

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, February 4, 2019/Magha 15, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting; Mines;
Panchayati Raj; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and Highways;
Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping; Water
Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 15

Employment of women in defence forces

*1. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women employed in the three wings of the defence forces, *i.e.* Army, Air Force and Navy;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the number of women joining the defence forces during the last three years and during the current year; and

(c) details of the schemes being introduced by Government to incentivise women and increase their participation in the defence forces?

Synthetic Hockey Surface in Bijapur, Karnataka

*2. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND

SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Ministry approved the laying of Synthetic Hockey Surface at Sainik School, Bijapur, Karnataka;

(b) the initial estimated cost of the project;

(c) the amount so far released and the status of work; and

(d) by when the surface would be completed and would become operational?

Arsenic contamination in drinking water

*3. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism adopted by integrated Management Information System of the Ministry to compile data regarding the number of people affected by Arsenic contaminated drinking water in the country;

(b) whether there is any mechanism under the Ministry to verify and cross-check the data with ground realities;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of people/households affected by Arsenic, Fluoride and Mercury contamination in drinking water who have been provided with safe drinking water during the last three years, State-wise?

Status of Rural Housing Scheme

†*4. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of houses constructed and rural amenities provided under rural housing scheme for the last three years till the year 2018, State-wise?

Highways development in Andhra Pradesh

*5. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to construct Highways in the State of Andhra Pradesh with an investment of one lakh crores; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the highway projects being taken up particularly in the Rayalaseema region; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

New bids for Air Force contracts

*6. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current deal for 36 Rafale Jets is separate from the earlier deal for 126 Jets sought by the UPA Government;

(b) whether any new bids were solicited or considered for the deal concluded by Government, including proposals for the Eurofighter Typhoon Jet;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for Government considering the old bidding process, made in 2007, to still be valid for a deal concluded in 2016?

Construction of Highways

†*7. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state comparative details of the total length of roads, in kilometres, which were being constructed per day prior to 2014 and the length of roads constructed after the year 2014?

Approval of designs of Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether Government is aware that several designs relating to Polavaram Head Works like Spill Channel, Divide Wall,

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Training Wall, etc. are yet to be approved by Central Water Commission (CWC), though the project needs to be completed in 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of designs and drawing to be approved by CWC relating to Polavaram Head Works and its present status?

Separate toilets for girls in schools

*9. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of schools in India which have separate toilets for girls; and

(b) how many of these are functional the details thereof, State-wise?

Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme in Kerala

*10. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding current status of projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in Kerala; and

(b) the details regarding quantum of funds allocated and used for AIBP projects in Kerala?

Use of AI to spot talent

*11. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to spot young sporting talent in the country with eyes on the Olympic events in 2024 and 2028 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is creating an app, where all States will be partners to create a database of nearly three crore young children in the age group of 5 to 18 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of other major steps being taken by Government for the development of Youth and Sports in India?

Low wages in MGNREGA

†*12. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of various items like brick and cement under MGNREGA is being made at old rates;

(b) whether labourers are not coming for work due to low wages under MGNREGA, as compared to market rates which has resulted in less work being done under MGNREGA; and

(c) State-wise details of rates of wages under MGNREGA at present and the rates of wages declared by State Governments and market rate of wages in those States?

Transfer of defence land to State Government

*13. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of State

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Government of Karnataka seeking transfer of defence land for construction of Bengaluru Metro Rail-Project Phase-2, Reach-6 Works at Langford Town Station, Vellara Junction Station and MG Road station is pending with the Central Government since last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for keeping the matter pending;

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to transfer the said Defence land for the Metro Rail Project in Bengaluru; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Providing safe drinking water to habitations

*14. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that water in 116 habitations in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh is affected with Fluoride;

(b) if so, the details of special efforts the Ministry is making to ensure that safe drinking water is provided to these habitations; and

(c) the details of schemes being implemented with physical targets and achievements to provide drinking water in such habitations/villages during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise?

Encroachment in western ghats forests

*15. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether encroachment of forest land in ecologically sensitive regions of western ghats has come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether Government has got an expert opinion that the recent landslide and flooding in the area was due to denudation of the forest by cutting trees;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the extent of the damage to the ecologically sensitive region and the area of forest land in western ghats which has been encroached so far; and

(d) steps taken by Government to deal with this menace?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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