

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, July 22, 2015/Asadha 31, 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

Quality standards in manufacturing

*16. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced/proposes to introduce quality standards for auto, food processing, gadgets, textiles, electrical machinery, etc. to make our country a manufacturing hub for quality products and make these quality standards a part of 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the extent to which this is likely to help to make identified products 'zero defect and zero effect'?

Development of world class tourist spot

*17. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any popular tourist place of the country,

particularly in the North-Eastern Region to declare as an International Tourist Place, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is planning to develop any tourist destination as a world class tourist spot in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Naxalite attacks

†*18. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the naxalite attacks in various parts of the country during last two years and the information regarding torture of individuals by the naxalites in Sukma and other naxal affected areas on suspicion of being informers of police;

(b) whether it is a fact that the security agencies engaged in prevention of naxalism in the country have shortage of anti-mine vehicles;

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(c) what is the difference between demand and availability of anti-mine vehicles at present; and

(d) whether any plan is being carried out to bring naxalites in the mainstream of the society?

Archaeologically protected sites in Maharashtra

*19. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sites declared as archaeologically protected in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether these sites are starved of funds for their proper upkeep;

(c) whether Ajanta Caves (Maharashtra) sites are starved of funds for proper upkeep; and

(d) if so, the funds made available against demand for these sites?

Scope of tourism in NE Region

*20. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scope for development of tourism in North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, whether there is scarcity of road communication, electricity, air connectivity and accommodation for the convenience of tourists coming from other parts of the country and abroad;

(c) whether the Ministry is making any policy for the solution of that problem in consultation with related Ministries/ Departments; and

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

Change in regulatory norms for foreign investors

*21. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Germany has told German businessmen and industrialists not to go by old perceptions but to come to India and feel the change in the regulatory environment;

(b) if, so, the details of the rules and regulations on foreign investors likely to be revised/modified;

(c) whether such revision/modification of rules and regulations will be applicable for all foreign investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National monuments taken over by ASI

*22. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of national monuments taken over by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) the details of such monuments vulnerable to security risk and the security arrangements made for each of them;

(c) the total area attached/owned by each of these monuments along with the details of area encroached upon in each such monument by anti-social elements; and

(d) the State-wise legal action taken by Government along with the details of persons arrested and prosecuted so far, during the last three years?

Deregulation of diesel prices

*23. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced diesel deregulation with the hope of linking domestic diesel prices with that of international market;

(b) whether the present decrease in domestic diesel pricing is also linked to fall in international crude oil prices;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism in place to keep prices of diesel low in case the price of crude oil increases in the future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not having formulated such a mechanism?

Launch of 'Give it up' campaign

*24. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has launched the 'Give it up' campaign for using subsidized cooking gas;

(b) if so, how many persons have voluntarily surrendered subsidized LPG up to July, 2015 and started buying the cooking fuel at market price; and

(c) whether after this surrender, the subsidy is being targeted at the needy people?

Ban on import of crops from India

†*25. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) names of the countries and the types of agro products banned for import from India in the last one year along with the reasons for putting such a ban;

(b) the crop-wise details of time span of such a ban and names of the agro products on which the ban still continues; and

(c) the details of the losses incurred by Indian farmers due to such a ban and the action taken by Government on such a ban?

Crimes against citizens from North-East

*26. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crimes against citizens from the North-East are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the latest data on such crimes during each of the last three years and in the current year, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of measures taken in the past one year to control such crimes?

Virtual museums and interpretation centres

*27. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to develop virtual museums to promote the cultural heritage of India globally, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to set up interpretation centres for international tourists at heritage sites and cities to promote the local culture, music and dance and if so, the details thereof?

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National Intelligence Grid

*28. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), meant to track criminals, has got defunct after an expenditure of ₹ 600 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

Shortage of gas cylinders in Kumaon

†*29. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the people of Kumaon division in Uttarakhand State are not getting gas cylinders even after standing in the queue for 6 to 8 hours;

(b) if so, since when and due to what reasons such situation has arisen, and the details of reasons due to which the supply position has not improved; and

(c) by when the supply of gas is likely to be normalised?

Pro-active and innovative measures to better equip tourist destinations

*30. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any pro-active and innovative measures to make tourist destinations better equipped to attract more domestic and foreign tourists, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by Government to equip tourist destinations preferred by foreign tourists with latest state of art facilities;

(c) the steps taken and schemes implemented through both Government and Public Private Partnerships to facilitate foreign tourists in the renowned tourist destinations in the country including Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram., Thanjavur, Madurai and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the year-wise total revenue generated from foreign tourist inflow in the last three years?

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