

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, February 11, 2019/Magha 22, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting; Mines;
Panchayati Raj; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and Highways;
Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping; Water
Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 15

Vacancies in armed forces

†*76. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of commissioned and non-commissioned staff in armed forces;

(b) measures being taken to fill these vacant posts; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to encourage people to join armed forces?

Inland waterways in West Bengal

*77. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the list of all the projects sanctioned for inland waterways in the State of West Bengal;

(b) details of the status of those projects, along with deadlines; and

(c) the total length of inland waterways developed in the last three years?

Deteriorating air quality of Delhi

*78. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the deterioration of air quality in the capital city of Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a recent study suggested that the pollution could be contained through an artificial rain, if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for increase of pollution in Delhi, making it the most polluted city in country; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to solve the long-standing problem of severe pollution in the capital city?

Cleaning of Yamuna river

†*79. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working towards releasing treated water in Yamuna in different cities including National Capital Region (NCR) in order to reduce pollution;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite various schemes for cleaning of Yamuna, the water has been getting polluted day-by-day, rendering it unfit for drinking even by animals;

(c) the amount spent for cleaning and purifying Yamuna during last three years and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details thereof?

Allocation for GOBAR-Dhan scheme

*80. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding objectives of Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources (GOBAR)-Dhan initiative;

(b) whether any State-wise component of the Scheme has been laid down;

(c) if so, the details in respect of Rajasthan; and

(d) the details regarding allocation of funds for implementation of the scheme by Centre and States?

Implementation of CAP for air pollution control in NCR

*81. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the guidelines mentioned under Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) for Air Pollution Control in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) have been rolled out for implementation; and

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

Compliance of NCAP

*82. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) is to be notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or any other Act to ensure legal compliance;

(b) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons as to why the Graded Response Action Plan for New Delhi was notified under 'Environment (Protection) Act, 1986' and whether NCAP is not to be similarly notified;

(c) the details of amount allocated towards this programme, as one time and recurring allocation; and

(d) whether there is any legal and financial strategy to ensure compliance of the NCAP and if so, the details thereof?

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Transport and tourism on Yamuna river

*83. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to launch ships and steamers for transport and tourism on the Yamuna river, and if so the details thereof; and

(b) whether the feasibility of a waterway is being checked on the Yamuna, and if so, the details thereof?

Welfare schemes run by mining companies in tribal areas

†*84. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) details of various welfare schemes being run by mining companies operational in tribal areas across the country;

(b) details of the rules and guidelines formulated for the welfare schemes being run in tribal areas;

(c) whether the said schemes have been implemented by the companies during the last three years, if so, detailed information thereof; and

(d) the results of programmes implemented by the above companies?

Polluted stretches of the rivers

†*85. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rivers along with the number of polluted stretches thereof at

present and the location-wise details thereof;

(b) the officers responsible for controlling pollution on these polluted stretches;

(c) whether any action has been taken against such officers by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation under NRDWP for Maharashtra

*86. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) amount allocated to Maharashtra during each of the last three years, for providing safe drinking water in rural areas under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and the districts in which it is being implemented;

(b) number of villages in rural areas of the State not having access to drinking water facilities, district-wise;

(c) whether there is any provision for keeping some water resources, as reserves, under NRDWP to tackle a drought situation; and

(d) details of other steps being taken to ensure adequate supply of safe drinking water throughout the year and if so, details thereof?

Connectivity of Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh

*87. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the aims, objectives and phase-wise targets of BharatNet project;

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(b) except Chittoor and Visakhapatnam number of other Gram Panchayat (GP) in any district of Andhra Pradesh connected with BharatNet;

(c) whether it is a fact that so far only 1200 GPs have been connected and more than 10,000 GPs are yet to be connected;

(d) if so, how the Ministry/State Government plans to connect 10,000 GPs in Phase-2, when only 1200 GPs have been connected in Phase-I; and

(e) by when Ministry would ensure that all GPs are connected under Bharat Net in Andhra Pradesh?

**Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya
Yojana**

*88. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise and the constituency-wise amount allocated to various States under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last two years particularly in West Bengal;

(b) the details of the work-wise amount allocated together with the works for which the same have been allocated out of the said amount; and

(c) the details of amount approved and spent on roads, district-wise?

**Research and Development in Indian
Ordnance Factories**

*89. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Ordnance Factories (IOFs) have any dedicated wing for Research and Development of defence equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IOFs produce defence equipment only under the license obtained by other agencies or against obsolete technology transfer basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons as to why IOFs do not obtain license for production of state-of-the art technology-based equipment?

**Worsening air quality in
cities**

*90. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution level of various cities of the country has reached severe levels and the air quality is dangerous for living beings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise and State-wise, and the steps taken by Government in coordination with the concerned State Governments to curb the situation?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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