

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 15, 2017/Phalguna 24, 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

RAF and Marine India Reserve Battalion in Karnataka

*136. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
of Karnataka has requested for sanction of
one battalion of Rapid Action Force
(RAF) to be posted at Mangaluru and
establishment of one Marine India Reserve
Battalion in Karnataka;

(b) if so, when the above proposals
were received in the Ministry; and

(c) the steps taken to approve the above
proposals and by when the above
battalions would be finally positioned?

Devolution of revenue to Puducherry Government

*137. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that devolution of
revenue from Finance Commission is not
granted to Government of Puducherry
though the UT has a separate legislature;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan
to consider the proposal positively since
clubbing of Puducherry with other UTs for
financial allocations under the Ministry of
Home Affairs works negatively?

Hacking of website of the Ministry

*138. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news about hacking of
website of Ministry of Home Affairs is true;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any person/agency that was
involved in this hacking has been taken into
custody; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Ministry to ward off any misuse and problems?

Development of International Buddhist Circuit

*139. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for developing International Buddhist Circuit (Dev ni Mori and twelve other places in Gujarat) pending with the Ministry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) whether Union Government has sanctioned the project; and

(c) what amount is admissible under the Scheme for the project?

Projects financed under PMEGP in Odisha

*140. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects financed under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in Odisha during the last two years;

(b) the details of margin money subsidy utilised, employment opportunities created; and

(c) the number of new projects sanctioned after January, 2015?

Revision of visa format

*141. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to revise visa format to include crime record to prevent individuals with a record of child abuse or involved in any type of crimes from entering India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present, foreign nationals do not have to declare their record of criminal prosecution while seeking visa from Indian missions abroad and if so, the details thereof?

Production cost per domestic cooking gas cylinder

*142. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present production cost per domestic cooking gas cylinder;

(b) what is Government price for distribution of each domestic cooking gas cylinder;

(c) how much subsidy Government is paying now on each cylinder and total annual subsidy for all cooking gas cylinders distributed;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to withdraw entire subsidy on gas, diesel and petrol in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Minimum infrastructure support for each police station

*143. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item under the caption 'Not even a phone in over 400 police stations' that appeared in the print media on 15th January, 2017;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure minimum infrastructure support for each police station in the country, including vehicle, communication equipment, etc.; and

(c) the funds earmarked for modernisation of police for various States in the last three years and the amount spent, year-wise and State-wise along with the details thereof?

Impact of demonetization on jobs

*144. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonetization has affected jobs in the organised and unorganised sectors, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to protect workers in the unorganised sector from losing jobs due to low circulation of cash since 8th November, 2016; and

(c) whether the Ministry has recorded any trends such as reverse migration due to demonetization since 8th November, 2016?

Contribution of manufacturing sector to the GDP

*145. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the current contribution of the manufacturing sector to the country's GDP;

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to spur the manufacturing sector, which can lead to massive rural employment generation;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including the impact of the same on rural employment over the last three years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

E-Tourist Visas

*146. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government encourages e-Tourist Visas to facilitate the arrival of international tourists to the country;

(b) the number of countries for which e-Tourist Visa facility has been provided;

(c) whether Government proposes to expand it further; and

(d) the number of foreign tourist arrivals after the introduction of this facility?

Declassification of records relating to Subhash Chandra Bose

*147. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declassified all records relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Azad Hind Fauj and placed in the National Archives of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Repair of Jagannath Temple

*148. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lord Jagannath Temple at Puri, Odisha requires extensive repairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Archaeological Survey of India in this regard;

(c) the present status of the repair work, if already undertaken; and

(d) the mechanism put in place by Government to ensure quality repair/restoration work so that the life of the temple and its structures could be enhanced substantially?

Funds spent by PSUs under CSR

*149. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds spent by each Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years;

(b) the areas of development in which the PSUs spend for CSR and the funds allocated to each such area of development; and

(c) whether cases of non-compliance of the guidelines relating to spending on CSR

have been reported during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

Crimes committed against SCs, STs and OBCs

*150. SHRI P .L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total crimes committed against persons belonging to SCs, STs, OBCs and others, State-wise in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016;

(b) the crime rate against persons belonging to SCs, STs, OBCs and others State-wise in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016;

(c) whether it is a fact that crime rate against SC and ST communities has increased in the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure protection of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the last three years and the current year?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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