

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 31, 2017/Shravana 9, 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

Wages paid under MGNREGA

*151. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wages paid under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is less than the minimum farm wages in some States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the actual wages paid under MGNREGA in some States is less than the wages fixed by Government and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the average wage paid per day under MGNREGA during the last five years, State-wise?

Review of MGNREGA

*152. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the working/implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and if so, the details thereof and the details of the deficiencies noticed in the review and the corrective measures taken thereon; and

(b) the number of cases where employment has not been provided under MGNREGA and the details of remedial measures taken in such cases?

Pollution due to slow speed of traffic in Delhi

†*153. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of pollution is increasing continuously in Delhi due to slow speed of traffic on the roads during peak hours and non-peak hours; and

(b) whether the Ministry has issued directions, at regular intervals, to the concerned agencies to reduce the level of pollution keeping in view the pollution due to heavy traffic on the roads of Delhi and the reasons for deterioration of climate of Delhi and going out of control?

Environmental clearance for aqua food park at Thunduru

*154. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given environmental clearance for the proposed aqua food park at Thunduru in West Godavari District ignoring its environmental concerns and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is aware that the said project is being taken up in-between the villages and their drinking water resources, which can become disastrous for the health of residents?

Projects under Namami Gange Programme

*155. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects sanctioned by Government under Namami

Gange Programme, since it was launched in 2015; and

(b) the total number of projects completed, so far and the details thereof?

Irregularities in six laning of Raipur-Simga section of NH 200/30

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that substandard material is being used in construction of six laning of Raipur to Simga stretch of National Highway No. 200/30;

(b) whether material used is not as per the estimates for the said road due to which there is an apprehension of duping of public money; and

(c) whether people in the surrounding areas of this road are facing many problems and minor accidents are taking place in rainy season due to the slippage created as a result of excessive use of soil in construction of this road?

Installation of sensors on bridges

*157. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to install sensors on bridges on stretches that are largely used for movement of over-dimensional vehicles to carry heavy equipments, such as electricity turbines, so that the health of these structures can be assessed in real time and if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) whether Government had rolled out Indian Bridge Management System in early 2016, after realising that there was no centralised list of bridges, and hence it depended on physical reports to undertake repair, maintenance or rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof?

Man-animal conflict

*158. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent study, there are two deaths everyday due to man-animal conflict and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

Closure of unsafe mines

*159. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to close 418 unsafe mines in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to convert exhausted mining pits into environmental projects and if so, whether Government received any interest from Non-Governmental Organisations for promoting greenery; and

(c) what is Government's preparedness to reduce mine disasters and the details of the suggestions and recommendations made by Directorate General of Mines Safety in their latest safety audit reports?

Remedial action for purity of surface water

*160. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Water Aid, an international organization, has stated in its report that 80 per cent of the surface water in India is polluted and is dangerous for health; and

(b) the details of the remedial action Government proposes to take to ensure that the purity of the surface water is preserved?

Forest based Projects

*161. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the forest based projects approved by the Central Government during the last three years;

(b) whether any project has been pending since long, including those of Rajasthan, and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to expedite the clearance of these pending projects?

Increase in fine on parking vehicles on notified streets in New Delhi

*162. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to make amendment in the Motor Vehicles Act to increase the fine for parking vehicles on notified public streets in New Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the roads proposed to be notified for this purpose; and

(c) whether Government proposes to impose penalty on parking of vehicles on streets of residential colonies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill development in coal sector

†*163. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched or intends to launch any scheme for skill development in coal sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether, following the closure of units in coal sector, workers in coalfields are being imparted training to enable them to earn their livelihood even outside the coalfields and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any amount has been allocated for training purposes, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Growth in electricity generation vis-a-vis demand

*164. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, current growth rate in

electricity generation in the country is considerably higher than the growth rate in electricity consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of per capita electricity consumption at present, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the gap between electricity generation and its consumption?

States affected by Arsenic contaminated water

*165. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether total allocation of funds for provision of safe drinking water to Arsenic affected States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal is sufficient;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds allocated, released and spent during each of the last three years and current year, so far, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons for failure of Government to eradicate the problem of Arsenic in drinking water in rural areas of above States where concentration of Arsenic in drinking water has reached upto 3,880 parts per billion causing deaths and deadly diseases?

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