

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, April 25, 2016/Vaisakha 5, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 15

Controlling flood in Gomati river

†*1. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been taken to check the damage caused by flood in Gomati river in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon during that period;

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared to control flood in Gomati river in Sultanpur district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Electrification of villages

*2. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country

which have been provided with electricity during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has set a target to provide electricity to all the villages under the electrification scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Water Framework Law

*3. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to put in place a National Water Framework Law to manage the precious water resource in a better way;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft framework has been prepared with all ingredients of the National Water Policy and circulated to States and Union Territories for their views; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Commercialisation of coal mining

*4. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to commercialise coal mining and invite private firms and auction coal blocks to them, with a view to have transparent mining and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private firms are not coming forward to participate in auctioning of coal mines and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the incentives being offered by Government to attract the private firms to participate in coal mining?

Identifying borewells in drought affected States

*5. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) team has been rushed to Latur in Maharashtra which is facing the worst water crisis after three years of consecutive drought to identify borewell sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry would direct NGRI to conduct similar surveys in drought affected States like Telangana, Bundelkhand in U.P. and other affected States to identify sources of borewells to mitigate water crisis; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Power supply to high yielding and productive units

*6. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking various steps to provide adequate power to high yielding and productive units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has mandated norms for reducing Specific Energy Consumption (SEC) for 478 industrial units of 8 high energy consuming sectors, under Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme of National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency;

(d) if so, the target reduction achieved by these units, State-wise; and

(e) the total value of energy saving certificates (EScerts) received by the industrial units in the country during the last three years?

Energy access of villages under SAGY

*7. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to improve the energy access of villages under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) whether there are plans to include low carbon technologies in the scheme;

(c) whether Government has set any renewable energy targets for adarsh villages under SAGY;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government plans to include new technologies like solar street lighting and solar home system in the

scheme for rural and remote villages to improve energy access?

Interlinking of rivers

*8. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent till date from ₹ 100 crores allocated for preparation of detailed project reports on interlinking of rivers;

(b) the amount spent till date from ₹ 100 crore which was set aside for the development and beautification of ghats in Kedarnath, Haridwar, Kanpur, Varanasi, Allahabad, Patna and Delhi;

(c) what is the level of progress achieved, till date; and

(d) the detailed break-up of amount spent in these areas?

Electricity from gas produced from human waste

*9. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that gas produced from decaying human waste can be used as a source of electricity while improving sanitary condition;

(b) whether the Ministry has made an assessment in this regard and whether this form of renewable energy can be scaled up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stocking of coal by CIL

*10. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL) is in a big dilemma over production and finding it difficult to further stock the fuel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CIL is not keen to rationalize prices and rather looking at methods to boost sales to keep weak subsidiaries in profit;

(c) whether CIL has reached a situation when the production cannot be optimized due to inability to stock coal further, which has already reached 40 MT due to sluggish demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to air pollution

*11. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths across the country caused due to indoor and outdoor air pollution during last three years and the amount spent by Government on air pollution health-related costs during last three years;

(b) whether Delhi is the most polluted city in the world, if so, the details thereof with a comparison of Delhi's PM 2-5 and PM 10 levels with five most polluted cities in the world; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to reduce air pollution, particularly in Delhi, if so, the details thereof and budgetary allocations made therefor, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fees on processing of applications for environment clearance

*12. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation about levying fees on processing of applications for environment clearance by State Pollution Control Boards, so as to facilitate providing infrastructure and manpower requirements of these Boards and to fast track pending clearances;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether the State Pollution Control Boards would be empowered to levy such fees; and

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

Progress of Sagarmala project

*13. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of Sagarmala project is running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the status thereof; and

(d) how many jobs are expected to be created by this project?

Scarcity of water

*14. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES,

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RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a severe scarcity of water in various parts of the country particularly in some districts of Maharashtra;

(b) whether any survey has been carried out to measure the total demand and the existing supply of water in big cities of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to restore ground water level and ensure adequate supply of drinking water?

Demand vis-a-vis generation of power in the country

†*15. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of electricity in megawatts in the country at present as against its generation;

(b) whether the Ministry would contemplate enhancing generation of hydro power particularly in hilly States to meet the shortage of electricity;

(c) whether Government would provide funds to States so that they can enhance generation of hydro power by building small dams; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the rising demand of electricity would be met?

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