

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, November 30, 2015/Agrahayana 9, 1937 (Saka)*

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

**Impact of electromagnetic waves on
insects and birds**

*1. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about many studies/reports indicating that the electromagnetic waves emitted by mobile phone towers and cell phones kill honey bees and thereby pose a threat to bee population in the country;

(b) whether Government is also aware that this dominant source of electromagnetic radiation in the urban areas could well be the cause behind mysterious disappearance of butterflies, some insects and birds;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government to deal with all forms of electro-pollution of the environment and

the deadly electro-smog created by mobile phone towers and cell phones?

**Speed governors for commercial
vehicles**

*2. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi happens to be one among several Indian cities which are yet to enforce the Supreme Court's order, making speed governors mandatory for commercial vehicles, pronounced way back on the 1st October, 1997;

(b) whether Government has also issued a notification in April this year in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to take action against vehicles which are not fitted with speed governors, as per the Supreme Court's said direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental clearance for capital city project of Andhra Pradesh

*3. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached the Central Government for environmental clearance for its capital city project;

(b) if so, what is the advice given to the State Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not initiating *suo moto* action since the National Green Tribunal has voiced concern that concrete buildings would come up in fertile agriculture land where multiple crops are cultivated, at present?

Revolving Fund Provision under NBA

*4. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent under the Revolving Fund Provision in Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) for each district in the country during the last one year;

(b) whether Government has made any action plan to achieve this plan; and

(c) if so, the detailed comparative analysis of project implementation, district-wise?

Status of National Mission for Clean Ganga

†*5. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current status of National Mission for Clean Ganga, State-wise;

(b) the details of amount spent on this plan till date, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the future action plan in this regard, State-wise?

Indira Awaas Yojana in Bihar

†*6. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar has been neglected under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount allocated to Bihar under IAY during the last five years and the justification of reducing the funds of IAY meant for building homes for the poor?

Intended Nationally Determined Contributions on reducing emission

*7. SHRI S.THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has submitted its Intended Nationally

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Determined Contributions (INDCs) on reducing emission in Bonn on 1st October, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has expressed its desire to be a part of the solution to climate change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Arsenic level in Ganga water

*8. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to decrease the level of arsenic in the water of Ganga;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has any technology to deal with arsenic problem in major rivers;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) what measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to provide arsenic free water to the people?

Development of inland waterways as National Waterways

*9. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any scheme for the development of inland waterways as National Waterways, recently;

(b) if so, the names of rivers declared as National Waterways in Goa and the

extent and scope of each of these waterways;

(c) the amount allocated or proposed to be allocated for the development of these waterways and the types of development envisaged for the National Waterways in Goa; and

(d) the details of restrictions on the powers of the State Government which are likely to be imposed?

Pending clean drinking water projects in Rajasthan

†*10. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of central projects pertaining to clean drinking water running in Rajasthan including the desert areas and the number of those pending before the Central Government;

(b) the details of projects submitted by the State regarding drinking water during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of pending projects together with the reasons for their pendency?

Level of air pollution in Delhi

†*11. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of air pollution in Delhi in the mid of this month *i.e.* November, 2015 was more than the prescribed norms;

(b) the quantum of pollution generated daily by vehicles in NCR and whether any step is taken to curb pollution if it exceeds the prescribed level;

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(c) whether increase in pollution has been recorded in Delhi this month due to burning of stump (Parali) and other waste in the neighbouring States of Delhi including Punjab and Haryana and whether this activity is going on for many years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

High efficiency coal-fired power generation technology

*12. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new high efficiency technology for coal-fired generation of power being planned for the country; and

(b) how much reduction of CO₂ emissions is expected from such clean superior coal technology in the country, the details?

Integrated Power Development Scheme

*13. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has launched the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims;

(c) the number of cities proposed to be covered under IPDS in the country particularly in Odisha and Maharashtra;

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed to complete the projects under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, project-wise?

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National Highway Projects

*14. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NH projects assigned to private companies under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) mode, NH-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken by the National Highways Authority of India for speedy completion of pending and incomplete NH projects;

(c) the progress made during the last three years in laying of NHs in various States, State-wise and NH-wise; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred during the above period to execute National Highway projects across the country by the Central Government?

Revitalisation of Patratu Power Plant by NTPC

*15. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand has one of the lowest Plant Load Factor (PLF) among all the power generating States in India;

(b) whether NTPC has entered into an MoU with the State Government of Jharkhand to revitalize the Patratu Power Plant;

(c) what are the timeline and targets set therefor; and

(d) whether, NTPC is considering further expansion of Patratu Power Plant in the medium term to improve power generation in Jharkhand?

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(Ministry-wise)

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