

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 24, 2017/Shravana 2, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and
Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport
and Highways; Rural Development; Science and
Technology; Shipping; Water Resources, River
Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 15

Support for SBM from NGOs and corporate sectors

*76. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER
AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is trying to
seek support from Non-Governmental
Organisations (NGOs) and some corporate
sectors to achieve the goals of the Swachh
Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the list of NGOs and corporate
sectors which are extending their support
to Government in achieving the goal of
Swachh Bharat; and

(c) whether these NGOs and corporate
sectors are carrying out the mission
independently or in alliance with
Government and the details thereof?

Funds for river development

*77. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will
the Minister of WATER RESOURCES,

RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA
REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) The details of activities undertaken
under the "river development" programme
and the major steps taken by Government
in this regard; and

(b) whether any experiment has been
done to develop any river and if so, the
details thereof?

Revised cost of Polavaram Irrigation Project

*78. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO: Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised
the cost of Polavaram Irrigation Project at
2014-15 prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cost of project, component-wise

i.e. irrigation component, power component and drinking water component;

(d) the cost involved in rehabilitation and resettlement activities; and

(e) the present status of works and likely completion date of each component?

Supply of drinking water

†*79. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fully covered, partially covered and quality affected regions in the country including Maharashtra regarding drinking water, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released and utilised for drinking water projects during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has reviewed the implementation of schemes for drinking water and if so, the details and outcome thereof, State-wise?

Care of saplings planted in Delhi

†*80. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the saplings planted every year in Delhi are less than the target set therefor and whether they are not taken care of;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, in Delhi, Government departments/agencies except the Forest Department are not able to achieve the plantation target;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether forest cover in Delhi is less than what is prescribed under the National Forest Policy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Development of villages and cities under Tehri dam area

†*81. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of agencies responsible for developing villages and cities falling under Tehri dam area situated in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether these agencies have collected funds for this head;

(c) if so, the amount collected from financial year 2010-11 to 2016-17;

(d) whether these agencies have utilized the collected amount elsewhere also besides the dam area; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Record of funds under MGNREGA

†*82. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has no record of funds released so far under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of funds released, so far, under MGNREGA and whether it has been used for constructive work?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Stalled hydro power projects

*83. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several hydro power projects, with more than 13,000 MW capacity, are stalled at various stages of project development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the cost and time overrun as on the 1st July, 2017;

(d) whether a special committee has been constituted to coordinate the actions of various entities involved in energy generation, both hydro and thermal power projects, and to facilitate investments and clearances; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Plantation of trees

†*84. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the details of cost and number of trees planted, and the number of saplings which survived, for improvement of forestry and environment during 2012 to 2016, State-wise and year-wise?

Meeting with farmer's bodies of GM mustard growers

*85. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to again meet the farmer's bodies of GM mustard growers who have been opposing

the introduction of genetically modified mustard's production and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has given clearance to GM mustard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's stand in this regard?

WHO guidelines on arsenic limit in drinking water

*86. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per WHO guidelines, the permissible limit of arsenic in drinking water is 10 ppb while the Central Government permissible limit is 50 ppb and if so, the reasons for such a stark difference between the two limits; and

(b) whether it is a fact that arsenic poisoning in ground water is rising alarmingly in large parts of the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Simplification in approval of mega irrigation projects

†*87. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any plan to simplify the process of according approval to mega irrigation projects by the Central Water Commission and the Ministry;

(b) whether, for Central assistance, the requirement of investment approval by the

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Central water Commission and NITI Aayog has been dispensed with; and

(c) the details of the manner in which guidelines regarding approvals for irrigation projects by the Central Water Commission have been simplified after May, 2014?

Delay in payment of wages under MGNREGS

*88. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delay in payment of wages to workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there have been instances of denial of wages due to lack of Aadhaar Card or problems in payment through Aadhaar Payment Bridge and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to overcome these problems; and

(c) whether the compensation to be paid on account of delay of payment is also being delayed and if so, the details thereof?

Collection of DMF contribution on coal minerals

*89. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) contribution

on non-coal minerals has been allowed with effect from the 12th January, 2015, while for coal minerals it has been allowed only with effect from the 20th October, 2015;

(b) if so, the reasons for not allowing the collection of DMF contribution on coal minerals with effect from the 12th January, 2015 as in the case of non-coal minerals; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government to remove this disparity?

Supply of safe drinking water in rural areas

*90. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken for supply of safe drinking water through pipelines in rural areas, State-wise, including Maharashtra;

(b) the details of works undertaken for supply of safe drinking water in arsenic affected districts of the country;

(c) whether Government would be able to provide safe drinking water to inhabitants of these districts by the beginning of the next financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when safe and arsenic free drinking water will be available to the people of the affected districts of the country?

NEW DELHI;
The 18th July, 2017
Ashadha 27, 1939 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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