

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, March 15, 2021/ 24 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)**

Total number of questions -- 15

**Impact of Climate Change**

196 **Dr. Ameer Jaynik:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the Climate Change across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the geographical areas that have witnessed the most significant Climatic Change, with special reference to the Himalayas, indicating the impact of such a change on the environment in the country; and
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study to examine the trend of declining rainfall in certain areas of the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Participation of youth of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in sports**

197 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made to increase interest, participation and inspire youth of the newly created Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh towards sports, after their becoming as Union Territories, subsequent upon passing of a bill in both houses of Parliament in August, 2019;
- (b) whether any funds have been provided to these Union Territories by the Central Government for the same; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of sports in tribal and hilly areas**

198 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated any schemes for the development of sports/games and sports institutions for tribal and hilly areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to introduce new schemes for nurturing



sportspersons belonging to tribal areas?

### **Amendments in ESZ notification at Wayanad, Kerala**

199 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether amendment in the draft Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) notification to exclude some of the densely populated hamlets at Wayanad, Kerala is under consideration;
- (b) if so, whether any fresh proposal in this regard is ready with the Central Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any consultation with State Government of Kerala and the people in the affected areas has been conducted or is under consideration; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Review of environmental clearance for projects**

200 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry propose to review the earlier environmental clearance for projects in the Himalayan region in view of the disaster of Rishi Ganga Hydroelectric Project in Uttarakhand; and
- (b) the project which is more environmentally viable between hydropower and solar power project?

### **The Paris Agreement on Climate Change**

201 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the stand of Government on the Paris Climate Agreement, in respect of carbon space;
- (b) whether other developing nations are also consulted for strengthening the stand of India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of initiatives taken for pursuing the developed countries to meet their commitments of transfer of funds and patent free technology to the developing countries, to mitigate the effect of climate change?

### **Reforms in coal sector**

202 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite being world's fourth largest producer, India is the second largest importer of the dry fuel;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that India is still importing coal, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has brought reforms in coal sector with the vision to build an 'AtmaNirbhar Bharat', by promoting commercial mining of coal in the country and unlocking coal mining for private players; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with achievements made by Government in this regard?



### Utilisation of CAMPA fund for activities other than afforestation

203 # **Shri Anil Baluni:**

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

- (a) whether funds for Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) are being used by States for other activities as well apart from afforestation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the budget of Forest Department of States has been decreased due to the allocation of CAMPA funds, if so, the details thereof?

### Disinvestment of PSUs

204 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which Government is poised to disinvest;
- (b) the difficulties faced by the Undertakings which Government is disinvesting and the steps taken by the Ministry to overcome those difficulties;
- (c) the number of people working for these Undertakings who will lose their jobs due to disinvestment; and
- (d) the mechanism being adopted to determine the value of the assets of the Undertakings which the Ministry is selling, so that the property of the country is not handed over to private companies at a very cheap price?

### Auction of new coal mines

205 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started auctioning of new coal mines to private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union-Territory-wise;
- (c) whether Government has allowed participation of those private companies which have no prior coal mining experience in such coal mine auctions, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has allowed hundred per cent Foreign Direct Investment in such coal mine auctions, if so, the details of private companies which have shown interest in such auctions?

### Limits of Krishna River Management Board for water sharing

206 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to check the disputes between Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana as regards sharing of Krishna water between them and fix the limits and authorities of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) in distributing the Krishna river water between them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) details of steps being taken in resolving the disputes and action to be taken on overriding decisions of KRMB;
- (d) number of projects built by Telangana Government without Centre's approval; and status of those projects;
- (e) details of the complaints filed by AP Government; and
- (f) the response of Government to such complaints?



### News related to communal tensions

207 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of various instances of news related to communal tensions that have occurred during the last year, if so, the steps Government is taking in such cases;
- (b) if not, whether Government is of the view that such communal news reports do not exist;
- (c) the total number of complaints received by the Press Council of India (PCI) across various mediums of TV news, newspapers, etc;
- (d) the number of organisations/individuals against which action has been taken by the PCI during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps Government and PCI have taken to address this problem?

### Rural Sanitation Strategy

208 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared a ten year Rural Sanitation Strategy in September, 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of success achieved so far from the target set; and
- (d) the amount allocated in the current financial year?

### Sanskrit news on Doordarshan channel

209 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to telecast Sanskrit news every day on Doordarshan channel across the country, including Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any survey on the number of people who know the Sanskrit Language in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any objections/complaints on telecasting of Sanskrit news across the country, including Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

### Construction of Border Roads

210 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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



- (a) the latest developments regarding construction of border roads, especially India-China Border Roads (ICBRs);
- (b) the details of steps taken for early completion of the roads including the cost and time overruns during the last two years; and
- (c) new target dates fixed by the Border Roads Organisation?

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