

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, February 6, 2017/Magha 17, 1938 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Approval to power projects in Uttarakhand**

†\*31. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new power projects received by Government for approval during last one year from Uttarakhand Government and private sector;

(b) whether Government has accepted all requests received in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not granting approval?

#### **Constitution of single tribunal for all inter-State river water disputes**

\*32. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government

has taken a decision to constitute a single tribunal to deal with all inter-State river water disputes by dispensing with various existing tribunals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of States which have welcomed the decision and whether the Centre would assuage other States who are aggrieved?

#### **Scheme for providing clean drinking water**

†\*33. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has prepared schemes for providing clean drinking water to the common people of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the number of States in the country, where work is under progress under the clean drinking water mission and the districts in Uttar Pradesh where this mission is being run; and

(d) by when Government plans to achieve the objectives of this scheme?

**Human Development Index of SCs and STs**

†\*34. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Human Development Index of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) is less as compared to that of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of indicators wherein SCs and STs lag behind in Human Development Index alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate any special action plan to enhance the Human Development Index of SCs and STs, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Making Aadhaar cards mandatory under MGNREGS**

\*35. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to make Aadhaar cards mandatory for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Encouragement to States to generate solar power**

\*36. SHRI SAMHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh are far ahead in solar power generation in comparison to other States;

(b) what are the reasons that other States are lagging behind in solar power generation;

(c) the details of existing solar power generation capacity of each State and their future projection till 2022; and

(d) what support Government proposes to give to the States lagging behind to increase solar power generation?

**Households covered under MGNREGS**

\*37. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households covered under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) as on January, 2017, State-wise;

(b) average number of days guaranteed to each household per month during last year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any

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steps to enhance employment opportunities under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof?

**Demand to withdraw Bill for creation of Port Authority**

\*38. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Water Transport Workers Federation of India (WTWFI) in its 9th National Conference passed a resolution demanding to withdraw the new Major Port Trusts Bill;

(b) whether the Bill is likely to open floodgates to corporates to snatch ports which have huge assets and also impact employees and pensioners; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to address these concerns?

**Contamination in groundwater in Punjab**

\*39. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed World Health Organisation (WHO) limits for chemicals like Aluminium, Arsenic, Lead, Uranium, Mercury and Chromium in groundwater, chemical-wise;

(b) whether any of the districts in Punjab have higher concentration of the aforementioned chemicals in groundwater and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any study has been undertaken/completed to gauge the potential health impact of these chemicals in groundwater and if so, the findings thereof?

**Solar powered dual pump water supply scheme in Telangana**

\*40. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that solar power based dual pump water supply scheme is being implemented in Khammam district of Telangana;

(b) if so, the number of habitations in the above district which are expected to get water supply;

(c) whether no habitation has been covered since implementation of the scheme *i.e.* 2013;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) by when all the identified habitations in the above district would be covered under the scheme; and

(f) what is the status of other districts with regard to solar power based dual pump water supply scheme in Telangana?

**Construction of houses for rural poor**

†\*41. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for providing houses to all rural poor by the year 2022;

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(b) if so, the details of the number of people, out of the total population of the country, who have been identified for coverage under this scheme, State-wise; and

(c) the number of housing units proposed to be constructed by the year 2019 and the total number of housing units constructed or proposed to be constructed during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

#### **Definition of an electrified village**

\*42. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the definition of an electrified village;

(b) whether around 18,000 villages have been electrified as per Government estimates in the country;

(c) what is the percentage of households which need to have electricity connections in a village, the minimum hours of electricity supply and the minimum hours of electricity usage, etc. as per the definition of electrified village given by Government; and

(d) whether Government is planning to specify these parameters in the definition of electrified village, if they are not specified now and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Encroachment of mangrove land for public toilets**

\*43. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of illegal toilets constructed on mangrove land recorded;

(b) whether Government is keeping a check on encroachment of mangrove land for construction of public toilets under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of economic corridors**

\*44. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to come up with an ambitious ₹ 3 lakh crore economic corridor project to develop 35,000 kms. of highways for faster movement of freight;

(b) whether a study on economic corridors by a global consultancy firm has identified 40 such economic corridors totalling about 35,000 kms;

(c) whether the project is aimed at faster movement of cargo and to undertake developing economic corridors with a length of about 21,000 kms., but also developing 14,000 kms. of feeder routes *i.e.* providing connectivity to logistic hubs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Impact of demonetisation on road cargo revenues**

\*45. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cargo booked by road since 2014 till date;

(b) whether there has been revenue loss to the road cargo companies after the 8th November, 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the problems faced by the truck drivers who were on road when

demonetisation was announced, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of fall in the road cargo bookings and business contracts by various cargo companies in the country post demonetisation?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 31st January, 2017*  
*Magha 11, 1938 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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(Ministry-wise)

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