

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 1, 2019/Ashadha 10, 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

Appropriate model for execution of highway projects

*91. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to abandon its Hybrid Annuity Model now in operation for four years for executing its highway projects due to bank's red-flagging over lending for these projects; and

(b) whether the banking sector had reservations in lending for the highway projects?

National Policy on Climate Change

*92. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to make a National Policy on Climate Change;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality of DD news

*93. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched a new digital service news gathering vans for Doordarshan News;

(b) if so, the details in this regard particularly with reference to improving the quality of DD News and enabling it to compete with other news channels and earn revenue for sustaining itself; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure live coverage of events by DD News, throughout the length and breadth of the country?

Acute water crisis in the country

†*94. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute water crisis in many parts of the country at present and pure drinking water is also not available to the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether efforts are being made by the Central Government at war footing to solve the water crisis early and to ensure the availability of pure drinking water to the people to those parts of country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Initiatives for skill development of war widows

*95. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take special initiatives for skill development of war widows or for wives of soldiers who were killed on border by terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the war widows are not provided with adequate benefits; and

(d) if so, the concrete plans formulated by Government to ensure adequate facilities to the war widows?

Missing IAF AN-32 Aircraft

*96. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government could trace the

missing Indian Air Force (IAF) AN-32 Aircraft, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any clues about the safety of the passengers and the crew; and

(c) whether Government has analysed the reasons for this mishap?

Loans to MSMEs

*97. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any scheme for providing loan approvals to MSMEs in just 59 minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding extent of loans admissible under the scheme;

(d) whether Government has made any tie-ups with commercial banks for providing loans to MSMEs under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Displacement of villagers from protected areas

†*98. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals have been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for the displacement of villagers from protected areas; and

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping it pending and the time by when these proposals would be approved?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Water level in dams

*99. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water levels in 91 dams of the country, including those in Maharashtra have gone down to 20 per cent of storage capacity, resulting in severe shortage of drinking water in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) remedial measures Government is contemplating to deal with this alarming situation?

State of National Highways

†*100. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways constructed in kilometers, State-wise;

(b) the details of each of the proposed and constructed National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of construction quality and the monitoring system of maintenance of National Highways?

Traffic congestion in major cities

*101. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic congestion on roads in major cities costs crores of rupees annually because of fuel wastage due to idling of vehicles,

productivity loss, air pollution and road crashes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the daily mayhem by minimising the wastage particularly in major cities?

Inclusion of Jharkhand Akashwani Centre in DTH

*102. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Akashwani centre of Jharkhand has not been included in the Direct-to-Home (DTH) free channel platform for broadcasting in Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Jharkhand has very limited access to radio channels;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the timeline for Akashwani Jharkhand to be included in the free channel platform of DTH, if any?

Supply of bulletproof vehicles for Army

†*103. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army is facing scarcity of bulletproof vehicles;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the scheme Government is proposing to supply such vehicles?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Drying up of Narmada Riverbed

*104. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the drying up of Narmada Riverbed downstream from Chandod in Gujarat's Vadodara district due to non-release of water from Sardar Sarovar Dam built upstream, resulting in a serious crisis and threatening drying up of rivers in near future;

(b) if so, details of release of water from dam and steps proposed to save pilgrimage and trading centres, dependent upon flow of river downstream;

(c) whether Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal had forewarned that river will not remain a perennial river due to non-release of water from dam; and

(d) if so, steps proposed to save Narmada river?

Impact of climate change on coal industry

*105. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted or is aware of any study on impact of climate change agreements on coal industry in India;

(b) the ways in which Government plans to balance the interests of the large number of people employed in coal industry and the climate change obligations; and

(c) whether Government has planned transfer of Government employees working in the coal sector to renewable sector and if so, the details thereof?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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