

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 9, 2019/Agrahayana 18, 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

New tariff order of TRAI for Cable TV and DTH operators

*211. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new tariff order of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for cable TV and Direct-To-Home (DTH) operators, has adversely impacted the TV viewers, who have taken up the matter with TRAI for immediate relief from being fleeced by broadcasters and cable operators;

(b) whether the TV viewers have complained that broadcasters try to push bouquets of mostly unpopular channels along with a few popular channels by offering them at highly discounted rates; and

(c) whether the consumers are now caught between TRAI and broadcasters and are choosing video streaming platforms as an alternative?

Assessment of capacity of plants to absorb carbon dioxide

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

(a) whether tree plantation areas are included while calculating forest area and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a correct assessment of the capacity of forest to absorb carbon dioxide has been made and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, in the absence of correct information regarding the capacity of plants inside and outside forest areas to absorb carbon dioxide, whether any other system is likely to be developed to assess the purity of air; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said system is likely to be developed?

Problems due to overloading of trucks

†*213. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether truck overloading has become a serious problem in various States and a large number of people lose their lives on National and State Highways, due to accidents caused by overloading of trucks every year and that the bridges and roads get damaged before time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several cases of overloading of trucks have been registered against cement transporting trucks and whether it is also a fact that it has come to notice of Government about the cases of complicity of transportation officers with cement companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Consultants and advisors working with the Ministry

*214. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and its various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when they are working and the details of total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being paid to them, Department/Institution-wise; and

(c) the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

Opening of Sainik Schools for girl children

*215. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a proposal to admit girl children to Sainik Schools in phases from 2021-22 academic session;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision follows the success of a pilot project started by the Government for admission of girl children in Sainik Schools, Chhingchhip, Mizoram; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation for poor minority students

†*216. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for reservation for the poor students of minority communities in the minority educational institutes;

(b) if so, the percentage thereof and the manner in which it is being implemented; and

(c) if not, whether Government would take initiative for facilitating poor minorities?

OCEMS in Tamil Nadu

*217. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has installed Online Continuous Effluent Emission Monitoring System (OCEMS) in all the rivers of the State of Tamil Nadu;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

Rainwater harvesting

†*218. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in the absence of adequate rainwater harvesting facility, a large volume of rainwater is being washed away in various parts of the country including Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the illegal exploitation of ground water by digging tube-wells is being done in different parts of the country including the National Capital Region, during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for effective rainwater harvesting in the country?

Quantum of automobile sales

*219. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of automobile sales in India, month-wise, for last three years;

(b) the value of automobile sales in India, month-wise, during last three years; and

(c) the number of automobile and ancillary manufacturing units that have closed down during last three years, till date, year-wise?

Action against money laundering

*†*220. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that money laundering is being carried out by office-bearers of various Muslim Associations in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has not taken any action to enquire into the possession of disproportionate assets by the suspended General Secretaries of Muslim Associations;

(c) whether Government proposes to take stringent action against the accused persons; and

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

Limitation and restriction on claims under provision of MV Act, 2019

*221. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that prescribing a period of limitation and restricting power of Tribunal to entertain any claim petition beyond the period of limitation *i.e.* six months is harsh, inequitable and likely to cause injustice to claimants; and

(b) whether earlier Act of 1988, allowed drivers, cleaners, labourers to claim compensation in the same policy without proving negligence in Workmen Compensation Court and the Amended

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 Act, 2019 deleted this provision?

Orders with Defence PSUs

*222. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently order bookings of Defence PSUs are dangerously low and will not sustain them beyond 2020-21;

(b) if so, the details of orders with various Defence PSUs including Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bharat Dynamics Limited, Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Goa Shipyard Limited, etc.;

(c) the reasons for very low order books of Defence PSUs; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to formulate a foolproof strategy to ensure that none of the Defence PSUs remain idle for want of orders?

Water crisis

*223. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken in response to NITI Aayog's Composite Water Management Index, 2018, which states that 21 major cities of India will reach zero ground water level by 2020;

(b) the results of such steps; and

(c) plans for the future to tackle this water crisis in the country?

Climate resilient infrastructure

*224. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of natural disasters that can be linked to climate change in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any study for better prediction of these disasters in future;

(c) whether Government has made any consultations with private stakeholders to assess immediate financial risks in various sectors in case of natural disasters;

(d) if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether climate change aspects have been considered while building new infrastructure, if so, details of climate-resilient infrastructure created during last three years, project-wise, State-wise; and

(f) details of infrastructure retro-fitted for climate resilience during last three years, State-wise?

Compensation for loss to human lives caused by wild animals

†*225. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any provision to provide compensation for the loss to human lives or injuries caused by wild animals;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure followed; and

(c) the details of the compensation amount disbursed during last three years, in this regard?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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