

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 17, 2017/Ashadha 26, 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

Algae bloom in the Arabian sea

*1. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken due
cognizance of the increase in extent and
frequency of occurrence of algae bloom in
the Arabian sea;

(b) if so, what is its impact on the
marine ecosystem and coastal economy
of the country;

(c) what are the measures being
undertaken to ensure the mitigation of the
impact of algae bloom in the Arabian sea;
and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of a nodal agency for monitoring MGNREGA

†*2. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme
Court had suggested establishment of a
nodal agency for monitoring of the Mahatma
Gandhi National Rural Employment
Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) due to wide
spread corruption therein;

(b) if so, whether Government has made
any efforts for establishing a nodal agency;
and

(c) if not, whether Government has
established any agency for monitoring of
widespread corruption under
MGNREGA?

Framing of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulation of Livestock Market) Rules, 2017

*3. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the
Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST
AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to
state:

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(a) whether Government has consulted any stakeholders while framing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulation of Livestock Market) Rules, 2017, dated the 23rd May, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, why the stakeholders were not consulted;

(c) whether the rules have been vetted by the Ministry of Law and Justice;

(d) whether any objections to the rules have been received by Government and if so, whether Government proposes to annul or amend the rules; and

(e) when were the Rules laid or are proposed to be laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament?

Contract labourers engaged by power PSUs

†*4. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contract labourers engaged in Navratna and Maharatna companies of the Ministry along with the details of nature of works they are engaged in;

(b) the details of companies or several units of the companies that have been registered as principal employer along with the number of labourers covered by them; and

(c) whether the companies propose to regularize such labourers who are working for several years and if not, the reasons therefor?

Declaration of cow as a national animal

*5. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan High Court has recently advised that cow should be declared a national animal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take on the advice of the Rajasthan High Court?

Irregularities in toilet construction in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

*6. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the irregularities in toilet construction in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Environmental clearance to projects from Karnataka

*7. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 projects from Karnataka are pending for environmental clearance in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of each of the projects submitted for clearance, since how long it is pending, the reasons for such pendency and the efforts made to clear the projects, project-wise;

(c) whether clearance of cases has come down now to 192 days against earlier 600 days;

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(d) if so, the details of projects pending for more than 200 days; and

(e) by when the above projects are going to be cleared by the Ministry?

Dilution of Government control on coal

*8. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to dilute its control on prices and distribution of coal in respect of the emerging market scenario;

(b) if so, what is the role of the Coal Linkage Committee; and

(c) how many Committees are working under the Ministry for allocation of coal to the bulk consumers?

Relaxation in the norms of PMAY

*9. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the norms laid down for allotment of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) are becoming obstacles in selection of beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any feedback and request from any State Government, particularly from Government of Telangana, seeking relaxation in the norms for selection of beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has taken any decision on the matter and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in water borne diseases despite increase in cost of provision of clean drinking water

*10. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment on the increasing cost of providing clean drinking water by Government and private organizations and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for the increase in water borne diseases despite the increase in the cost for providing clean water?

Avoidance of photography for implementation of SBM (G)

*11. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether officials responsible for implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) are required to take photographs of people defecating in the open;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, what action will be taken against officials who have been found doing so;

(d) whether Ministry has come across any complaints of officials taking photographs of people, especially women defecating in the open;

(e) whether officials are permitted to manhandle anyone who prevents them from taking photographs of women defecating in the open; and

(f) if not, what action will be taken against officials found manhandling people?

**Assessment of work under
MGNREGA**

†*12. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the maximum number of working days, assurance of employment, payment of remuneration and the nature of work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA); and

(b) the details of the system in place for assessment of the work to be taken up and the work done *vis-à-vis* payments made under MGNREGA?

**Installed capacity for solar and wind
power**

*13. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current installed capacity (in MW) for solar and wind power, State-wise;

(b) the details of the roadmap, for creation of installed capacity for solar and wind power during the next three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether any thrust has been given to promote renewable energy in Jharkhand?

Demand for work under MGNREGS

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

(a) the data of the increase or decrease in number of workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the previous year, State-wise and month-wise;

(b) the data regarding average number of days of guaranteed work and wage rate during the previous year, State-wise;

(c) the total number of households that have demanded work during the last three years and the number of those who have been denied work; and

(d) what are the steps taken to ensure that all households demanding work under MGNREGS are provided work opportunity?

**Construction of road along Panar,
Ramganga and Saryu rivers
under PMGSY**

†*15. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would allow construction of road along Panar, Ramganga and Saryu rivers, flowing on the border of three districts namely Almora, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if not, whether Government would accept such a request from the State Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

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Drinking Water and Sanitation	:	6, 10, 11,
Earth Sciences	:	—
Environment, Forest and Climate Change	:	1, 3, 5, 7,
Mines	:	—
New and Renewable Energy	:	13,
Panchayati Raj	:	—
Power	:	4,
Road Transport and Highways	:	—
Rural Development	:	2, 9, 12, 14, 15.
Science and Technology	:	—
Shipping	:	—
Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	:	—