

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, December 18, 2017/Agrahayana 27, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and  
Broadcasting; Mines; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and  
Highways; Rural Development; Science and Technology;  
Shipping; Textiles; Water Resources, River  
Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 15

#### Fund sharing pattern for PMGSY

\*16. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:  
Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan  
Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was  
a 100 per cent Central Government funded  
scheme before the revision of fund sharing  
pattern with 60 per cent share from the  
Central Government and rest 40 per cent  
as the State share;

(b) if so, whether the changed fund  
sharing pattern has adversely affected the  
implementation of the scheme in various  
States; and

(c) if so, the corresponding figures of  
the progress made under the scheme since  
the change in fund sharing pattern?

#### Deaths due to pollution

\*17. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS  
BAIDYA: Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 per cent  
of the premature deaths in the country have  
occurred due to air pollution according to  
the Report of the Centre for Science and  
Environment (CSE);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the preventive  
measures Government has taken in this  
regard?

#### Conservation of mangrove jungles in Maharashtra

\*18. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,  
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mangrove  
jungles around Mumbai and other coastal  
areas of Maharashtra are decreasing  
rapidly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken  
or proposes to take to substantially increase  
mangrove jungles there?

**Encroachment of forest land**

\*19. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the actual forest land and that encroached by people in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether any complaint has been received from Rajasthan regarding such encroachment by a community;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any special scheme is being implemented for the States, having less forest land, to bring them at par with national average; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and the estimated amount likely to be spent in this regard?

**Procurement of single-engine fighters for Air Force**

\*20. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to procure single-engine fighters for its Air Force from a private sector player with technology transfer by the foreign original equipment manufacturer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Enhancement of funds for Power Tex India Scheme**

\*21. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds are required to meet the requirement of Power Tex India Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to enhance the capital subsidy for powerloom from 10 per cent to 30 per cent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about ten proposals were sanctioned under the yarn bank and group workshed scheme and another seventy applications are pending; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Dynamic and transparent defence procurement policy**

†\*22. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several policy measures have been taken by Government with an objective to make defence procurement policy dynamic and transparent during the last three years and as a result of which the system has become corruption free completely;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to contact directly the concerned foreign Government instead of concerned company for defence procurement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Banning of films by State Governments**

\*23. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have the power to ban exhibition of a film before it is censored and certified by Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC);

(b) if so, whether it violates the principles of rule of law and prejudices the decision of CBFC and whether it would injunct a statutory body from doing its duty; and

(c) what are the Ministry's comments on the same?

**Environmental damage due to illegal mining**

†\*24. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of illegal mining in various parts of the country particularly in Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh and in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the extent of damage being caused to the environment every year by illegal mining and the details of steps being taken to prevent the damage being caused thereby to climate and eco-system; and

(c) whether it is a fact that illegal mining is rampant in various parts of the country with active connivance?

**Committee on pay and rank parity**

\*25. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2110 given in the

Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether the three-member Committee appointed by Government to look into the issue of pay and rank parity with regard to the military has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the key findings and recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether Government has constituted a new Committee to look into the same issue again; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the timeline for the Committee to submit its report and for the Government to finalise the same?

**Long time policy to tackle the increasing air pollution**

\*26. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a long term policy to tackle the increasing air pollution problem across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time bound steps taken by Government to introduce a multi-pronged strategy to deal with the deteriorating air quality particularly in metro cities?

**State-of-the-art equipments for defence forces**

\*27. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to equip the defence forces with latest

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state-of-the-art weapons, machineries, bullet-proof jackets etc. to enable them to maintain a robust and effective response mechanism to counter emerging threats;

(b) the action taken to upgrade surveillance systems and networks in tracking insurgent elements well in advance; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen security of various military establishments across the country?

#### **Action plan for old dams**

\*28. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 196 dams in the country are more than 100 years old and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is planning to conduct a break analysis of 5247 large dams across the country and put in place an emergency action plan especially for the 196 dams that are over 100 years old; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposed examination of dams will be started and completed?

#### **Inter-State water disputes for sharing of river water**

\*29. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of WATER

RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the inter-State water disputes for sharing of river water between States, which are pending with Government at present;

(b) the pendency of each case; and

(c) the progress made in solving the problems?

#### **Progress of PMGSY**

†\*30. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), started in the year 2000 was to link the villages, deprived of roads with the all-weather roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the progress of work under PMGSY had slowed down during 2004 to 2014;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of villages deprived of all-weather roads in Rajasthan, at present and by when these villages would be connected with roads?

NEW DELHI;  
The 12th December, 2017  

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Agrahayana 21, 1939 (Saka)

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
Secretary-General.

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## **I N D E X**

(Ministry-wise)

<b>Defence</b>	: 20, 22, 25, 27,
<b>Drinking Water and Sanitation</b>	: —
<b>Earth Sciences</b>	: —
<b>Environment, Forest and Climate Change</b>	: 17, 18, 19, 24, 26,
<b>Information and Broadcasting</b>	: 23,
<b>Mines</b>	: —
<b>Panchayati Raj</b>	: —
<b>Road Transport and Highways</b>	: —
<b>Rural Development</b>	: 16, 30,
<b>Science and Technology</b>	: —
<b>Shipping</b>	: —
<b>Textiles</b>	: 21,
<b>Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation</b>	: 28, 29.