

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, November 23, 2016/Agrahayana 2, 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

Increasing production of crude oil

*76. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of crude oil and petroleum products to meet the heavy domestic demands as well as to increase export of petroleum and petroleum products;

(b) the measures taken by Government to make the leasing of crude oil wells in the country to private corporate companies very productive and profitable; and

(c) the status of exploitation and production from KG Basin and the crude oil production made in the last three years?

Naimishya Samman Awards

*77. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

has received a proposal to institute Naimishya Samman Awards in the fields of Peace, Human Rights, Literature, Visual and Performing Arts, Science, Education and others;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the agency from which the proposal has been received, etc.;

(c) whether the Ministry has accorded any approval to institute the Awards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the criteria for consideration?

Securing borders using technological solutions

*78. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to secure the country's borders using technological solutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has taken a few steps under a

comprehensive integrated border management scheme under which technological solutions will be used to fill the existing gaps in the country's borders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Earnings through exports

†*79. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of earnings made through exports during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) the amount spent on imports in each of the above years?

Safety of Kashmiri students outside their State

*80. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, owing to the past incidents against Kashmiri students outside their State, Government has taken any step to ensure their safety; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Prison reforms

*81. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether prison reforms have been undertaken/proposed to be taken to prevent prison breaks;

(b) how many prison breaks have taken place in the last three years, the State-wise, prison-wise, year-wise details thereof;

(c) how many prisoners have escaped in such prison breaks, the details for each prison break;

(d) how many such prison breaks have resulted in encounter of escaped prisoners, the details for each prison break; and

(e) how many such encounters have been investigated either by State police or by specialized agencies like NIA, etc.?

Development of tourism infrastructure

*82. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan to develop tourism infrastructure in newly formed States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last two years; and

(c) the quantum of foreign exchange earned from tourism?

Foreign and domestic tourists in the country

*83. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the foreign tourist inflow in the country in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise details;

(b) what has been the number of domestic tourists in the same period, year-wise and State-wise details; and

(c) the average growth of tourism sector in the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cheap imports of steel

*84. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India being the world's third largest steel producer, cheap imports of steel from various countries have affected the domestic steel producing units;

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

(c) whether India has imposed any minimum import duty, etc. to discourage cheap steel imports and to protect the domestic players; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restriction on construction activities near protected monuments

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

(a) whether Government is aware that restriction on construction/reconstruction within 100 metres of the protected monuments as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) (Amendment Validation) Act, 2010 is a stumbling block in development activities;

(b) whether any exercise has been undertaken to find out the problems being faced by the people and Government agencies because of this provision, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to ease restrictions without sacrificing the interest

of monuments by amending relevant provisions of the Act?

Anti-infiltration mechanisms on Indian borders

*86. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install modern anti-infiltration mechanisms on Indian borders to prevent terrorist infiltrations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for the same during the last three years and the current year?

Decline in credit growth to MSMEs

*87. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that credit growth to MSMEs has been declining significantly in year 2016, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the interventions by Government to correct the situation;

(c) the details about the rate of growth of output of MSMEs for the last three fiscal years including the current fiscal year;

(d) whether there has been any decline in the growth of the output of MSMEs during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to correct the situation?

Simplification of FDI rules under e-commerce

*88. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to simplify the Foreign Direct Investment rules under e-commerce;

(b) whether small traders are suffering losses due to expanding business of e-commerce; and

(c) the total revenue being earned by Government by means of e-commerce?

Declaring IRF as an unlawful organisation

*89. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to declare Islamic Research Foundation as an unlawful organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act;

(b) which are the States or agencies from whom the proposals to declare the foundation as unlawful have been received along with grounds given;

(c) the procedure involved in declaring any association as unlawful;

(d) the number of such proposals received by Government in the last three years and the names of the associations declared unlawful; and

(e) the names of associations with respect to which concerned advisory body has confirmed the Government orders?

Encounter of banned SIMI undertrials

*90. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some alleged members of banned SIMI undertrials were shot dead recently by Madhya Pradesh police under mysterious circumstances in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered and if so, what is the preliminary finding;

(d) whether National Human Rights Commission has asked for report about the incident, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to order an independent enquiry in view of the suspicion on the local police and to enquire whether 16-point Supreme Court guidelines to prevent fake encounters were followed, if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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