

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 27, 2017/Chaitra 6, 1939 (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)

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Non-availability of gas in Gujarat for power generation

*256. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is aware that more than 3,000 MW gas based power generation capacity remains idle in Gujarat due to non-availability of gas at an affordable rate;

(b) whether the State Government has requested the Central Government to either allocate Administrated Pricing Mechanism gas or provide subsidy or allow such gas based capacity to run on available gas in the market so that power generated by the same may be purchased by Central Public Sector Units; and

(c) what is the response of Government in this regard?

Power generation target vis-a-vis demand

†*257. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual targets for generation of electricity, for five years from the year 2014-15, source-wise and the actual achievements till date along with the definite measures for achieving the forthcoming targets; and

(b) the gap between demand and supply during the above period till date and the measures taken for fulfilling the forthcoming demand?

Supply of piped drinking water to all villages

*258. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have

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been provided with piped drinking water supply during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has fixed any target by which all the villages in India will be provided with safe drinking water; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, including detailed action plan and budgetary provisions?

Clearance for development works and road construction in Karnataka

*259. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects with names and dates of their receipt, from Karnataka for clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, for development works and road construction during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and project-wise;

(b) the details of projects approved, out of the proposals submitted, under the Forest Conservation Act;

(c) the details of projects that are pending for clearance and the reasons for such pendency, project-wise; and

(d) by when pending projects are likely to be cleared?

Polluted cities in the country

*260. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the top five most polluted cities in the country;

(b) whether pollution has increased or decreased over the last five years in these cities;

(c) whether Government has prepared any roadmap to counter environment pollution in major cities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there are any cities in Rajasthan among the top ten most polluted cities in the country and if so, what steps have been taken to tackle pollution in these cities?

Increase in funding for MGNREGA

*261. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased funding under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the budget for 2017-18;

(b) the amount of funds which were sanctioned and utilised in Punjab under MGNREGA from 2015-16; and

(c) the details of utilisation of funds in the State, city-wise during the above period?

Purchase of construction material for toilets under SBM

*262. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the guidelines for building toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), the material for construction needs to be purchased from Rural Sanitary Marts (RSM) which are a part of this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of the total number of RSMs in the country and those which are functioning;

(c) if so, the details thereof, region-wise and if not, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the details of items needed for building a toilet including their cost in open market and in RSMs?

Construction of National Highways in Telangana

*263. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has committed to construct 2,132 Kms of National Highways in Telangana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposals from the Telangana Government have been received by the Ministry recommending the projects to be taken up and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds sanctioned and released, so far?

Repair of NH connecting Chhattisgarh and UP

†*264. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the dilapidated condition of the National Highway connecting Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for repair of this National Highway and by when this work would be completed?

Toll on Ahmedabad-Vadodara road

*265. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about investment and recovery in Ahmedabad-Kheda-Nadiad-Anand-Vadodara (from Narol) toll road;

(b) whether the recovery of the investment is calculated in terms of vehicles or years; and

(c) under which rule the company started to charge the toll fee, as the road is not 100 per cent complete?

Capacity of so lar power projects

*266. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the capacity of solar power projects, to achieve the target of 40, 000 MW by the year 2020;

(b) whether the cost of generation of solar power is now not more than the coal based thermal power projects due to rapid improvement in the solar equipment technology; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for setting up more solar plants with lower generation cost in various parts of the country?

Rejuvenation of river Ganga

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

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(a) the progress made so far for rejuvenation of river Ganga under clean Ganga campaign and the details of works undertaken, so far, under this campaign;

(b) the extent to which river Ganga has been cleaned under this campaign and the amount spent on its cleaning in the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Ganga water is getting dirtier instead of getting cleaned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Survey to assess water crisis in Karnataka

*268. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a possibility of a severe drinking water problem in the ensuing summer months in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government, in consultation with the State Government, is conducting any comprehensive survey to assess the prospect of severe drinking water crisis in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Child mortality due to environmental pollution

*269. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of WHO report, stating that environmental pollution is a major contributor for child mortality and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to create awareness among people living in highly polluted areas?

Active volcanos in the country

*270. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a volcano in India has recently become active; and

(b) if so, the details of its activation and precautionary steps taken by Government to protect that area from any losses?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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