

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, June 24, 2019/Ashadha 3, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Environment, Forest and Climate Change;
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting;
Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines;
Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and
Highways; Shipping; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 15

Progress of Bharatmala 2.0 Project

*16. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
is going to start Bharatmala 2.0 to construct
3,000 kms. of Highways in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that
Government has not identified even a single
stretch in Andhra Pradesh under Bharatmala
2.0;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Andhra
Pradesh Government has been requesting
for taking up some important stretches
under Bharatmala/National Highways
Development Project; and

(e) if so, the status thereof?

Under-utilisation of Defence Budget

*17. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence
Ministry has under-utilised the budget
allocated every year for its development
and expenses;

(b) if so, the details of the amount
under-utilised by the Defence Ministry in
last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the
complete utilisation of the allocated
Defence Budget?

Import and production of coal

*18. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR
RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased
to state:

(a) the amount of coal reserves India
has at present;

(b) the amount of coal produced, in tons, by Coal India Limited during last three financial years;

(c) the amount of coal imported, in tons, by India during the last three financial years;

(d) the amount of imported coal that was of non-coking and/or thermal coal variety; and

(e) details of specific measures adopted by Coal India Limited to increase coal production?

Clean Ganga Drive

†*19. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's drive to make Ganga pollution free has not been successful;

(b) the amount allocated by Government to execute the drive to clean Ganga; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to achieve the set target?

Compliance of waste management rules and regulations

*20. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the observations made by Chairman, National Green Tribunal on the eve of World Environment Day that no State in the country is complying with the rules and regulations of waste management;

(b) whether Government is also aware of his observations that six lakhs people die every year in India due to pollution in

the air causing diseases ranging from asthma to cancer;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the details of action being proposed by Government to improve the deadly situation?

Life Insurance and Health Cards for labourers in coal mines

†*21. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been taken by Government/mine owners for the safety of labourers working under great risk conditions in coal mines;

(b) whether all labourers are registered and are provided with life insurance and other facilities of risk-linked insurances by mine owners/Government;

(c) whether any directions have been given by Government with regard to wages to be paid to these labourers; and

(d) whether any health card is provided to them?

Construction of National Highways

*22. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways constructed across the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of National Highways under construction across the country, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds released for the construction of these National Highways during the last three years, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the details of National Highways constructed/under construction in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the time-frame fixed for the completion of these National Highways?

Conservation of rainwater

†*23. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of shortage of drinking water due to droughts in the country at present, State-wise, city-wise;

(b) the details of rainwater harvesting being done at various levels for potable water;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government towards rainwater conservation in villages, towns and cities during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of money spent during the last three years by Government in conserving rainwater to deal with the shortage of drinking water?

Internal survey on food quality in Army

*24. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any internal survey regarding the quality of food supplied to soldiers in Army was done during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of steps taken during the last three years to improve the quality of food supplied to soldiers;

(d) whether Government has any grievance redressal mechanism in the Ministry regarding quality of food supplied to soldiers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Supply of indigenous/foreign armaments for armed forces

†*25. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sustained and time bound supervision methods in place with regard to demand and supply of indigenous and foreign armaments and equipments for Indian Navy, Army and Air Force and the measures adopted to ensure availability of imported armaments and equipments to meet the demand; and

(b) current status of indigenous research work towards modernisation of armaments and equipments and the action plan formulated to achieve the optimum target, in this regard?

Policy to compensate brownfield projects

*26. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is working on a policy to compensate brownfield projects that have either reached traffic maturity or are likely to be impacted by the Rupees five trillion road projects to ensure smooth implementation of the ambitious Bharatmala project;

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(b) whether under the proposed project, concessionaires are given the option of selling the assets back to NHAI, undertaking revamp of the brownfield projects or terminating the toll contract; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the total projects awarded?

Creation of employment opportunities under MSMEs

*27. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by Government for creation of the employment opportunities under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country;

(b) whether any traditional industry has been supported by the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Forest fires in the country

*28. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of forest fires that took place during the last three years and the current year, in the country, State-wise and forest-wise;

(b) the details of total loss of forest

property including number of wild animals killed during the same period; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

Development of single lane NH

*29. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to develop single lane NHs which are approximately 500 kms. in length into two to six lane standards in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Centre for Sports Science and Research

*30. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established the National Centre for Sports Science and Research in the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala and if so, the details thereof and whether there is any such centre in Maharashtra;

(b) the criteria used for selecting the six universities and four medical colleges, whose Sports science departments will be given grants under the scheme; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to expand this scheme to other universities and colleges, and if so, the details thereof?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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