

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 15, 2019/Ashadha 24, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Environment, Forest and Climate Change;
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Jal
Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs;
Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and Highways; Shipping;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 15

Status of Polavaram Project

*226. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
has approved and issued notification of
second Detailed Project Report (DPR) of
Polavaram Project with an estimated cost
of ₹ 55,548 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Technical
Advisory Committee (TAC) met recently
in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details of the outcome of
the TAC and the plans of Ministry to move
forward in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for reducing revised
estimates from ₹ 58,000 crores to ₹ 55,548
crores?

Search for AN-32 Aircraft

*227. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force (IAF) is
planning to procure all terrain vehicles for
rescue operations after AN-32 crash in
Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AN-32 crash was accidental
or some external force has caused the
accident; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action
proposed to be taken to avoid such
accidents in the near future?

Setting up bio-toilets in village- panchayats in Telangana

*228. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will
the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government has any
proposal to set up bio-toilets in village
panchayats in the State of Telangana;

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

(c) the time-frame by which all the village panchayats are likely to be covered under the scheme?

Mitigating impact of Climate Change

†*229. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures being taken to prevent deaths and diseases linked to Climate Change; and

(b) the details of the efforts and achievements being made in this regard?

Impact assessment of Climate Change on agrarian society

*230. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted an impact assessment study related to Climate Change in agrarian society such as Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the findings of such a study with reference to impact on agriculture based sectors;

(d) the recommendations made therein; and

(e) the steps that Government has taken to ensure the implementation of such recommendations?

Shortage of potable water

*231. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether people of various States are facing a lot of hardship due to unavailability of potable water;

(b) whether various State Governments have failed to provide potable water;

(c) whether, in view of the rising demand of potable water, Government has increased the number of drinking water supply plants or set up new drinking water supply plants and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether owing to the said problem, people are compelled to drink contaminated water; and

(e) if so, by when Government would be able to provide potable water to all?

Availability of drinking water in rural areas of Karnataka

*232. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the serious situation in various parts of the country, especially in rural areas of Karnataka, about the availability of drinking water for people and animals;

(b) the details of the special arrangements made for availability of drinking water in rural areas of Karnataka and various parts of the country;

(c) the response of Government on increasing water crisis year by year and whether any scheme has been implemented to solve water crisis this year; and

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

Proposal for nationalisation of the major rivers

*233. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to nationalise the major rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there are any plans for a permanent solution to settle Inter-State water disputes in the country?

Meeting the requirements of Defence equipments

*234. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports most of its defence equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is working out on any action plan to make the country self-reliant in the field of defence equipment productions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any plan to include private sector in the production of defence equipment on large scale; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Elimination of use of plastic bags

*235. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of strict measures being taken by Government to eliminate use of plastic bags, wrappers, bottles and other non-essential packaging;

(b) the impact of these efforts so far in the last three years;

(c) whether Government is considering a heavy tax on disposal of plastics that cannot be recycled; and

(d) whether Government will implement a hundred per cent recycling policy on plastics that can be recycled with heavy penalties for offenders?

National Talent Development Programme

*236. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of National Talent Development Programme (NTDP);

(b) the details of priority sports disciplines identified by the Ministry to help promising sportspersons in the country;

(c) whether NTDP is limited to rural areas or is it also extended to urban areas;

(d) whether there is a scheme to attract talent in tribal areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Forest cover in urban areas

*237. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that forest cover in urban areas has been disappearing very fast and is well below six per cent in some metro cities, including the SMART Cities, which are targeted to be developed with maximum green cover area?

Four-laning of Parwanoo-Solan section of NH-5

†*238. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that haphazard work in the ongoing work of four laning of Parwanoo-Solan section of National Highway-5 has posed a threat to several houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that a private company engaged in the said construction work has neither timely erected the breast wall after cutting work nor taken any effective measures to protect the said houses; and

(d) if so, whether Government has taken

any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of requirement of coal

*239. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding requirement of coal for power and non-power sector by 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any feasibility study regarding domestic production of different types of coal *i.e.* coke and non-coking; and

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

Loss making PSUs

*240. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sick Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) along with the accumulated loss of such PSUs during the last three years and the current year, PSU-wise;

(b) whether fresh initiatives have been taken by Government for improving the performance of loss making PSUs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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