

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, July 30, 2018/Shravana 8, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information 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

#### India's performance in International sports

\*121. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:  
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's  
performance in International sports is not  
upto the mark;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for not overcoming the  
obstacles; and

(d) the action plans proposed to bring  
India to a respectable level in sports?

#### Budgetary provisions for defence services

\*122. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether the budgetary provisions  
have been made, as per the current

requirements of various defence services,  
in view of the challenges being faced by our  
defence personnel;

(b) if so, the estimated requirements  
under different heads; and

(c) whether the funds allocated for the  
current financial year are adequate and would  
meet defence needs?

#### Wages under MGNREGS

†\*123. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that job card  
holders are not getting sufficient amount of  
work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural  
Employment Guarantee Scheme  
(MGNREGS) in various States, including  
Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that labourers  
are unable to get their wages in time, owing  
to delayed payment being made under  
MGNREGS in Chhattisgarh;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that carelessness on the part of the local administration in uploading information on MGNREGS website in accordance with its guidelines has led to disruption in timely payment to the labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Permission to Indian channels to telecast in the country**

\*124. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian channels have lost their permission to telecast in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the channels and the reasons for not granting permission; and

(c) whether many of the channels are using foreign transponders inspite of the expiry of Government's deadline?

**Implementation of NHARS Scheme**

\*125. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated adequate funds for procurement of cranes, ambulances and state of the art mobile medical vans for effective relief and rescue measures during the road accidents on various National Highways in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years under National Highway Accident Relief Service (NHARS) Scheme in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the total length of various National Highways in Tamil Nadu and the steps taken by Government to reduce fatal accidents in these NHs, during the last three years, year-wise and NH-wise?

**Deaths due to high carbon emission**

†\*126. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian cities are witnessing an alarming increase in the number of deaths due to high carbon emission and vehicular pollution;

(b) whether Government is aware of the media reports published recently, stating that excessive carbon emission is making air toxic; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to deal with this dangerous situation?

**Inter-linking of rivers**

\*127. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering inter-linking of rivers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any feasibility report has been prepared for intra-State river linking in such cases and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the impact of such intra-State linking of rivers on the neighbouring States?

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#### Per capita availability of water

†\*128. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per capita availability of water in the country and whether it is a fact that it is declining in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is one of the countries where water shortage is acute and people struggle to get clean drinking water even now;

(c) whether it is also a fact that water in most of the Indian rivers is polluted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Status of bridge on Brahmani river

\*129. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposed bridge over river Brahmani near Rourkela; and

(b) by when it is going to commence and the proposed date of completion?

#### Maintenance of roads by NHAI

\*130. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has directed all its officials to strictly monitor road conditions and take timely action for repairing the damage stretches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether damages would be levied and appropriate action would be initiated, if a contractor fails to fulfil the contractual operations and maintenance obligations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Cost escalation of Polavaram project

\*131. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Polavaram project cost has escalated to considerable extent and now it has been pegged at ₹ 57,940 crore;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that Government has sanctioned and allocated only ₹ 5,926.63 crore under various Central Assistance Schemes at different points of time;

(c) whether Government will allocate a substantial sum as 'One Time Allocation' to complete the project so that it can be completed within the stipulated time. *i.e.* February, 2019; and

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

#### Establishment of campuses of NSU, Imphal in other States

\*132. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a campus comprising of certain institutions and colleges of the National Sports University (NSU), Imphal is being established in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of outlying campuses, colleges and regional Centres of the NSU will be set up far away from the State of Manipur, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of students enrolled, the details of schools/departments and the

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details of teaching and non-teaching Staff at NSU?

#### **Achievement of PMAY**

\*133. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) has achieved the set targets; and

(b) if so, the details of the targets set and achievement of PMAY during the last three years?

#### **Impact of Government advertisements**

\*134. SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to conduct an independent study to gauge the impact of Government advertisements on people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said move is aimed at drawing a strategy for

judicious use of money for the state publicity works;

(c) whether Government has any plan to curtail expenditure on Government advertisements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **E-waste management policy**

\*135. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in recent years India has emerged as a major source of electronic waste generation, thereby posing a serious environmental threat and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has evolved any structured policy for the management of e-waste and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of e-waste processing centres operational in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to introduce environmental friendly e-waste processing techniques in the country?

NEW DELHI;  
The 24th July, 2018  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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