

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, August 9, 2017/Shravana 18, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 15

Review of coastal security

*241. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any financial and technological proposals for the development of coastal security all along the coasts of Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated during the last three years, year-wise and the equipments including high speed steamer boats, hovercrafts, wireless phones, etc., sanctioned to Tamil Nadu for the said purpose; and

(c) whether coastal security has been reviewed recently in view of the increasing threat perception from sea routes particularly in the coastal regions of Bay of Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

Children working in illegal mica mines

*242. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that children as small as five years old are being engaged to work in illegal mica mines in States of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar, etc.;

(b) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that as per Thomson Reuters Foundation investigation report, seven children were killed in two months of this year, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government is taking and how it is supplementing the efforts of the concerned State Government to stop illegal mining of mica and protect small children?

Implementation of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Jharkhand

*243. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Jharkhand State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the areas selected/identified under this Scheme in the State; and

(c) the funds allocated and released so far under this Scheme and the status of the projects taken up as on date?

Foreign tourist arrivals in 2017

*244. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign tourist arrivals have increased significantly in the year 2017, if so, the possible reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) visiting India are also being counted as foreign tourists now, if so, since when and the reasons therefor?

Increase in imports from China

*245. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of various commodities from China has been increasing over the years;

(b) what are the principal commodities that have been exported to China from India and their quantity and value during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what are the principal commodities that have been imported from China to India and their quantity and value during the last three years, year-wise?

Scheme for developing national database of art objects and antiquities

*246. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for developing a national database of all art objects and antiquities available with the museums at national level, State level and in regional and local museums across the country in order to provide enhanced accessibility to scholars, researchers and informed visitors, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amounts released to the States of Odisha, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh under the scheme during the last three years?

Establishment of Turmeric Board

*247. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Telangana requesting for establishment of Turmeric Board, if so, the details thereof?

High prices of domestic MSME products

†*248. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the products of domestic micro, small and medium enterprises are lagging due to the availability of products of multinational companies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for high prices of domestic products as compared to those manufactured in China; and

(c) whether Government has provided any assistance to encourage and protect the domestic micro, small and medium industries and whether Government has taken any preventive measures, if so, the details thereof?

Funds for strengthening coastal security

*249. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan made by Government for coastal security in coastal States of the country in view of threat from terrorists;

(b) what initiatives have been taken for strengthening the coastal security apparatus in the coastal States; and

(c) what are the details of fund allocation for strengthening coastal security in all the States?

Super Speciality Hospital-cum-Medical College under ESI in Andhra Pradesh

*250. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanction of Super Speciality Hospital-cum-Medical College

under ESI in the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) which States are presently having such hospitals?

Merger of HPCL with ONGC

*251. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to merge Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC);

(b) if so, the reasons behind the proposal to consolidate the Navaratna companies therein;

(c) whether there will be any financial benefits to Government exchequer and/or the PSUs therefrom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for such unrealistic proposal?

Facilities under Shastriya Sangeet programme

*252. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of facilities included in Shastriya Sangeet programme in the country; and

(b) whether Government promotes folk artists, if so, the details thereof?

Anti-dumping duty on imports from China

*253. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRA-SADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government plans

to introduce anti-dumping duty on Chinese imports to India, if so, the details thereof?

Gas trading hub for reforming gas market

*254. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is in the process of reforming the gas market in the country through a gas trading hub;

(b) whether Government is working towards a 30,000 kilometre national gas grid; and

(c) whether Government has opened up 2.8 million square kilometre of area for private investment, if so, the details thereof?

Recognition of Community Forest Rights

*255. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether only seven States of the country have recognized Community Forest Rights (CFRs) so far, if so, the details of CFRs allotted in those seven States, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for non-recognition of CFRs in other States where Forest Right Act (FRA) is applicable, State-wise;

(c) the details of allotment of individual forest rights across all States, State-wise, along with pending and rejected claims; and

(d) whether claims are being rejected on technical grounds and whether any assistance is being provided to people to properly file claims, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
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Shravana 12, 1939 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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