a) whether Government has taken cognisance of a study by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology which showed high fluoride content in drinking water in rural Punjab;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any concrete steps to increase awareness and change the situation on the ground;

(c) the concrete steps that have been taken under National Programme of Prevention and Control of Fluorosis to tackle the issue in rural Punjab;

(d) whether Government has considered long-term solutions besides awareness, diagnosis and medication to reduce presence of fluoride in ground-water and drinking water sources; and

(e) if so, the details and results thereof?

Declining tourist arrivals in Kashmir

*11. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of tourists including foreign tourists visiting Kashmir during the last one year has come down, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of steps Government has taken to promote tourism and encourage tourists to visit Kashmir?

Rise in corruption after demonetisation

†*12. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is sudden rise in corruption in various new fields in the country after demonetisation;

Fluoride contamination in rural Punjab

*10. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of fake companies/firms found involved in converting black money into white money after demonetisation and the details of action taken against these companies;

(c) the amount of money converted into white money through these fake companies;

(d) the number of bank employees found involved during demonetisation and the action being taken against them; and

(e) the total amount in the form of ₹500 and ₹1000 notes deposited in the banks in an illegal manner during demonetisation?

Exit by audit firms and directors

*13. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of exit by audit firms and directors from troubled companies are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the number of audit firms and directors who quit troubled companies during the last one year; and

(c) the details of measures taken by Government to strengthen the standards of governance of companies in the country?

Funds for backward districts in Andhra Pradesh

*14. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken back the funds released for the development of backward districts of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amount released for development of backward districts of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and utilisation certificates submitted by the State?

Interference in the functioning of RBI

*15. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is trying to control the functioning of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by imposing many regulations, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to strengthen RBI?

NEW DELHI;
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

I N D E X

(Ministry-wise)

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Finance	: 3, 12, 14, 15,
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