

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, November 18, 2019/Kartika 27, 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

Utilisation of funds for Namami Gange Programme

*1. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned
₹20,000/- crores to be spent under Namami
Gange Programme (NGP) during 2014-15
to 2019-20;

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

(c) the details of fund spent, out of the
above allocations till date, year-wise and
State-wise; and

(d) the details of projects undertaken
under NGP and completed as on date,
State-wise along with cost incurred on these
projects, project-wise?

Mandatory land acquisition for highways construction

*2. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will
the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
proposes to ease the 80 per cent mandatory
land acquisition condition before start of
highways construction work in order to
speed up road building;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and
list of highway construction projects that
have completed more than 70 per cent land
acquisition and less than the mandatory
requirement of 80 per cent land acquisition,
State-wise; and

(c) the details of other steps taken by
Government to prevent delay of highway
construction due to mandatory requirement
of 80 per cent land acquisition before
awarding the work?

Coal reserves in India

*3. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) amount of coal reserves in India at present;

(b) details of amount of coal in tons produced by Coal India Ltd. during each of last three financial years;

(c) details of amount of coal in tons imported to India during last three financial years, details thereof;

(d) details of amount of imported coal which was non-coking and/or thermal coal; and

(e) details of specific measures adopted by Coal India Ltd. to increase coal production, details thereof?

Impact of air pollution on health of citizens

*4. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of growing air pollution on health of the citizens in the cities and rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the air quality?

Allocation of coal blocks

*5. DR. SANTANU SEN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the coal blocks for which auction had been cancelled earlier have been allocated to Coal India Limited (CIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimate of the coal to be produced by CIL during current year?

Haj Pilgrimage

*6. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who performed Haj Pilgrimage during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons who availed shipping transport for Haj Pilgrimage;

(c) whether number of persons has decreased after withdrawal of Haj subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Objections on new provisions of MV (Amendment) Act, 2019

†*7. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Transport Associations have registered their objections on the applicable provisions of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 by going on strike in Delhi and NCR in the month of September;

(b) places where amount received from the fine for violation of these provisions are being used;

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(c) whether Government would consider using the fine levied to improve traffic arrangements;

(d) whether provisions made in the said Act are compatible with traffic arrangements and quality of the road; and

(e) details of States that have implemented the said Act and the number of those States that have reduced the fine?

Proposal to set up Aluminium Alloys Development and Production Unit

*8. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to set up Aluminium Alloys Development and Production Unit in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be completed and will start production; and

(d) the direct and indirect employment opportunities that are likely to be created, particularly for local youth?

Lack of garbage dumping grounds in Himachal Pradesh

*9. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is an acute problem of garbage dumping ground in the country;

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

(c) whether due to lack of dumping grounds in Himachal Pradesh, several

citizens including tourists are suffering from serious health problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Declaration of villages as ODF

*10. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the verification process mandated by the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Guidelines to declare a village Open Defecation Free (ODF) has been completed for all villages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when Government expects its completion;

(d) whether at present all toilets built under the SBM in each village have adequate water supply and safe septic disposal facilities; and

(e) if not, steps taken by Government to address the lack of facilities?

Disposal of solid waste

*11. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing any scientific technique to tackle the ever-growing solid waste in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any progress has been made to move landfill sites, far away from the main cities?

National Clean Air Programme

†*12. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to tackle the problem of pollution, a National Clean Air Programme has been started by Government with the aim to reduce pollution upto 20 to 30 per cent in more than 100 identified cities during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the progress in above mentioned Programme has been as per expectations, so far and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of new stadia

†*13. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to build stadia at the State, district and panchayat level to promote sports in the country;

(b) if so, the progress made in this direction so far;

(c) the number of new stadia constructed so far during the last two years and State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is considering to build any new stadium in Patna, Bihar to organise national level sports championships?

Cleanliness of small rivers

†*14. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by Government to maintain cleanliness of the small rivers flowing through district headquarters, cities and industrial areas;

(b) whether Government is going to make new provisions for this; and

(c) if so, the details of the strategies being prepared for this?

District Youth Convention Programmes

*15. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of district youth convention programmes in the country;

(b) the number of youth convention programmes, organised by Government in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT/District-wise, including Telangana;

(c) the budgetary allocation for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
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