

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 30, 2017/Chaitra 9, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

Talks on visa restriction with USA

*301. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary has held any talks recently with the United States of America (USA) over visa restrictions for Indian workers;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether USA has agreed to send a team to India for further talks in this regard; and

(d) what further steps Government is taking to ensure that Indian workers and professionals are not deprived of trade benefits assured by World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other international agencies?

Support to Indian expatriates in Middle East

*302. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to support Indian expatriates working in the Middle East in the light of economic and political turmoil being reported there;

(b) if so, whether any package to help them to invest in India is being considered; and

(c) whether any liberal norms are being considered for the above purpose?

Completion of Kovvada nuclear reactors

*303. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kovvada

1 and 2 nuclear reactors, with a capacity of 3,000 MW, are expected to be completed by the end of the current Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the progress of those reactors; and

(c) what would be the share of Andhra Pradesh in the power generated by those reactors?

Construction of houses under PMAY in Bihar and Jharkhand

†*304. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), and the number of persons who have already been allotted the constructed houses, city-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the implementation of PMAY projects in Bihar and Jharkhand is not in accordance with the time limit fixed for its completion and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to spread awareness among people about PMAY in those States and if so, the details thereof?

Norms for self financing professional colleges

*305. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of self financing professional colleges in the country during 2015-16 and 2016-17 along with the number of students and teachers therein;

(b) whether all these colleges satisfy the norms set by the All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE);

(c) if not, whether such colleges are allowed to function and number of such colleges along with the number of students therein;

(d) whether students are transferred to other colleges in case they are not allowed to function; and

(e) number of students who could not be transferred?

Indian foreign policy

*306. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign policy of India with respect to our neighbouring countries; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to rethink or restructure the policy and if so, the steps, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

Retaining of passports by Air India

*307. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has authorised Air India to seize and retain passports of Indian workers who were deported or disallowed entry in various Gulf and Middle East countries;

(b) the number of such passports in custody of Air India since 1st January, 2016 to 1st February, 2017;

(c) whether Government has received

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

complaints that a number of such passports issued in Southern States are with Air India; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure expeditious return of such passports to workers?

Bribery rate in the country

*308. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the recent report of Transparency International, India has the highest bribery rate in Asia Pacific region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

Standard of facilities at pre-schools

*309. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering a policy framework to regulate the standard of facilities at pre-schools, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has already prepared the guidelines in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the policy framework is proposed to be put in place?

Death due to malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh

*310. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every day

more than sixty children are dying in Madhya Pradesh due to malnutrition;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures are taken to stop this menace?

Cyber security course in schools

*311. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to introduce any course pertaining to cyber security in all schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be introduced in the school curriculum?

High death rate of children

*312. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India accounts for highest death rate of children under five years due to environmental risks such as pollution and poor sanitation;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to minimize the death rate of children?

Budget allocation to ISRO

*313. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) specifically for developing its capability in

satellite launching during the last three years;

(b) how much revenue has been earned by ISRO by launching of foreign satellites during that period;

(c) whether Government proposes to promote ISRO as a commercial satellite launch undertaking on self-sustenance basis and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is planning to seek assistance/collaboration from other countries for development of satellite launching capability and if so, the details thereof?

Nuclear power generation capacity

*314. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of nuclear power generation capacity added during the last three years including the current year;

(b) the amount of funds spent on maintenance and upgradation of nuclear

power plants during that period and the per unit cost of power generation;

(c) the target set for generation of nuclear power during the current year and the progress made in this regard, so far; and

(d) whether Government is planning to expand the capacity of existing and new plants to meet the growing energy needs and if so, the details thereof?

Maternity Benefit Programme

*315. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of conditions which are required to be fulfilled by the women for availing the benefits under the Maternity Benefit Programme; and

(b) the number of women who were benefited under the programme during 2016-17, till date?

NEW DELHI;
The 24th March, 2017
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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