

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, March 12, 2018/Phalgun 21, 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

#### Utilisation of funds collected under PMKKKY

†\*166. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the  
Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount of  
funds collected under the Pradhan Mantri  
Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana  
(PMKKKY) till date;

(b) the details of the amount of funds  
allocated to the States, out of the collected  
amount of funds, State-wise and the total  
amount of funds spent; and

(c) the details of the amount of funds  
that was spent in top priority areas?

based dual pump water supply scheme is  
being implemented in Srikakulam district  
of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of habitations in the  
district that are expected to get water  
supply;

(c) whether it is also a fact that, no  
habitation has been covered, since  
implementation of the scheme, in 2013;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the identified habitations  
in the above districts would be covered  
under the above scheme?

#### Solar power based dual pump water supply scheme in A.P.

\*167. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the  
Minister of DRINKING WATER AND  
SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that solar power

#### R&D for modernisation of armed forces

†\*168. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-  
BUDDHE: Will the Minister of  
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by

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Government towards modernisation of Indian armed forces;

(b) whether Government is contemplating for establishing any institute other than DRDO for technological research aimed at promoting the modernisation of armed forces; and

(c) by when India will be self-reliant, in view of the fact that India is still dependent on the imports for defence equipments?

#### **Progress of work on NH-43**

\*169. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contractor working on NH-43 from Ambikapur to Pathalgaon and Pathalgaon to Kunkuri in Chhattisgarh, has stopped the work;

(b) the amount provided to the contractor for the said work; and

(c) the progress made on NH-43, till date and by when the said two works would be completed?

#### **Construction of new highways**

\*170. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to construct new highways in various States for interconnectivity;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) details of the new highways in the State of West Bengal?

#### **Logistic parks/ring roads under Bharatmala Pariyojana**

\*171. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharatmala Pariyojana envisages building of logistic parks and ring roads in cities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these cities also include the areas under the Smart Cities Mission, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has communicated the plan to build such parks and roads to Urban Local Bodies within the Smart Cities;

(d) whether Government has consulted Urban Local Bodies before laying out the pariyojana in their cities, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Working capital for HSL**

\*172. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has assured of giving ₹ 20,000 crores as working capital to Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) in 2014, as part of Make in India initiative;

(b) the reasons as to why the Ministry is not pursuing the assurance in spite of the fact that HSL is struggling to get working capital and looking for Central assistances whenever it gets any new order; and

(c) whether the Ministry has entered into agreements with Japan and South Korea

for buying ships, instead of giving orders for construction of ships to HSL?

**Development of Azhikkal port in Kannur**

\*173. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of the Azhikkal port, Kannur, is being considered for approval under the Sagarmala scheme;

(b) if so, whether any time-frame has been kept to give official approval; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for delay in approval?

**Adverse environmental impact of disposable plastic cups**

†\*174. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) estimated number of disposable plastic cups used every year across the country;

(b) whether these used disposable plastic cups have adverse impact on environment;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to promote the use of cups made of paper-cardboard by completely banning disposable plastic cups; and

(d) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Action plan to tackle air pollution in Delhi-NCR**

\*175. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized any comprehensive action plan to tackle air pollution in Delhi-NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CPCB has been given the task of preparing air pollution inventory, health impact studies and other appropriate studies and the progress report would be reported every three months, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the action plan for Delhi-NCR would be taken up for the entire country, for anti-pollution plan, if so, the details thereof?

**Provision of equipments for border management**

\*176. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high quality equipments for keeping vigil on Indo-Pakistan and Indo-China borders have been provided to our defence personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any action plan to make improvements in this regard, particularly keeping in view the present security scenario at our borders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**NOCs for environmental clearances for construction companies**

\*177. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has imposed

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ban on issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) for environmental clearances to construction companies and industries in the country, including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Green Tribunal has taken the responsibility of above said cases and if so, the details thereof and their current status;

(d) whether Ministry has formed any high level Committee for conducting inspection and to conduct probe on the erring realtors and companies;

(e) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Ministry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Control of water pollution in Yamuna river**

\*178. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to very high concentration of Ammonia in Yamuna river, drinking water supplied to various parts of Delhi, is adversely affected;

(b) if so, whether Government has been able to find out main cause for increase in pollution in Yamuna water;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to control Yamuna water pollution; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Plans for shifting back RNUs to Delhi**

\*179. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring back the Regional News Units (RNUs) to Delhi, which were shifted to their respective States, last year;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reason of shifting these RNUs which were running smoothly in Delhi?

#### **Status of canal irrigation**

†\*180. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects sanctioned during the last three years and the details thereof showing their current status;

(b) the number of perennial canals and dried up canals in the country, due to which farmers are facing difficulties as regards to irrigation of their fields; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the canal irrigation facilities?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
Secretary-General.

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