

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 14, 2016/Agrahayana 23, 1938 (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

Development of tourism in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government has taken initiatives or is planning to develop the tourism spots in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the places identified for development; and

(d) whether any Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been sought from the State Governments to this effect?

Setting up Sub-Regional Science Centre in Himachal Pradesh

*287. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved Sub-Regional Science Centre (SRSC), at palampur in Himachal Pradesh to provide training to teachers, students, housewives and others as well as out-of-school educational activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and utilized on the project so far;

(c) the current status of the project and the time by when the SRSC is likely to be operational; and

(d) whether Government proposes to set up more SRSCs in other districts of Himachal Pradesh, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Witness protection system

*288. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that absence of a witness protection system is causing rise to unmerited acquittals in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in putting in place a strong witness protection system in order to ensure justice to victims; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Nodal agency for safety preparedness of oil companies

*289. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) lack nodal agency to ensure requisite safety preparedness of the companies;

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

(c) whether any steps have been proposed by Government to address the loss of life and property due to the failure of companies to meet the safety requirements?

Cases of human trafficking in NER

*290. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many human trafficking cases have been registered in the country, especially from North-Eastern Region (NER) in the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) how many cases have been registered during the last one year from NER; and

(d) how many cases have been solved by Government during the last one year from NER?

Declining rural wages

*291. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a dip in rural wage growth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the falling rural wages signal farm distress;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent the decrease in rural wages?

Assistance to landless cattle keepers under SDRF

*292. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the norms for providing assistance for feed concentrate, water and medicines to livestock under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) are available to the small and marginal farmers only;

(b) if so, whether this assistance is not provided to the landless cattle keepers;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revise the norms in the SDRF so as to include the State landless cattle keepers also for providing feed concentrate, water and medicines; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake surrenders of innocent youth posing as naxals in Jharkhand

*293. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been fake surrenders by innocent youth

posing as naxals in Jharkhand in 2011-12;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(d) whether the National Human Rights Commission is involved in the probe, if so, whether it has recommended any compensation?

Prevention of smuggling of idols, ancient sculptures, etc.

*294. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan on pan-India basis to protect idols of gods in temples, ancient sculptures, artefacts and other traditional/heritage items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to modernize the wing of police department, in various States/UTs which is entrusted with the task of preventing smuggling of idols of gods in temples, ancient sculptures, artefacts and other traditional/heritage items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of cheap Chinese goods on domestic market

*295. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that certain Chinese products of sub-standard quality have flooded the Indian markets, causing both health hazards for

children and massive loss to domestic products in Small and Medium Scale industries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the same?

Applications for citizenship from India-born foreign citizens

*296. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to expedite the action on the applications for citizenship from India-born foreign citizens, who are in advanced age;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many of such applications are with the Ministry?

Achievements of Tribal Sub-Plan

†*297. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of achievements made during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 under Tribal Sub-Plan, prepared in the place of special component plan, for the development of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the salient features of current Tribal Sub-Plan in comparison to the previous SCP; and

(c) the laws framed or measures currently put in place under Central budget and respective State budgets for ensuring the development of Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Renewal of FCRA licence of NGOs

*298. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of NGOs have lost their Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence as they could not fulfil the norms during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of NGOs which applied for FCRA licence renewal and how many such licences have been renewed during the last three years; and

(d) the State-wise number of NGOs registered under FCRA and the amount of foreign funds received by them during the last three years?

Encouraging Agro Startups under 'Startup India' scheme

*299. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of applications for agro-based Startups is very small *vis-a-vis* total applications under 'Startup India' scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof since January, 2016 and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to encourage more agro-based applications?

Industrial output

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

(a) the details of industrial output in the country in the last three years and the current year, month-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the growth of consumer demand during the above period;

(c) the Ministry's reaction thereto and efforts being made to revive the industrial output in the coming year; and

(d) the impact of demonetisation of 500 and 1000 rupee notes in November this year on the industrial output?

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(Ministry-wise)

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