

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 23, 2015/Pausha 2, 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

Action plan for tourism infrastructure in Maharashtra

*256. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared
an action plan for strengthening tourism
infrastructure in Maharashtra and rest of
the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government proposes to
implement the action plan?

Measures to increase export of core industries' products

*257. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken
measures to increase the export of products
from 8 core industries and also the varieties
of rice from India ;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity and
value of exports for last three years;

(c) various remedial steps taken by
Government to facilitate easy exports;

(d) the total amount allocated, disbursed
and utilized for the same in the last three
years for various export promotion councils
or boards in the country; and

(e) the details of the various works done
by export promotion councils/boards in the
country to facilitate and ease of procedures
for exports?

Import of pulses

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

(a) the total quantity/types of pulses
that have been imported by Government
during the last two years;

(b) whether production of pulses in the
country has fallen, if so, the details thereof;
and

(c) the names of countries from which
pulses are being/were imported along with
the rates at which the same were imported?

Maintenance of tourist spots in the country

*259. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains tourist spots in different States of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any scheme to maintain such tourist spots;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the year-wise, State-wise and tourist spot-wise details of the amount of money allocated for this purpose during the last two years and this year; and

(e) the action taken by Government to maintain such places?

Increase in employment *vis-a-vis* development

†*260. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has not been proportional increase in employment *vis-a-vis* increase in growth rate and economic development; and

(b) if so, the steps likely to be taken by Government to deal with the scourge of unemployment?

Black marketing of domestic LPG

†*261. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of black marketing of domestic LPG at present and the extent of losses incurred due to this; and

(b) the State-wise details of number of rural households which are having LPG facility at present?

Bail to accused in Samjhauta Express blast case

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

(a) whether Government has decided not to appeal against the bail granted by the trial court to some accused in the Samjhauta Express blast case;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact thereof on the main case?

Review of performance of athletes/sportspersons in international events

*263. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the performance of Indian athletes/sportspersons in various disciplines during the last three international sports events;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the deficiencies identified during the review; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve their performance in the next Olympics?

Formula for fixing prices of domestic natural gas

*264. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing mechanism/formula for

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fixing the prices of domestic natural gas for users; and

(b) whether Government proposes to change the existing gas price fixation formula and incentivise the companies operating in deep and ultra-deep water blocks and if so, the details thereof?

Action plan to tackle atomic arms attack

*265. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been prepared by the Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments and other entities, to tackle any situation of atomic arms attack or any major nuclear plant disaster in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has prepared or plans any strategy to provide immediate medical attention in case of above exigencies, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has conducted/ plans to conduct mock drills on above said issues, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Losses by ITDC hotels

*266. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a rapid increase and steady growth in both domestic and foreign tourist arrivals, ITDC's hotels have been making losses with some exceptions like Hotel Janpath and Samrat in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to lease out some of its hotels to private hoteliers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Advertising campaign by FDDI to attract students

#†267. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) undertook aggressive advertising campaign during 2015 to attract students to its competitive entrance exam;

(b) if so, the amount spent on advertising together with details of print and electronic media to whom advertisements were given;

(c) whether such advertisements were given with Government being fully aware that there were certain issues concerning validity of its degrees;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to order any enquiry to fix responsibility and action against the officials; and

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

Social Security Code

*268. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering consolidating private sector employees' benefits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is finalizing Social Security Code to amalgamate several laws; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to simplify labour laws in a way that they benefit both the workers and the employers and at the same

time are simple enough for employers to implement and if so, the details thereof?

National Minimum Wage Act

*269. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to come up with a National Minimum Wage Act which all the State Governments will be required to implement, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has consulted all the stakeholders including State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of views expressed by them on the issue; and

(d) by when the Act is likely to be enacted and implemented all over the country?

Non-delivery of gas cylinders by gas agencies in Uttarakhand

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

(a) the freight per cylinder being paid to gas agencies for delivering gas cylinders upto consumers in the hilly States;

(b) whether it is a fact that gas agencies in Uttarakhand are saving freight component by not delivering cylinders upto consumers;

(c) if so, whether such a situation arises because of non-availability of gas cylinders on time; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the hindrances in gas supply so as to make on time delivery of gas cylinders to the consumers?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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