

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 22, 2019/Ashadha 31, 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

Rehabilitation of villages

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

(a) whether any scheme of rehabilitation
of villages is being implemented by
Government;

(b) if so, the amount to be made available
to Madhya Pradesh under this scheme;
and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

High rate of accidents on highways/ expressways

*302. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the
Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND
HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of
accidents on Indian highways/expressways
is higher than the world average;

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

(c) the reasons for such higher number
of accidents on highways; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to
take to control accidents on highways/
expressways?

Proposed amendments to the Indian Forest Act

*303. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will
the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry proposes to put
a limit or exterminate rights recognised
under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and
Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas)
Act, (PESA) through an amendment made
in the Indian Forest Act, if so, the details of
all amendments sought to be made in the
Indian Forest Act;

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(b) the details of stakeholders who were consulted before the amendments in the Indian Forest Act were drafted and if no stakeholders were consulted, the reason therefor; and

(c) the details of manner in which the Ministry will ensure that no fraudulent cases get charged against forest dwellers through the amendment?

Pollution in Byramangala reservoir, Karnataka

*304. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the looming public health catastrophe due to pollution and use of water from the 1200-acre Byramangala reservoir in Ramanagara district just outside Bengaluru city; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to reclaim the reservoir from certain destruction?

Yamuna water to Rajasthan from Tajewala

†*305. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for not providing water from Tajewala head to the Rajasthan despite allocation of the share of Yamuna water to the State by Upper Yamuna River Board; and

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to direct the State of Haryana to provide Yamuna water to Churu and Jhunjhunu districts of Rajasthan from Tajewala?

Foreign investment in defence sector

*306. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the technical and management efficiency of Indian companies involved in production of military items can be enhanced by foreign assistance;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in the absence of necessary incentives, foreign companies are withdrawing their support; and

(c) whether Government is considering to encourage the foreign investment in defence sector, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of sports in Uttar Pradesh

*307. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted to various institutions engaged in promotion and development of sports in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of target fixed and achievements made in this regard?

Status of ECHS Scheme

*308. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amount spent by the Ministry over the past three years in Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) initiative for re-imbursement of medicines and consumables in respect of ECHS beneficiaries;

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(b) the number of beneficiaries who have availed the assistance through the above mentioned initiative for Cancer Drugs, out of all the beneficiaries over the past three years and the amount spent by the Department of Ex-Servicemen in this regard; and

(c) the new initiatives, if any, that have been planned by the Department of Ex-Servicemen, Ministry of Defence for furthering these initiatives in the coming three years?

NCAP policy framework and enforcement

*309. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various factors that will be taken into account while forming a policy framework under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP);

(b) whether the factors will be uniform across all cities and if not, whether they will vary;

(c) whether the NCAP will have any mechanism for strict enforcement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impending threat of Global Warming

*310. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) steps being taken to create awareness amongst citizens about the threat of Global Warming;

(b) measures being taken to assess the potential damage that will be caused by Global Warming;

(c) whether there are any plans and/or

policies that include the citizens in tackling Global Warming; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Railway tracks in forest areas

*311. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many rail tracks are running through forest areas due to which many animals are killed by trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to gradually remove all the rail tracks running through forest areas; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Target for construction and awarding of NHs

*312. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set a target of constructing 16,420 kms. and awarding 20,000 kms. of National Highways during the financial year 2018-19;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had pegged construction rate at 45 kms. per day during the financial year 2018-19; and

(c) if so, the target achieved in both the cases?

Allocation of funds for Namami Gange projects

*313. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects under Namami

Gange during the last three years, year-wise and project-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the above period, year-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether only 26 out of 221 sanctioned projects have been completed, so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(e) the reasons for failure in completing the projects and cleaning the Ganga; and

(f) the details of funds allocated for Namami Gange during 2019-20?

Status of construction of toilets

†*314. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed under Pradhan Mantri Yojana in each State and the quantum of Government funds spent on their construction;

(b) the maximum usage period of the toilets constructed under this scheme, in case it is used by a family of four or five members; and

(c) the States where this scheme has not been implemented and reasons for the non-implementation thereof?

Replacement of ICE two/three wheelers with electric vehicles

*315. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government wants to ban Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) powered two and three wheelers with an engine capacity of less than 150cc and replace them with Electric Vehicles (EVs); and

(b) if so, the details of the infrastructure required and the steps taken by Government to implement the replacement of ICE of less than 150cc engine capacity with electric vehicles?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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