

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 23, 2018/Sravana 01, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Informaion and
Broadcasting; Mines; Panchayati Raj; 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

Introducing education facilities for children of Defence Personnel

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

(a) whether Government plans to
introduce new facilities for the education
of children of Defence Personnel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Status of PMAY-G

*47. KUMARI SELJA: Will the
Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by
Government under the Pradhan Mantri
Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in
providing houses to common people of
the country, till date;

(b) the details of funds allocated,
sanctioned and utilised under the said
Yojana, during the last three years, State/
UT-wise including Haryana;

(c) the number of houses which are
under construction at present across the
country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the State have responded
positively, to the targets set to build these
houses and if so, the details thereof and if
not, the reasons therefor along with the
action taken by Government thereon?

Proposals for upgradation of highways in Kerala

*48. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA
KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received
from Kerala Government for upgradation
or declaration of State roads/Highways into
National Highways during the last three
years; and

(b) the number of proposals accepted
so far along with the details of the total
amount sanctioned on these projects and
the time-frame fixed for completion of these
projects?

**Budget for Ex-servicemen
Contributory Health
Scheme**

*49. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budget for Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme is likely to exhaust by September, 2018;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps taken to ensure that health services to ex-servicemen do not stop?

Threat to wild animals

†*50. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the threat to wild animals is on the increase due to shortage of forest guards in many tiger reserves and sanctuaries in the country; and

(b) the details of information available with Government in this regard, and the steps taken by Government to ensure effective monitoring for their protection in all tiger reserves and sanctuaries in the country?

Rise of pollution levels in Guwahati

*51. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the alarming rise of pollution levels in Guwahati;

(b) whether Government is also aware of increase of pollution due to industries

and absence of any scientific mechanism for solid waste management in Guwahati, causing serious health hazards for the people; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider issuing some directives to Government of Assam to immediately initiate effective steps to check the pollution level at Guwahati?

Budget allocation on advertisements

†*52. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advertisement related budget of the Ministry during the last three years; and

(b) the details of amount spent on advertisements in newspapers of English language and other regional languages, out of the said budget?

Villages declared as Open Defecation Free

†*53. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons defecating in the open during October, 2014 and the number of the same at present;

(b) the number of districts and villages which have been declared as Open Defecation Free;

(c) the real status of villages and districts that have been declared as Open Defecation Free; and

(d) whether it is a fact that many villages and places which have been declared as Open Defecation Free have been entered only on papers and are far from reality ?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Impact of climate change

*54. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: 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 climate changes in different fields including agriculture in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated by Government to combat ill effects of climate changes in coordination with the global agencies; and

(d) if so, the features of such action plan?

Implementation of PMGSY

†*55. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing an ambitious programme for connecting all settlements of the country with all weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits for State of Bihar?

Army personnel killed during ceasefire

*56. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions of ceasefires, that have taken place in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent months; and

(b) the number of Army personnel killed during those ceasefire periods and incentives

given to the families of those personnel who died in the said incidents?

Environmental issues in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg of Konkan region

†*57. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are environmental issues in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg of Konkan region;

(b) whether the work of mining excavation in coastal Konkan region of Maharashtra has been opposed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to protect Konkan region from pollution?

Delivery of Rafale fighter jets

*58. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 36 Rafale fighter jets were supposed to be delivered in fly-away condition in a deal struck by the Government;

(b) if so, how many jets have been delivered to India till now;

(c) the reasons as to why there is a delay in delivery when the deal was struck for immediate requirement; and

(d) the timeline of delivery of 36 jets?

Advanced technologies to deal with air pollution

*59. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry held meeting with

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expert agencies to discuss application of advanced technologies to deal with air pollution incidents and improve overall air quality management framework;

(b) whether Government plans to use satellite-based Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) data for estimating ground based PM 2.5 levels, establishing early warning system and dissemination protocol to inform public and enforcing agencies about episodic high pollution events in advance; and

(c) whether Government plans to set up a system for certification of air quality emission monitoring instruments to provide a boost to local manufacturing of air quality monitoring instruments and if so, the details thereof?

Scientific studies on air pollution and its effects on health

*60. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any scientific studies on air pollution and to determine its effects on health during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of measures that are intended to be taken; and

(c) the reasons for the standards of the Indian Pollution Index being less stringent as compared to the level of permissible pollution index issued by World Health Organisation?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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