

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 2, 2019/Agrahayana 11, 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)

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Construction of National Highways in Telangana

*136. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
has given acceptance for construction of
National Highways in the State of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details of the National
Highways considered for construction; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated and
released so far for their early construction?

Construction of highways by NHAI

*137. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated,
released and utilised by NHAI for
construction of new highways during
2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, so far,
year-wise;

(b) the details of new highways
constructed during 2017-18 and 2018-19,
year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of new highways
constructed during 2019-20, till 30th
November, 2019, State-wise; and

(d) the details of cost of construction of
new double lane highways, per kilometre,
at present?

Revised Cost Estimates for Polavaram Project

*138. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Polavaram
Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) are pending
for approval with Government even after
approval from Central Water Commission
(CWC), Technical Advisory Committee of
the Ministry in February, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RCEs
are pending and awaiting some clarification
from State, if so, the details thereof?

Policy on Patent Right

*139. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any incentive policy for introducing new technologies in Indian industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what is Ministry's current policy on Patent Right?

Increase in road accidents

†*140. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a huge increase in the traffic related road accidents in the country in the year 2019 *vis-a-vis* year 2018;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that one of the main reasons for said accidents is the use of pressure horn and inadequate information of traffic rules to the public; and
- (c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to prevent traffic related road accidents in the country in the year 2019-20?

Pitiable living conditions of sportspersons

*141. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many sportspersons of national level are living in

a pitiable condition in various parts of the country;

- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to identify them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Key findings of India State of Forest Report, 2017

*142. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the key findings of India State of Forest Report, 2017;
- (b) whether the geographical area of forest cover increased over the last ten years; and
- (c) the top three States where forest cover has increased over the last ten years?

Expenditure incurred on Government advertisements

*143. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of newspaper advertisements sanctioned by Government over the last three years and total expenditure incurred on the same, State-wise;
- (b) total expenditure incurred on advertisements on the internet over the said period; and
- (c) whether Government plans to increase advertisement spending in regional newspapers and if so, details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Development of shipbuilding activities

*144. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focusing on development of shipbuilding activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Conservation of Gulf of Mannar

*145. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has placed 'Gulf of Mannar' in the State of Tamil Nadu under the category of 'Critical Vulnerable Coastal Areas' (CVCA);

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

(c) whether Government has proposed to provide special care to preserve and conserve 'Gulf of Mannar'; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CPSEs in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh

*146. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) operational in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh during 2000-2014, 2014-2019 and August, 2019 to December, 2019;

(b) the total employment and vacancies in these enterprises;

(c) Government's financial investment in CPSEs in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh during 2000-2014, 2014-2019 and August, 2019 to December, 2019; and

(d) Government's plan to increase Government investment in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh?

Encouragement of charkha in 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

*147. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to encourage the use of charkha in the country on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi; and

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

Sports infrastructure in Punjab

*148. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports infrastructure projects sanctioned/implemented in the State of Punjab during the last three years under various schemes of the Ministry;

(b) the details of facilities made available in different sports disciplines by Sports Authority of India (SAI) for sportspersons in Punjab; and

(c) the funds allocated/released by Government for development of sports in Punjab?

Employee issues in HAL

*149. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade

unions of Hindustan Aeronautic Limited (HAL) have demanded more pay for the HAL employees and they have been on strike on this issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the HAL has refused to entertain the demand of the employees stating the financial position of HAL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Waiving off of income tax on disability pension

*150. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent a proposal to Ministry of Finance to waive off income tax on the disability pension for Defence personnel; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the reaction of Government thereon?

NEW DELHI;
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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