

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, April 12, 2017/Chaitra 22, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and
Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro,
Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and
Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)**

Total number of questions — 15

Shortage of Mine Protected Vehicles

*421. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CRPF and other paramilitary forces are facing shortage of Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs);

(b) the number of MPVs sanctioned by Government to be procured through open tender route and under the modernisation plan in the last three years to deal with threat of IEDs in the LWE affected region;

(c) the number of MPVs procured during the last three years against the proposed procurement;

(d) whether there is a shortfall of MPVs in CRPF, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the shortfall?

Request for setting up of IIPM in Andhra Pradesh

*422. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Ministry to set up Indian Institute of Plantation Management in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action the Ministry has taken on the request and by when the IIPM is likely to be set up in the State?

Necessity of ESI hospitals in new States

†*423. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to establish ESI hospitals in newly formed States;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether approval for construction of ESI hospitals in the new States had been given earlier;

(c) if so, the details of the locations and the quantum of money released therefor; and

(d) if not, the proposed locations in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Telangana for establishing ESI hospitals, the list thereof?

Promotion of e-vehicles

*424. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to fine tune the plan to promote e-vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the surplus electricity available with the country, presently will be used in promoting e-vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Integrated Criminal Justice System in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

*425. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) proposed to be introduced in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the establishment of ICJS; and

(c) whether Government proposes to extend ICJS to other States, if so, the details and timeline thereof?

Archaeological excavations near birth place of Sita in Bihar

†*426. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has any historical proof regarding Ramayana-era birthplace of Sita at Sitamarhi, Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any archaeological excavation had been undertaken near the birthplace of Sita, in Sitamarhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in cases of acid attacks on women

†*427. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a continuous increase in the cases of acid attacks on women has been registered;

(b) the State-wise details of the number of cases of acid attacks on women during the last three years;

(c) whether laxity in the present system has been noticed to stop acid attacks as a result of which targeted success to control acid attacks could not be achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fencing of Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders

†*428. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many kilometres of Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders have not been covered by systematic fencing;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the details of steps taken for fencing during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that lack of complete fencing of border makes infiltration into the country's territory easy for carrying out various criminal activities and the smugglers also take advantage of this situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PNG penetration in Rajasthan

*429. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of households are covered by PNG in the State of Rajasthan as compared to LPG users;

(b) whether Government is taking any steps or contemplating any steps to increase PNG penetration in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of National Electric Mobility Mission Plan

*430. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress of National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) since 2014;

(b) how many environment friendly and hybrid vehicles have been produced since the inception of the Mission;

(c) whether, keeping in view the rising pollution levels, Government contemplates to give special consideration, under this

plan, to the cities with alarming pollution levels; and

(d) how is this benefiting the energy needs of the country?

Measures to boost export performance

*431. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade deficit has become a structural feature;

(b) whether any out of the box solution to bridge the gap between the exports and imports has been made;

(c) if not so, the measures Government proposes to take to boost export performance and to narrow down imports; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to revisit export promotion schemes to give more space to the MSME sector?

Fancy number plates on vehicles

*432. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that rules against fancy car number plates are being broken with impunity across the country and traffic police mostly ignore such vehicles;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking any action against such number plates; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by Government to check use of fancy number plates on vehicles?

Equal pay for equal work

†*433. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has held in one of its decisions that the principle of equal pay for equal work must be implemented;

(b) whether it was also held by the Court that in case similar job is undertaken by regular and daily wage employees, there must not be any anomaly between the said categories in a welfare state;

(c) if so, whether Government is aware of the fact that the employees working on contract basis are deprived of equal pay, equal work from their employers; and

(d) whether Government would evolve an adequate redressal mechanism?

Amalgamation of labour laws

*434. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to amalgamate 44 labour laws into four Labour Codes;

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) the advantages of this exercise?

Minimum wages for labourers

*435. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the
Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete proposal to ensure minimum wages and decent working conditions to the labourers engaged in various Government projects for infrastructure development, is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
The 6th April, 2017
Chaitra 16, 1939 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

Commerce and Industry	: 422, 431,
Culture	: 426,
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	: 424, 430,
Home Affairs	: 421, 425, 427, 428, 432,
Labour and Employment	: 423, 433, 434, 435,
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	: —
Petroleum and Natural Gas	: 429.
Steel	: —
Tourism	: —
Tribal Affairs	: —