

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 8, 2021/ 17 Phalguna, 1942 (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; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Road Transport and Highways; Youth Affairs and Sports)

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Fatalities and displacement of people due to Climate Change

136 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fatalities and people displaced due to climate change triggered events in 2020, State-wise;
- (b) whether any compensation has been provided to the victims;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Environmental Impact Assessment

137 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the need to dilute the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) by Government when there is already a high rate of depletion of natural resources and environmental degradation has tremendous impact on human health and the details of the beneficiaries of this relaxation;
- (b) the reasons for reducing the notice period and rushing the EIA process;
- (c) the reasons for ex-post facto project clearance being contemplated; and
- (d) the details of the projects which were started after the ex-post facto project clearance?

Online single window clearance portal for coal mines

138 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Will the Minister of ***Coal*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently introduced a new online single window clearance portal for the coal sector to speed up operationalisation of coal mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the new scheme;
- (c) whether the new scheme will be beneficial for curbing activities of the coal mafia; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy to develop National Port Grid

139 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared any specific proposal/policy/plan/strategy/scheme to develop a National Port Grid connecting major and minor ports of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loss of green cover due to Central Vista Redevelopment Project

140 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated environmental impact through loss of green cover due to Central Vista Redevelopment Project;
- (b) the various methods through which the Ministry has estimated this loss; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has suggested changes to reduce environmental damage due to the Redevelopment Project?

Plantation along the NHs

141 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is mandatory to develop a green belt or plantation by a highway construction company/agency/department in a specified area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria set for the purpose;
- (c) the details of green belt areas, developed as per rules/ criteria on National Highways (NHs) constructed between Sawai Madhopur-Lalsot-Dausa-Manoharpur in Rajasthan and other NHs of the State;
- (d) whether Government proposes to develop a green belt in the near future in all the Highways especially in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of plan outlay and procedure for such proposals?

Budgetary allocation to the Ministry

142 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has slashed the budget of the Ministry for 2021-22 by ₹ 230.07 crore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the current budgetary allocation is sufficient enough to tackle the issue of climate change that may have an adverse impact on environment friendly initiatives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Commercial coal mining

143 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that commercial mining of coal will be crucial in modernising the coal sector and achieving target of making India a five trillion dollar economy;
- (b) if so, action taken by Government to help all the organisations including existing ones to

secure country's long term economic growth; and

(c) the details of private sector investments for commercial coal mines and whether the move will also have a significant role to play in making India a five trillion dollar economy by removing restrictions of the mining blocks, if so, details thereof?

Plans to boost SSI

144 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any plan to boost the Small Scale Industries (SSI) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Expenditure incurred on forest cover by Government

145 Shri A. D. Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) the actual expenditure incurred by the Forests and Wildlife Ministries of Central and respective State Governments during the last three years;

(b) the contribution of salaries and establishment costs in this and percentage of it actually spent on protecting and increasing forest cover;

(c) the per hectare expenditure during the last three years on forest and wildlife area and the percentage of the annual State budget for this;

(d) whether allocated budget is sufficient to protect this vital national resource; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to increase budgetary allocation to this sector?

Quantity of water provided in rural areas

146 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of water assured to be provided per person, per day in rural areas under Rural Water Supply Programme by Government; and

(b) the plan for meeting this criteria in arid and water-scarce rural areas?

MSMEs beneficiaries scheme under ECLGS

147 Shri N.R. Elango:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) number of beneficiaries under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) below ₹ 5 lakhs, between ₹ 5 lakhs to ₹ 10 lakhs, between ₹ 10 lakhs to ₹ 25 lakhs and above ₹ 25 lakhs in categories of individuals in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), State-wise;

(b) whether there is stimulus to MSMEs that do not come under eligibility of ECLGS and affected due to COVID; and

(c) the number of MSME owners who are selling their properties to regularize existing loans and reinvest in business and whether there is any proposal to exempt MSMEs from capital gains tax?

Chabahar rail - port project

148 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Chabahar rail-port project connecting India and Iran;
- (b) by when, it would be completed; and
- (c) the amount spent and proposed to be spent from the Iranian National Development Fund and other heads for the project, along with details thereof?

Employment generation through KVIC

149 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to generate employment for persons during the last three years through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);
- (b) the details of schemes initiated for this purpose; and
- (c) the names of States which are likely to benefit from the said proposal including Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Haryana?

Construction work on NH-216 in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

150 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction works of Timmapuram to Gurjanapalle Section project from 26.150 to 41.161 of NH-214 (NH216) Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh is yet to be completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

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