

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, July 29, 2015/Sravana 7, 1937 (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

Construction of modern stadiums

†*91. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO:
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to
construct modern stadiums in the current
financial year to encourage the youth from
rural areas to participate in sports;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
and

(c) the year-wise and State-wise details
of the stadiums constructed and the funds
allocated during the last three years?

Amendment to the Antiquity Act

*92. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will
the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any artifact/
furniture, etc. which is more than 100 years
old falls under the purview of 'Antiquity'
and needs to be registered under the
Antiquity Act; and

(b) whether Government is considering
any amendment to the Antiquity Act
considering that there are millions of such
items in the country and it is almost
impossible to register them with
Government?

Financial assistance to West Bengal for modernisation of police stations and jails

*93. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance
provided by Central Government to the
State of West Bengal during the last financial
year for upgradation of police stations and
jails;

(b) whether any special assistance has
been provided for education, etc. of children
of women prisoners; and

(c) if so, the quantum of amount spent
thereon?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Rising unemployment

*94. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to unemployment the country's human resources are being wasted and the country has witnessed a rise in unemployment in the last two years;

(b) whether the problem of unemployment is rising but still many industries are facing the problem of shortage of skilled candidates for the companies; and

(c) whether Government has ascertained the reasons of unemployment in the country and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to reduce unemployment?

Irregularities in Lalit Kala Akademi

†*95. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been receiving complaints pertaining to the reported administrative and financial irregularities in the Lalit Kala Akademi for past some years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the complaints pertaining to the said administrative and financial irregularities have been/are being investigated and if so, the details thereof?

Welfare schemes of oil companies for SCs/STs/OBCs/Minorities

*96. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes implemented for people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other

Backward Classes, Minority communities residing in the neighbourhood of projects of oil companies;

(b) the company-wise details of funds spent by Government/oil companies under the said schemes during each of last three years and the current year;

(c) whether cases of corruption/irregularities under said schemes have come to the notice of Government during said period, if so, the company-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government has conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with corrective steps taken by Government?

Concessions to different sectors of economy

*97. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial concessions have been given to various sectors of industry and commerce in the form of tax, duty reductions, etc. during the last three years, if so, what is the total amount involved;

(b) what improvement has occurred in production, export, etc., because of this and what has been the growth in the economy; and

(c) whether there is any recent fall in production in manufacturing and other fields in spite of these promotional measures?

Implementation of programmes for forest villages

*98. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of programmes

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being implemented by Government specially for forest villages and its dwellers in the country, particularly in tribal areas for last two years;

(b) the allocation made, amount sanctioned, released and utilization made by the State Governments as well as concerned departments for the purpose during this period; and

(c) whether Government has proposed for upgradation of forest villages into revenue villages and if so, the details thereof?

Employment generation by tourism industry

*99. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of employment generated by the tourism industry during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the tourism industry has sought various relaxations including tax rebate and infrastructural development for its sustenance;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to further boost tourism in the country?

Payment of minimum pension of rupees one thousand

*100. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has put on hold the decision regarding payment of a minimum pension of ₹ 1000 per month;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation of the decision; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Influx through international riverine border

*101. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that influx through international riverine border will be posing a security problem for the North-Eastern States in due course, mainly for Assam;

(b) whether there is any plan to plug the gaps along the riverine border; and

(c) if so, to what extent it will technically and effectively seal the Indo-Bangladesh border?

Blending of ethanol with petrol

*102. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has permitted ethanol to be blended with petrol, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any representation to increase the level of ethanol to be blended with petrol, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Chinese tourists to India

*103. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise percentage of tourists coming to India from China in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that from this year, 100 million Chinese people are travelling in different countries as tourists;

(c) if so, what efforts the Ministry is making to grab this opportunity to attract more Chinese tourists; and

(d) whether there is any move to extend Visa on Arrival to China, if not, the reasons therefor?

Centrally protected monuments

*104. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of centrally protected monuments across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the list was made in the 1920s and almost a century

has passed during which many listed monuments are reported to be missing or untraceable;

(c) if so, the State-wise number of such missing or untraceable monuments;

(d) whether the National Monuments Authority has asked the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to re-examine the list of protected monuments, de-notify those missing and add new monuments under Central Government protection; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Universal Account Number

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has notified an order to make Universal Account Number (UAN) mandatory for all employers covered under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for making the UAN mandatory for the employers?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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