

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, December 17, 2018/Agrahayana 26, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting; Mines;  
Panchayati Raj; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and Highways;  
Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping; Water  
Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;  
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 15

#### Cleanliness of Ganga and Yamuna rivers

\*61. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR  
SABLE: Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be  
pleased to state:

(a) the progress made towards  
cleanliness of river Ganga and the time-  
frame set to complete the task of cleaning  
the river from pollution;

(b) whether there is any plan/scheme  
for cleanliness of Yamuna river; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with  
action plan made in this regard and if not,  
the reasons therefor?

#### Air pollution due to stubble burning in National Capital Region

\*62. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,  
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during this

winter season, air pollution has reached an  
alarming level in National Capital Territory  
(NCR) of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is  
partly because of stubble burning by  
farmers;

(c) if so, whether a meeting of concerned  
officers from the neighbouring States was  
called to address the issue;

(d) the amount provided to various  
States, including Punjab, for providing  
farmers with alternatives to stubble  
burning; and

(e) details of the other measures taken,  
including provision of incinerators to the  
farmers in the concerned States?

#### Implementation of Swajal Scheme

\*63. SHRI SAMBHAJI  
CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of  
DRINKING WATER AND  
SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated

the Swajal Scheme for implementation in a few districts of the country for providing sustainable and sufficient access to drinking water in villages;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the names of districts identified for implementation of the scheme, State-wise?

#### **Non-issue of NOC for PMGSY**

†\*64. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of schemes for road construction on forest land lying in tribal areas under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been cancelled due to non-issue of No Objection Certificate (NOC) on time;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

#### **25th Anniversary celebration of PRIs**

\*65. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Panchayati Raj institutions are a mix of remarkable success and staggering failure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been a lack of devolution of authority and finances for PRIs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) details of Government plans in this regard?

#### **Employment under MGNREGA**

†\*66. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of rural families provided with 100 days of employment under MGNREGA and the State-wise details for the years 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(b) the number of people and average number of days for which they have been provided employment under MGNREGA in drought affected Maharashtra and the areas affected by hailstorms, etc. and the details of the affected areas during the aforesaid financial years;

(c) whether Government has received complaints for not providing employment under MGNREGA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Government to Government defence deals**

\*67. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government to Government defence deals since 2015 till date, deal-wise;

(b) the criteria for Government to Government defence deals;

(c) the details of the defence deals in which above criteria have been followed during the above period, deal-wise; and

(d) the details of defence deals, during above period, in which above criteria have not been followed, deal-wise?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**District Development Coordination  
and Monitoring Committee**

\*68. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed a Member of Parliament as Co-Chairman of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA);

(b) if so, details of powers conferred and the functions of Co-Chairman therein; and

(c) whether prior consultation is required with the Chairman and Co-Chairman for fixing date and agenda for meeting of DISHA?

**Recommendations of Shyam Benegal  
Committee**

\*69. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made by Government in the implementation of the recommendations made in the report of the Expert Committee headed by Shri Shyam Benegal to recommend changes to the Cinematograph Act, 1952 for bringing transparency in the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC); and

(b) the number of recommendations which have been accepted and those which are under consideration?

**Impact of cyclonic storm "Titli"**

\*70. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System

(RIMES) for Africa and Asia has termed "Titli", as the severe cyclonic storm that devastated Odisha and Andhra Pradesh as rarest of rare cyclone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) reasons as to why the India Meteorological Department failed to anticipate titli's impact; and

(d) the plans made by Ministry to minimise impacts of such cyclone in coastal and non-coastal regions more effectively in future?

**Sharing of Narmada river water**

†\*71. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of water allocated to each of the States for their use under the arrangement of sharing of Narmada river water;

(b) the quantum of utilized water and the residual water as on date; and

(c) the action plan for use of residual water along with time-frame and extent thereof?

**Share of GDP for Science and  
Technology**

†\*72. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) being spent for development of Science and Technology in the country;

(b) the comparative details of other developing and developed countries in terms

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of expenditure being made towards this end; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase allocation in the field of Science and Technology?

**Online Assurance Monitoring System (OAMS)**

\*73. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of assurances covered and number of assurances still remain pending for the year 2017-18 as per the portal of Online Assurance Monitoring System (OAMS) introduced by the Ministry;

(b) the budget allocation and training programme for the nodal officers to monitor the assurances; and

(c) action plan prepared for the Ministries not updating their information on the assurances on time?

**Progress under Namami Gange Mission**

\*74. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under the Namami Gange Mission (NGM);

(b) by when Government plans to complete the rejuvenation process;

(c) whether any private participants have taken up the project to clean Ganga and its subsidiaries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any contribution has been made to the Clean Ganga Fund and if so, the details thereof?

**Expenditure on National Action Plan for Climate Change**

\*75. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred by Government on the implementation of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) during the past three years;

(b) the details of the existing monitoring systems for the missions that are part of the NAPCC; and

(c) whether the progress reports of the missions identify the impact they had on the ground in terms of making communities more climate resilient and if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;  
The 11th December, 2018  
Agrahayana 20, 1940 (Saka)

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
Secretary-General.

**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

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