

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, August 12, 2015/Sravana 21, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 15

Minimum wages to women agriculture workers

*241. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR: Will the Minister of
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether women agriculture workers
are not getting minimum wages as per the
Minimum Wages Act, and if so, the
reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government has made any
assessment regarding the state of women
farm workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with
the steps taken/proposed to be taken by
Government to improve the condition of
women farm workers in the country?

Price of petrol

*242. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to
answer to Unstarred Question 268 given
in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd July, 2015 and
state:

(a) whether price of petrol was

deregulated in 2012, if so, the details
thereof;

(b) whether price of petrol was
\$ 118.11 per barrel and domestic retail
price was ₹ 73.18 per litre in July 2012 in
international and domestic market,
respectively; and

(c) if so, the reasons for decrease of
only ₹ 6.28 per litre during July 2015 when
price of petrol/crude oil in international
market has decreased \$ 43.58 per barrel in
comparison to the price in July 2012?

Violation of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986

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

(a) how many cases of violation of the
Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation)
Act, 1986 have been detected during the
last three years;

(b) the State-wise names and details of

companies which were prosecuted for such violations during the last three years;

(c) the State-wise names and details of companies which were convicted for such violations in the last three years; and

(d) the State-wise number of child labourers rehabilitated under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) during the last three years?

Guidelines to protect policemen from legal action while tackling militants

*244. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by the Central Government in consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders to frame guidelines to protect policemen from legal action which they face when militants are killed by them during firing in self defence; and

(b) how much compensation is paid to policemen who have died while performing their duty and whether families of such aggrieved police personnel are satisfied with compensation paid and what is the criteria and after how much duration such compensation is revised?

Police reforms

†*245. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made so far towards police reforms;

(b) whether suggestions given by the committees constituted for police reforms were implemented; and

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

National cultural spirit

†*246. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the concept of Indian culture and its various dimensions along with the national policy for preservation, protection and promotion of each of them and the latest position with regard to its implementation and future action plan therefor; and

(b) the details of various measures to encourage the citizens of India to connect them with the national cultural spirit and the outlines of annual programmes for its expansion and for the purpose of making it acceptable to all?

Savings from giving up of subsidy on gas cylinders

†*247. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers who gave up subsidy on gas cylinders, so far, in the country and the savings being accrued to Government on this account;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that various irregularities are being committed to avail subsidy on gas; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases detected and the details of action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Caste based census data

†*248. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to publish the data regarding census based on caste; and

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof?

PESB's recommended panels

*249. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB's) recommended panel for appointment of Chairman and functional directors for public sector oil companies have been rejected for reasons other than vigilance/corruption during last three years; and

(b) the number of cases, Search Committees have been constituted for selection of functional directors and Chairman for ONGC, IOC, HPCL and BPCL during last three years?

Artists staying in Asiad village in violation of terms and conditions

*250. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of terms and conditions of the cases which the Ministry recommends for Government accommodation on allotment basis;

(b) whether the Ministry keeps a track of such cases where artists recommended

by it are staying in Government accommodation like Asiad Village, New Delhi, in violation of such terms and conditions, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken steps to secure vacation of such accommodations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Undertrials languishing in jails

*251. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the Supreme Court decision that poverty can't be a ground for keeping in custody an accused who is unable to furnish the bail bond;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government would consider immediate release of the undertrials languishing in Indian jails due to financial reasons;

(d) how many undertrials are currently in jail in different States due to inability to produce bail bonds; and

(e) whether the National and State Legal Services Authorities play a role in dealing with this particular issue, if so, the details thereof?

Investment cap for FIIs retained for banking and defence sectors

*252. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced that the investment cap for Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) has been retained for banking and defence sectors, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that fly-by-night operators are not allowed to enter and exit the two sensitive sectors; and

(c) if so, what prompted Government to come to this decision?

Production/exploration of shale oil and gas

*253. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) India's production of shale oil and gas in 2014-15, if any, in comparison with the output of China;

(b) whether our shale gas exploration policy has been finalized and if so, the components thereof;

(c) whether shale gas exploration is proposed to be included in the New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP); and

(d) whether open-acreage exploitation is under consideration for shale oil/gas?

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National Sports Bill

*254. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring in a National Sports Bill which mandates all Olympic and non-Olympic sports federations to come under the ambit of the RTI; and

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

Performance of NINL

*255. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) since the start of its commercial operations in 2004 in terms of profits and losses and capacity utilization, year-wise and reasons for losses, if any and capital under utilization; and

(b) the year-wise commission earned by Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC) from NINL as its commission agent from 2004, on procurement of raw materials and marketing its products?

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