

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 12, 2016/Agrahayana 21, 1938 (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

Development of economic corridors

*271. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to build 44 highway stretches totalling 27,000 km. to be developed as economic corridors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these economic corridors would lead to seamless movement of cargo vehicles, cut delays and create jobs and help in decongesting 30 top cities by building ring roads and logistic hubs along these corridors and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the new plan is expected to be completed along with its funding options?

Solar energy potential of Karnataka

*272. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) which districts of Karnataka have the potential in solar energy and the ratio of its exploitation there; and

(b) whether there is any special programme of subsidy for better use of solar power?

Modern irrigation systems under PMKSY

†*273. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and the extent to which this scheme has been successful in fulfilling its objectives, so far;

(b) the criteria prescribed for implementing modern irrigation systems, drip and sprinkler programmes under this scheme;

(c) the details of benefits of this scheme to small and marginal farmers; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the budget allocated under this scheme for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17, State-wise details thereof?

Increase in wild and domestic animals

*274. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increase in the number of wild and domestic animals during the last two decades;

(b) whether menace of dogs, monkeys, etc. is assuming alarming proportions in many places;

(c) whether Government has chalked out a practical solution to the problem;

(d) whether a Cabinet Minister has recently advised invoking the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act (KAPA) against anybody beating dangerous dogs, sometimes to death, when they bite old people or small children to death; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Cleaning of Ganga river

*275 SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation for 2016-17 for cleaning Ganga river;

(b) how the money is devolved to the concerned State Governments and the allocation made for Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the National Green Tribunal has asked Government not to spend any more money for cleaning Ganga from

Haridwar to Unnao and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government agencies have been under-reporting the number of polluting factories and urban sewage discharge into the river to NGT; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to provide realistic figures to NGT and how Government proposes to undertake clearing of river in Haridwar-Unnao section?

Coal linkage policy for private power producers

*276. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is arranging coal to the private power producers through e-auction route or imports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated or is formulating a coal linkage policy to help those power producers; and

(c) whether in the absence of coal linkage policy, the viability of their projects is being impacted and if so, the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Implementation of PESA Act by States

*277. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of provisions of the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) has been severely hampered by the reluctance of most State Governments to make laws and rules that conform to the spirit of the Act and its provisions have remained appealing on paper only;

(b) whether the average size of land holdings by tribals has been shrinking due to the State-led acquisitions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken for the same?

Reducing of road accidents

*278. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to implement the UN target of reducing road accidents by 50 per cent by the year 2020;

(b) important policy decisions taken by the National Road Safety Council in the matter of road safety and implemented by Government;

(c) the number of State Highways identified for conversion to National Highways based on the traffic, State-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken to put up signages and other speed restriction measures at accident prone spots on National Highways and the rectification measures taken?

Villages covered under PMGSY

†*279. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages where metalled roads are yet to be constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise;

(b) the number of villages where such roads have been constructed, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds provided to

States under PMGSY during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of policies to ensure post-construction maintenance of roads made under PMGSY?

Action plan for 'Power for All'

*280. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to meet the target of capacity addition of 1,18,537 MW by 2016-17 and how much has been achieved by 31st October, 2016;

(b) whether State specific action plans, for providing '24x7 Power for All', have been prepared in partnership with the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the details of action taken to strengthen sub-transmission and distribution networks and to reduce transmission and distribution losses?

Rural wages

*281. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rural wages in the country have been consistently going down in the recent past;

(b) if so, the corresponding data of growth in rural wages during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure a steady growth in rural wages?

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Problems under UDAY

*282. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) introduced by the Ministry to protect Discoms in the country, is creating new problems and throwing them into debt trap in the long run;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all State Governments have entered into MoUs with the Ministry in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to insure the State Governments from getting any losses from the scheme?

Safety concerns on GM mustard

*283. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission has asked the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee to share information about safety data on GM mustard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that people are apprehensive that GM mustard would increase the usage of chemical herbicide; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Efficient solar panels

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

(a) the quantum of solar power Government plans to generate through decentralized rooftop projects, utility scale solar plants and ultra mega solar plants by 2022;

(b) whether Government is introducing solar panels with efficiency greater than the normal 24 per cent and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures that would be taken by Government to reduce the lowering of efficiency of solar panels that could occur due to accumulation of dust on them?

Achievements of PMKSY

*285. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has fulfilled the vision of extending irrigation as "Har Khet Ko Pani" and more efficient use of water like "More Crop Per Drop" in true sense;

(b) if so, the agricultural land covered under the above said scheme during the last two years; and

(c) the details of Central funds given to Odisha for creating water conservation, water harvesting, recharge of ground water in the rain-fed areas during the said period?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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