

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, November 16, 2016/Kartika 25, 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

Stringent punishment for crimes against women

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that inspite of enactment of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, there is no relief for women across the country from the atrocities committed against them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to make provisions for stringent punishment for crimes against women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Visible improvement realized by MSMEs

*2. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MICRO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Ministry's report, MSMEs have felt visible improvement;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that entrepreneurs are facing several problems *i.e.* infrastructure, access to modern technology, access to markets, getting statutory clearances relating to power, environment, labour, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Khadi and Village Industries

*3. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MICRO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken, post 2014, to promote Khadi and Village Industries, the success achieved and the most prominent indicators thereof;

(b) what is the nature of relationship, if any, between Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) at the Centre and

Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) Boards at the State level; and

(c) whether Government has ever assessed the performance of State KVI Boards, if so, which are the top best performing KVI Boards?

Science museums in the country

*4. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of science museums set up by the National Council of Science Museums in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) whether the Ministry is coordinating with the Ministry of Science and Technology to establish science museums in the country and to create an environment to attract students and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up science museums in all the States of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hurriyat leaders organising public protests in Kashmir

*5. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will that Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Hurriyat leaders have been keeping Kashmir boiling for the last three months by organising public protests, forcing the shopkeepers to shut their shops from 6.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. through circulation of protest calendars amongst the general public;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are forcing the Masjid committees in each area

to ensure the compliance of their protest calendars; and

(c) if so, what is the number of Hurriyat leaders who have been arrested in this case and what other steps have been taken to normalise the situation in Kashmir Valley and with what results?

Decline in industrial growth

*6. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial growth of our country has declined during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the actions/initiatives taken by Government to overcome the problems and increase the growth rate?

Removal of disturbed State tag on Punjab

*7. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to remove disturbed State tag invoked on Punjab during militancy period; and

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

Privatization of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant

*8. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has requested for

privatization of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISL), Bhadravati;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to impress upon SAIL not to go for privatization of VISL against the wishes of workers and Karnataka Government and instead to take steps for its modernization by using latest technology?

Objectives of Automotive Mission Plan, 2026

*9. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Automotive Mission Plan, 2026;

(b) the Ministry's analysis of the challenges that the automotive sector is presently facing;

(c) whether Government aims to provide incentives for Research and Development investment by automotive industries; and

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

Use of Sim Cards of Nepal in border area of Uttarakhand

†*10. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs had visited the border area Dharchula of Uttarakhand State;

(b) if so, when and whether the Minister had advised the local people to use Sim Cards of Nepal and also advised to provide foreign Sim Cards to the tourists visiting Mansarovar in view of the deplorable condition of the communication facilities available there; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken so far?

World Heritage status for hill forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

*11. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Central Government for preparation of dossier to include hill forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj first in the Tentative List and later in the World Heritage List of UNESCO for their universal historical and architectural importance;

(b) if not, the reasons for not initiating this exercise on priority basis as the forts are pride heritage of the country; and

(c) the details of the guidelines the Archaeological Survey of India, being nodal organisation, follows for identification of cultural sites for inclusion first in the Tentative List and subsequently in World Heritage List of UNESCO?

New Tourism Policy

†*12. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government has finalized the New Tourism Policy, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its salient features;

(c) the details of the criteria prescribed to promote tourism in the country; and

(d) whether Government is considering to give status of industry to tourism sector looking at its vast potentiality, if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in Bokaro Steel Plant

*13. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are allegations of rampant corruption in the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBI has filed chargesheet against ex-MD and other officers of Bokaro Steel Plant;

(c) what is the present status of action in this regard; and

(d) what are the steps being taken by the Ministry to address the wide spread malaise of corruption?

Decline in industrial and manufacturing growth rate

*14. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial and manufacturing production have shown an absolute decline with growth rates being in the negative; and

(b) if so, the effective measures taken by Government to improve the industrial and manufacturing growth in the country?

Mudpack therapy for Taj Mahal

*15. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mudpack therapy is given to marbles in Taj Mahal, Agra to remove black and yellow spots on the marble surface, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how long this procedure has been used for Taj Mahal and what is the outcome in conservation of the monument; and

(c) the details of efforts taken to reduce air pollution including carbons in the vicinity?

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The 10th November, 2016
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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