RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, July 27, 2015/Sravana 5, 1937 (Saka)

(Ministries: Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Human Resource Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 15

Coastal shipping trade between neighbouring countries

- *61. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has approved bilateral coastal shipping trade between neighbouring countries; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of vocational courses in secondary schools

- *62. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has drawn any policy for promotion of vocational courses in secondary schools to tackle problem of unemployment and if so, the details thereof;

- (b) the budgetary allocations during the current Five Year Plan for vocational education in schools in the country;
- (c) the total sanctioned and filled-in strength of vocational education teachers in different categories; and
- (d) what is the status of the overall vocational education scenario in Rajasthan and how it compares with other States?

Irregularities under PMGSY

- †*63. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of any irregularities committed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Restrictions on minority education

†*64. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of putting restrictions on the education being imparted in the minority educational institutions under the Right of children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act have come to the notice and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the impediments being created to the minority education are not a violation of fundamental rights keeping in view the provisions of Article 30(1) of the Constitution which provides right to the religious and linguistic minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice and if so, the details thereof?

Ganga rejuvenation project

- *65. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether river Ganga rejuvenation project has started functioning;
- (b) if so, the date from which the project has started functioning;
- (c) the details of works done from the date of starting the project, till date; and
- (d) the amount earmarked for the project and the amount spent, so far?

Meeting of National Monitoring Committee on Land Acquisition Issues

- *66. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National Monitoring Committee on Land Acquisition Issues had a meeting on April 25, 2015;
- (b) the details of subjects that were discussed:
- (c) whether any time-frame was set up to obtain early outcomes for relief to displaced people in various areas; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to extend the benefits of the new Land Acquisition Act of 2013 to tribals and farmers?

Measures to mitigate risks in land acquisition

- *67. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the eight risks suffered by the oustees of involuntary displacement through land acquisition including landlessness, joblessness, homelessness, food insecurity, etc. and that women as food providers to family actually suffer more than men; and
- (b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any special set of measures to mitigate these gender-biased risks in the proposed Land Acquisition Bill?

National Highways in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) district, Karnataka

*68. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) what are the National Highway works proposed in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) district in Karnataka; and
- (b) what is the cost, when the work would commence and when the work would be completed, keeping in view that Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) is a fast growing city?

Energy financing challenges

- *69. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is working on energy financing challenges for future; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of roads under PMGSY

- †*70. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the latest status of constructed and unconstructed roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) relating to connected and unconnected villages, along with their length, State-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken for improvement and maintenance of present PMGSY roads and the details of funds provided to the States during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

Conversion of National Highways into green corridors

- *71. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to convert National Highways into green

- corridors, by planting trees and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) what is the cost of making green corridors and the details of States that would be covered; and
- (c) by when this would be completed and the number of employment opportunities it would create?

Toilet facilities in schools

- †*72. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Government has issued any guidelines to provide toilet facilities in all the schools and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Central Government to provide infrastructural facilities like toilets, playgrounds, potable water, furniture, etc. in the schools in Rajasthan?

Changes in education system

- *73. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the present education system in the country is not in consonance with the present day needs of the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto:
- (c) whether comprehensive changes in this education system are needed; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps Government has taken so far in this regard?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Checking unfair means in examination system

- *74. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that there has been a sudden increase in the leaking of examination papers conducted by CBSE, etc. as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check unfair means in the examination system?

Connectivity to religious places

- *75. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to focus on providing better connectivity to places of religious importance and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that efforts were being made to start the 1,100 km. Chardham project to connect Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath during Dussehra and if so, the details thereof?

New Delhi; *The* 21st July, 2015 *Ashadha* 30, 1937 (Saka) SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF, Secretary-General.

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