

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 25, 2016/Sravana 3, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; 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

Depletion of coal reserves

*76. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of coal has increased during the last few years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the rate of increase compared to the gross domestic product during the last two years; and

(c) whether the coal reserves in the country are depleting fast, if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh

†*77. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent villages in Uttar Pradesh are still not electrified;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for electrification of all the villages; and

(c) the funds sought by the Uttar Pradesh Government under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and the funds provided by the Central Government thereunder?

Liquidation of coal stock through e-auctions

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited's (CIL) stock now stands at 55.3 million tonnes against 57.7 million tonnes that it opened the year with;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CIL has been able to liquidate stock through e-auctions;

(c) if so, the total quantity of coal liquidated through e-auctions during the year 2015-16; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the quantity earmarked for e-auctions for the year 2016-17?

Policy framework for taxi and other transport operators

*79. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operators in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its terms of reference; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to regulate the operations of taxi and other transport operators for the benefit of common people?

Investment in highways and ports

*80. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to accumulate ₹ 25 lakh crore out of budgetary support for investment in highways and ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the foreign funds contracts between the stakeholders therefor; and

(d) the details of projects where these funds would be utilized and the investment process therein?

Proposal for green cess

*81. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to impose green cess; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the rate of such cess proposed and how it has been proposed to be utilized?

Discharge of harmful waste by industries into river Ganga

†*82. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 786 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 2015 and state:

(a) the steps Government has taken to check 764 polluting industries located on the banks of the river Ganga and the results thereof;

(b) the details of directions issued to the 200 industries under Section 5 of Environment Protection Act and 178 industries under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (PCP) Act and whether they have been followed up;

(c) out of 68 units proposed to be closed, the number of units and tanneries which have been closed; and

(d) whether it has been ensured that no garbage/harmful wastes are flushed into the river Ganga by the industries situated adjoining the river?

National e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project

†*83. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project;

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(b) the number of panchayats which have been computerized, so far; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose, State-wise and Union Territory-wise and their utilization, so far?

New process of planning

*84. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Status of planning at present in the country;

(b) what changes Government has brought about in the process of planning with the conversion of Planning Commission into NITI Aayog;

(c) what changes have been brought about in transferring funds to the States, in lieu of Five Year Plans; and

(d) whether Government has introduced remedial measures to see that there is no *de facto* loss to States in getting funds from the Centre for annual development programmes?

Funds allocation for construction of NHs

†*85. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Uttarakhand for construction of National Highways (NHs), State-wise;

(b) whether the funds have been released, so far, for highways in Uttarakhand for the financial year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 out of the

sanctioned amount and if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of reasons for delay in disbursement of funds?

National Programme for LED-based Home and Street Lighting

*86. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LED bulbs distributed under the National Programme for LED-based Home and Street Lighting and the cost incurred thereon;

(b) whether Government has achieved its target of installing LED bulbs for domestic and street-lighting in 100 cities and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the estimated energy savings and reduction of greenhouse gases due to implementation of this programme in the past year?

IFS officers in Jharkhand

*87. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total sanctioned strength and persons in position of the Indian Forest Service (IFS) in Jharkhand;

(b) what is the total number of IFS officers currently facing disciplinary proceedings and criminal proceedings in a court of law; and

(c) what steps are being taken to cleanse the senior bureaucracy and retire such forest officers who are found wanting in discharge of their duties?

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National Mineral Exploration Policy

*88. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in a bid to attract private sector investment into exploration of non-fuel and non-coal minerals, Government has approved the National Mineral Exploration Policy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what will be States' role in this new policy; and

(c) how the approved Policy is different from the earlier one and the details thereof?

Purchase of ships by SCI

*89. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) embarked on reckless purchase of ships when the costs were high;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total loss due to this ill-conceived ship purchase plan; and

(d) who were the beneficiaries of the huge kick-backs involved in the deal?

Dumping of chemical wastes

*90. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received or any survey is done to find out how many industrial units are dumping their chemical wastes under the ground, causing contamination of ground water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether online monitoring system of tracking industrial effluents is being done of effective monitoring by State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any pilot project has been undertaken to rehabilitate polluted sites for improvement in ground water quality and if so, the details thereof?

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