

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 14, 2016/Phalguna 24, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; 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

Setting up a Maritime Board in A.P.

*166. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Maritime Board in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to utilise the port lands of Bhavanapadu, Meghavaram, Kalingapatnam, Bhimunipatnam, Gangavaram, Nakkapalli, Kakinada SEZ, Kakinada Deep Water, Surasena Yanam/Ravva, Narsapur, Machilipatnam, Nizampatnam, Vodarevu, Krishnapatnam and other for their overall development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to develop these ports?

Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the process of granting environmental clearances for projects on the river Ganga is based on flow of water determined by an agreement done about 100 years ago in 1916;

(b) the State-wise details of projects on the river Ganga cleared during the last two years showing separately projects cleared as per 1916 agreement and the status of progress on these projects; and

(c) the steps taken to update archaic framework for giving clearances to projects on the river and for specifically defining term 'up to 1,000 cusecs level' mentioned in the 1916 agreement?

Environmental clearance for projects on the Ganga

*167. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the

Portable toilets in Himachal Pradesh

†*168. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh is far behind all other States as regards the Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission started by the Central Government as not even a single portable toilet has been set up so far, under this scheme in the panchayats of that State whereas such toilets have been set up under the scheme in Punjab and Haryana; and

(b) if so, by when such toilets would be set up in Himachal Pradesh and the details of all 3243 panchayats where there are no toilets, district-wise?

Fourlaning of Ramban-Banihal highway in J & K

*169. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for fourlaning of the highway from Ramban to Banihal in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, by when work would start and which agency has been assigned the work for it and what would be its completion period; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay, if any, in awarding the work?

Plantation under SAGY

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

(a) whether Government has any plans to undertake more plantation under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) whether Government also plans to provide vegetables and fruit plants to people under SAGY through the forest department; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths in road accidents

*171. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India accounts for more than 2,00,000 deaths per year because of road accidents, and if so, details thereof;

(b) the details of measures taken to check accidental deaths; and

(c) the steps taken to stringently enforce road safety laws?

Coal distribution policy

*172. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of re-allocation of coal blocks, Government is planning to review and revise the Coal Distribution Policy for ensuring supply of coal to small and medium industrial units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance reports from model villages under SAGY

*173. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any performance reports from the model villages taken up by MPs under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there have been any such reports on SAGY from the North Eastern States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Special package to West Bengal

*174. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the criteria adopted for identifying States which would be granted a special package;
- (b) what are the criteria adopted for ascertaining the quantum of special package;
- (c) the reasons for overlooking certain States despite an urgent need for funds;
- (d) whether the Central Government is planning to grant a special package to West Bengal; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Operation of stone mines in Jharkhand without environmental clearance

*175. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether stone mines in Jharkhand, especially in Santhal Pargana division, are currently being operated without obtaining required environmental clearance, beyond the stipulated date prescribed by the National Green Tribunal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether their operation is being

allowed with the consent of Jharkhand Government which is a violation of NGT's order; and

- (d) if so, what steps are being taken by the Ministry to enforce the court's direction in this regard?

Fuel Supply Agreements with power projects

*176. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given approval or is considering to give approval for supply of coal to power projects which were given Letter of Approvals (LoAs) during 2009, 2010 and 2011 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total capacity of these power projects, year of their commissioning along with capacity of each plant and its location; and
- (c) by when Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) are proposed to be signed with those power projects?

Drying up of Sriram Sagar reservoir area

*177. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Sriram Sagar reservoir area on Godavari river has become a dry bed between Nizamabad and Adilabad districts affecting irrigation and drinking water facilities;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to address the problem; and

(c) if not, whether Government would study the phenomenon that has occurred even before the onset of summer and help the State in undertaking remedial measures?

Additional funds for States under MGNREGA

*178. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States and the civil society activists have demanded release of additional funds for rural job scheme MGNREGA;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that sufficient funds were not allocated to States during 2015-16;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the funds allocated to each State for the current financial year and during the last two years; and

(e) the steps taken for allocation of additional funds to States so that the poor beneficiaries under the scheme do not suffer on account of fund crunch?

Subsidy for installation of solar panels

*179. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give subsidy to the general public for installing solar panels on their roof tops in Maharashtra and other parts of the country; and

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

Mechanism for settlement of disputes in highway sector

*180. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing mechanism to resolve contract and other disputes in the highway sector;

(b) the details of constraints that the Ministry is facing in contract disputes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is going to set up a new Dispute Settlement Authority with quasi-judicial powers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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