

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, April 27, 2016/Vaisakha 7, 1938 (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

Residential tribal schools

*31. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of residential tribal schools and Government run 'ashram shalas' in tribal areas across India;

(b) the State-wise details of amount allocated for running these schools during last three years and the amount actually spent;

(c) the mechanism for awarding contracts to provide food to children studying in these schools;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the fact that 793 children died across Maharashtra in these schools between 2001 and 2013, if so, the details for such deaths from other States also; and

(e) the steps taken by the Ministry to address this issue?

Registration of persons convicted of sexual offences

*32. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed in its draft guidelines for registration of sex offenders, inclusion of all those convicted for sexual offences ranging from voyeurism and stalking to rape and aggravated sexual assault;

(b) whether it is also a fact that registration will be made only for offenders of the age of 18 years and above;

(c) whether according to the said draft guidelines, those convicted of sexual offences will be obliged to provide all prescribed information which may include name, address, telephone number, passport number, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Criteria for inclusion of languages in Eighth Schedule

*33. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not having adopted a fixed criterion for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution of India;

(b) on what basis does Government decipher between a dialect of a language and a new language before granting a language status;

(c) the names of the languages which have been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution so far, State-wise; and

(d) the details of benefits a language avails after its inclusion in the Eighth Schedule?

Raising the strength of BSF and CRPF

*34. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to raise the strength of Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF);

(b) if so, whether the reservation of women, SC/ST/OBC and minorities have been fixed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking of States on ease of doing business

*35. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the

World Bank to rank States on the Ease of Doing Business for the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the role of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in this exercise will be limited only to facilitate the interactions between States and the World Bank; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Suicide by sportspersons in hostels of SAI

*36. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many young sportspersons have committed suicide in the country during the recent past in the hostels of Sports Authority of India (SAI);

(b) whether Government has taken any action for the negligence of the authorities causing loss to the lives of innocent players; and

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

AFSPA in States

*37. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many States the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) is in force;

(b) whether any State has demanded to rescind it, if so, which are the States;

(c) in how many States it has been withdrawn; and

(d) whether Government has a plan to ensure law and order without resorting to such harsh enactments?

Project 'Mausam'

*38. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of countries that India is working with on Project 'Mausam';

(b) what are the different disciplines involved in this Project; and

(c) the year-wise data regarding the funds allocated by the Ministry for this project, since its inception in June, 2014?

Allocation of funds for exploration of petroleum products/gas

*39. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and expended for petroleum/gas exploration in India during the last three years;

(b) the project-wise details thereof; and

(c) the findings of each of petroleum/gas exploration projects taken up during the last three years?

Social security schemes for construction workers

*40. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to ensure that all construction workers in the country are covered under social security schemes such as the Employees' Provident Fund;

(b) whether Government has written to State Governments to seek their cooperation in this endeavour;

(c) whether the biggest challenge in bringing millions of country's construction workers under various welfare schemes is the seasonal and migrant nature of their job; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Online database of fingerprints of criminals

*41. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and the National Crime Records Bureau have decided to develop a comprehensive online database of fingerprints of criminals of all States which will be helpful in investigating inter-State crimes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the process is likely to be completed?

Theft reported in multi-utility tunnel in Connaught Place, New Delhi

*42. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of thefts reported in the 1.2 km. long multi-utility tunnel of NDMC in Connaught Place, New Delhi during last five years;

(b) whether Government is aware that poor security of this tunnel is a security threat for common people; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government in this regard and to ensure that all the vulnerable areas of the tunnel are sanitized on regular basis?

Preservation of mythological heritage

†*43. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to preserve mythological heritage and convert them into tourist places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount allocated by Government in the current budget for the maintenance, beautification and development of all the tourist places of Bihar?

Blast of CRPF vehicle in Dantewada by naxalites

†*44. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of security lapses and negligence have come to light in the case of

blasting off of a CRPF vehicle in Dantewada in the month of March by naxalites in which 7 jawans met an untimely death;

(b) the reasons for not getting satisfactory success despite steps having been taken for internal security of the country keeping in view the threat from naxalites; and

(c) the amount spent on curbing naxalism during the last three years?

Approval of tourism projects

*45. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of tourism projects approved during the last two years in the country including Odisha; and

(b) the State-wise steps taken or being taken to ensure the timely completion of various tourism projects in the country?

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