

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 8, 2019/Ashadha 17, 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

Accidents on Noida-Agra Yamuna Expressway

†*151. SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents on
Noida-Agra Yamuna Expressway during the
last three years;

(b) the number of persons injured and
killed in these accidents, year-wise details
thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such a large number
of accidents and measures taken by
Government to prevent them?

Ground water pollution

*152. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS
BAIDYA: Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether indiscriminate use of
chemicals and fertilizers during the last
three years is a major cause of rapidly
increasing ground water pollution in the
country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to
check ground water pollution during the
last three years?

Soldiers martyred during terrorist attacks

*153. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian soldiers
martyred on the India-Pakistan border in
frequent terrorist attacks during the last
three years;

(b) the action taken by Government in
this regard; and

(c) the time by which the terrorists
would be flushed out?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Privatisation of BEML

*154. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has deferred the privatisation of Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML);

(b) if so, the reason for privatisation of BEML; and

(c) whether Government has decided to handover BEML's management control to any strategic buyer, who will sell the company's land and other assets at market value?

Appeals pending against grant of disability benefits

*155. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of appeals pending against grants of disability pension/benefits to soldiers in various courts and tribunals:

(b) the total number of pending appeals that have been withdrawn by Government *vide* its instruction in February, 2019 as announced by the Defence Minister on Twitter on 20 February, 2019.

(c) whether Government is considering all appeals filed against grant of disability pension/benefits against soldiers;

(d) if so, the timeline for the same; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Supply of piped clean potable water

†*156. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to provide clean potable water to all persons

of the country in each household through piped supply;

(b) if so, whether Government has fixed a time-bound programme for the same;

(c) whether priority will be given to those areas where ground water is contaminated by dangerous chemicals while implementing this comprehensive and ambitious scheme; and

(d) the amount required to implement this plan and the amount earmarked under this head during current financial year?

Amendments in environmental laws

*157. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made amendments in the Indian Forest Act (IFA) 1927, the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and the new National Forest Policy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that such amendments have diluted the original laws against tribals and the environment and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the ways in which Government will ensure that the environment and tribal rights will be protected?

Status of infrastructure and road projects in Himachal Pradesh

*158. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of infrastructure and road projects are stuck and their completion is pending in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, project-wise; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the time by which these projects would be completed in all respects?

Casualties of soldiers serving at high altitudes

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been some casualties of soldiers serving at the high altitudes;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) action taken by Government to prevent such casualties and provide congenial atmosphere to the soldiers working at high altitudes like Siachen?

Bulletproof jackets for Defence forces

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a continuous decline in the quality of life saving bulletproof jackets meant for the Defence forces of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, name and address of the manufacturer of these jackets and quality norms for it and number of jackets, so far, provided to the Defence forces?

Release of CRF for projects in Karnataka

*161. SHRIG C.CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has built roads under Central Road Fund (CRF), as per the recommendation of the States;

(b) if so, the details of the roads constructed during the last three years in the country under CRF, State and UT-wise;

(c) whether any proposals under CRF, from the State of Karnataka are pending;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government regarding speedy implementation and monitoring of funds under CRF?

Monitoring and assessment of forest cover

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

(a) whether Government has any mechanism for monitoring and assessment of the forest/green cover in the country and if so, the details thereof, along with the forest cover, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to utilise remote sensing technology for the purpose and if so, the details thereof including the benefits of the said technology in terms of time and cost;

(c) whether Government has any plan for promoting afforestation by planting trees like Sal in the various States; and

(d) details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised during the last two years and the current year, year-wise?

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**Restrictions imposed on domestic
Automobile manufacturers**

*163. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Automobile industry body, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has stated that vehicle manufacturers are considering production stoppage, if there is no resolution of the issues over restrictions imposed on domestic manufacturers using imported steel;

(b) whether Government has extended the deadline for automobile makers to use Bureau of Indian Standards certified locally produced high grade steel till February, 2019;

(c) whether the automobile manufacturers had sought a year's time, to source high grade steel locally citing inconsistent quality; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to the plea of SIAM?

Forest Cover Ratio in Urban Areas

*164. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of total land under forest cover to the infrastructure such as roads, buildings, bridges, tracks, etc. in major urban

areas such as Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata;

(b) whether total land under forest cover is decreasing, if so, the status of forest cover compared to that in the years 2001 and 2019, State-wise;

(c) whether any regulation exists for maintaining a set ratio between the two in urban areas;

(d) if so, whether the given ratio is accurately maintained in urban cities; and

(e) if not, whether Government is planning to make such a regulation?

**Execution of Polavaram Irrigation
Project**

*165. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reimbursing the cost incurred in execution of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) to the State of Andhra Pradesh on the basis of 2013-14 price level;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any demand had been made by Andhra Pradesh Government to reimburse the cost incurred in execution of PIP on the basis of 2017-18 price level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

NEW DELHI;
The 2nd July, 2019
Ashadha 11, 1941 (*Saka*)

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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