

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 16, 2015/Agrahayana 25, 1937 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 15

National Monitoring Committee to consider demands of evicted farmers/ tribals under Polavaram Dam

*181. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN
REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Monitoring
Committee had met on 24th September,
2015 to consider the long-pending demands
of evicted farmers and tribals under
Polavaram Dam;

(b) what steps the Ministry is taking
to issue orders based on the petition of the
President of the Forum on Social and
Human Rights; and

(c) what other steps will Government
take in the interim to ensure that further
delays are avoided?

Setting up of ESI centres in Maharashtra

*182. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will
the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees' State
Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has set up
its establishment in Aurangabad in
Maharashtra where all medical facilities to
working class in the organised sector as
well as for the unorganised sector will be
available;

(b) whether Government has some plan
to provide such centres in some other
districts of Maharashtra also; and

(c) if so, the names of the districts so
selected for the purpose and the time-
frame in which the centres are likely to
come up?

Funds for Chhattisgarh under Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour Scheme

†*183. DR. BHUSHAN LAL
JANGDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR
AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central
Government's full share amount under

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Scheme for Chhattisgarh has not been received;

(b) whether it is also a fact that pension amount has been increased for beedi labourers, textile labourers, bonded labourers, peasants and other labourers of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the details of assistance the Central Government will provide for their accommodation?

Extension of incentives under MEIS

*184. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has extended incentives under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has enhanced duty drawback rates and if so, the details thereof?

Return of Sahitya Akademi Awards

*185. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sahitya Akademi has failed to perform its duty as the custodian of literary freedom, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the writers returning their awards;

(b) whether the Akademi has really gone wrong in dealing with the matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of writers who have returned awards so far, the action being taken by Government to uphold the

autonomy of the Sahitya Akademi and protect the freedom of the writers?

Shortage of fire fighting equipments

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a huge shortage of fire fighting equipments, personnel and fire fighting tenders/vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof, for last three years;

(c) the State-wise total number of fire stations, in working condition according to national standards; and

(d) the details of various steps which Government has taken/intends to take to ensure safety from fire hazards in the country?

Survey of tourism potential of Andhra Pradesh

*187. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government surveyed the tourism potential of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Persons detained under NSA

*188. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of persons detained under the National Security Act (NSA);

(b) the reasons for detaining them; and

(c) since when they are detained?

Status of Ajmer blast investigation

*189. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been dealing with the case relating to a blast in Ajmer in 2007; and

(b) if so, the present status of the case?

Target for production and export of steel

†*190. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the target set and achieved for production, domestic consumption and export of steel during each of the past three years;

(b) the revised target in this regard for the next three years; and

(c) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to augment the production and export of steel in the coming years, if so, the details thereof?

Rate of employment and unemployment

†*191. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of percentage of increase in the generation of employment and unemployment rate in the country during the last three years and the current financial year;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps/proposes to take any steps to address

the problem of increasing unemployment in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Demand for OROP by Paramilitary forces

*192. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is cognizant of the demand for One Rank One Pension (OROP) by the personnel from Paramilitary forces, if so, the details of the demands;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to address this issue, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Certificate programme for exporters by FIEO

*193. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO) has been conducting certificate programme for exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it aims at helping the participants to understand fully the recent changes which have taken place in international trade scenario and how these changes affect export/import activities

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and how to take the maximum benefit out of it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Simplification of rules for issuance and renewal of gun licenses

*194. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of simplification of rules for issuance and renewal of gun licenses has been under consideration of Government for a long time; and

(b) if so, by when Government would take a decision for simplification of rules for issuance and renewals of gun licenses?

Decline in exports and imports

*195. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's exports declined for the eleventh month which is worse than even that during the global slowdown;

(b) whether India's imports have also declined helping the country's trade deficit in check;

(c) whether it is also a fact that export incentive schemes are yet to trickle down; and

(d) if so, what speedy steps the Ministry is taking to provide incentive schemes to the exporters to increase exports?

NEW DELHI;
The 10th December, 2015
Agrahayana 19, 1937 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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