

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 24, 2018/Pausha 3, 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

Pollution in rivers due to sewage

†*136. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sewage is directly drained into rivers of the country including Yamuna river in Delhi and local water bodies due to which natural water sources are getting polluted;

(b) whether orders of National Green Tribunal (NGT) are being complied with for installation of sewage treatment plants for treatment of dirty water of urban drains which is being drained into rivers and water sources of the country; and

(c) the percentage of water bodies getting polluted due to direct sewage and the details of the steps taken to prevent water sources from getting polluted?

Deforestation and encroachment on forest land

*137. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Ministry on cutting down of trees and encroachment of forest land in many States including Kerala; and

(b) the details of action taken thereon?

Compliance with DPP

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

(a) the details of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) to be followed by Government for a defence deal with other countries; and

(b) the details of the defence deals since 2014 in which Defence Procurement

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Procedures have not been followed, along with the reasons therefor, deal-wise?

Mining University and Courses in the country

*139. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) details of the mining courses in India;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to open new mining university in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment on National Highways

*140. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the National Highways are vulnerable to encroachments which result in the frequent road accidents;
- (b) details of steps taken by Government to remove such encroachments on the National Highways;
- (c) the number of National Highways which have been cleared from encroachments during the last three years; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that National Highway passing through the State of Punjab is full of encroachments, if so, steps taken by Government to remove such encroachments identified by the National Highways Authority of India?

Pucca houses under PMAY

*141. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 42 per cent of all rural houses are fully pucca as against 86 per cent in urban areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the percentage of newly constructed pucca houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), rural and urban respectively;
- (c) whether the Ministry has set any targets for conversion of all kutcha houses into pucca houses in both rural and urban areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fund allocation for dam safety

*142. SHRI AHMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned extra funds for dam safety projects in the country, since 2014;
- (b) if so, allocation for the period 2015 to 2018, project-wise;
- (c) whether Government has devised any strategy for the rehabilitation of marginal farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of National Waterways

*143. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of development of National Waterways during the period from 2014 to 2018;

(b) the details and present status of waterways projects approved and being implemented in southern States, project-wise;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the Kerala Government for development of National Waterways in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Public hearing in Polavaram Project

*144. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has denied to take up public hearing in villages in Odisha and Chhattisgarh which would submerge under Polavaram Project, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether conducting the public hearing in all submerging areas, is the responsibility of the Government as per A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to complete the project expeditiously in public interest?

Functioning of Standing Committee of NBW

*145. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total duration for which Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBW) has met in the last three years, and the details of tasks undertaken therein;

(b) the list of proposals seeking

approvals, received during last three years by Standing Committee of the NBW, and their clearances/rejections status;

(c) the number of proposals seeking approvals received by the Standing Committee during the period 2004-2014 and the status of corresponding clearances/rejections; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure that wildlife and ecology are protected?

KMP Expressway

*146. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide service roads along the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway, enabling the villagers to undertake their day-to-day activities without any difficulty; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure that none of the roads, connecting villages across the highway, revenue roads or water channels are blocked?

Increase in toll on National Highways

†*147. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the companies arbitrarily keep on increasing the toll continuously on National Highways, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the rules regarding charging of toll on National Highways; and

(c) the manner in which Government monitors it and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Bharatmala Pariyojana

*148. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharatmala Pariyojana is facing delays and shortage of funds;

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

(c) the current status of implementation of the Bharatmala Pariyojana so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of funds sanctioned and utilised for Bharatmala Pariyojana so far, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana also include the projects under National Highways Development Programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of man-days of jobs being created under Bharatmala Pariyojana?

Creation of productive assets under MGNREGA

*149. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 60 per cent of the works to be taken up in a district under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA),

shall be for creation of productive assets, directly linked to agriculture and allied activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said provision under the scheme is being strictly followed or the works other than agriculture and allied activities are being carried out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Stipulation of environmental condition for grant of building permission

*150. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued a notification recently, allowing local bodies to stipulate environmental conditions while granting building permission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this will improve launch pipeline time and help save time and cost overrun for developers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that as per the said notification, municipalities, development authorities and district panchayats can stipulate environmental conditions while granting building permission for building or construction projects measuring more than 50,000 sq. metre and less than 1,50,000 sq. metre of built up area?

NEW DELHI;
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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