

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, November 25, 2019/Agrahayana 4, 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

Strength of women in the Defence Services

*76. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women employed in the three defence services;

(b) the efforts made by Government to improve the strength of women forces in all the three defence services; and

(c) the details thereof?

(b) details of funds allocated/sanctioned and utilised during each of the last two years and current year;

(c) details of private sector investment in such projects;

(d) whether Government is aware that in Mumbai, estimated economic costs from the impact of climate change to coastal infrastructure is ₹ 2287 billion and if so, steps taken to mitigate these effects; and

(e) if so, details of the plan since 2015 and if not, reasons therefor?

Status of climate-resilient cities

*77. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the climate-resilient cities in India, especially in coastal regions as these regions have become more vulnerable to multiple risks related to climate change;

Air pollution in Delhi

*78. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Delhi has become one of the most polluted cities in the world;

(b) the steps taken by Government

since 2010 to improve the air quality of Delhi and the effectiveness of these measures;

(c) whether any studies have been conducted by Government to find out the reasons for the worsening air quality, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any effort has been made so far on this, as the air quality is worsening year after year; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken presently?

Legislation for protection of trees

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

(a) whether there is a central legislation for protecting and preserving trees outside the forest areas;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a National Tree Transplantation Policy is in the pipeline and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revenue from auction of coal mines

*80. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines operationalised out of the coal mines auctioned;

(b) the amount of coal mined in each of these mines after their auction; and

(c) the amount of revenue Government and each of the States have earned from these auctions?

Impact of enforcement of Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019

†*81. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any decrease in number of vehicle accidents after the provisions of the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019 came into force;

(b) if so, details thereof and if not, whether provisions made and implemented in view of desired objectives have not proved to be effective;

(c) States where the Act has been implemented and those where penalty amount has been reduced; and

(d) whether any States have conducted study on the Act and whether any information on positive/negative/corrective changes have been received from States so that a review could be carried out?

Production and import of coal

†*82. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal in metric tonnes produced in the country during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the quantity of coal in metric tonnes imported from foreign countries per year; and

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government per year on the import of coal?

Implementation of guidelines for air pollution control

*83. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

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FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether every guideline mentioned under Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) for Air Pollution Control in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) has been rolled out for implementation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the guidelines that have not yet been rolled out for implementation?

FDI in coal mining

*84. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in coal mining for all commercial purposes along with 100 per cent FDI in contract manufacturing through automatic route;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it will be a severe blow to national coal miner, the Coal India Limited;

(d) whether Government has received any memorandum against this decision from various coal unions in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Ratna status of CPSEs

*85. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) details of number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) which have been conferred the 'Ratna' status during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there have been any CPSEs which have lost the 'Ratna' status during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary

†*86. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expanse of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary covering either banks of the 'Son River';

(b) the total number of Gharials in Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary at present and when the last census was conducted;

(c) whether any specific area has been identified as their habitation where they were usually found;

(d) whether any proposal has been received from Madhya Pradesh Government for closing down of the Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of coal projects identified by Coal India Limited

*87. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mining projects identified by Coal India Limited in the country;

(b) the names of coal mining projects under implementation and the number of such projects which have been delayed;

(c) whether any time-line has been fixed to make the projects operational and if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) the number of projects delayed due to environmental and forest clearance and reasons for not expediting decision in each case?

Effect of climate change on paddy cultivation

†*88. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an enormous effect of climate change can be observed on paddy cultivation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on single-use plastic

*89. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering immediate ban on single-use plastic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that nearly 10,000 tonnes of single-use plastic waste remains uncollected; and

(d) whether Government has fixed any deadline to put an end to single-use plastic?

Work on NH-58

†*90. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any development work on the Meerut-Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar section of National Highway No. 58;

(b) if so, the details and current status thereof and by when it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding the poor maintenance of the portion constructed/developed portion on this section of National Highway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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