

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 14, 2018/Phalguna 23, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and
Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel;
Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 15

Sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

*196. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eleven projects have been sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the year 2017-18 alone, taking the total number of projects upto 67;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government's plan is for holistic development of pilgrimage destinations across the country, including Buddhist Circuit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of A.P. Reorganisation Act

*197. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra

Pradesh has made several requests to the Central Government for implementation of several provisions made in A.P. Reorganization Act, 2014 and assurances given during the passing of A.P. Reorganization Bill;

(b) if so, details thereof along with reasons for not implementing provisions of the Act;

(c) if not, what are the provisions fully implemented by Government till now and what are the provisions and assurances still to be implemented; and

(d) by when the provisions/assurances will be fulfilled completely?

Survey on habit of domestic tourists

*198. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey on the habit of domestic tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many of the domestic tourists undertake visits in an unplanned manner; and

(d) if so, whether any initiatives have been taken to make Indian citizens undertake tourism in a planned manner?

Crime in Delhi

*199. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crimes like vehicle thefts, robbery, chain snatching, eve teasing, rape, etc. in Delhi have increased from January to March, 2018 in comparison to the corresponding period of 2017;

(b) the number of cases in which criminals could not be identified/arrested during the year 2018;

(c) the action plan to make Delhi a safe place for living;

(d) the ranking of Delhi based on crime rate in the country; and

(e) the names of crime prone police stations in Delhi showing increasing trend and action taken against guilty officers for dereliction of duty?

Steps taken to seal Assam-Bangladesh border

*200. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to seal and secure the Assam-Bangladesh border;

(b) how many kilometres of the border have been sealed so far; and

(c) the measures taken to secure the unfenced portion of the border which includes riverine areas?

Steel plant at Bayyaram

*201. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the matter of establishment of steel plant at Bayyaram, Khammam district of Telangana which was a promise made in the AP Reorganisation Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government of Telangana has submitted a fresh proposal through its IT Minister requesting the Ministry to expedite the process of establishment of a steel plant at Bayyaram in Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given any assurance in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to speed up execution work immediately?

Use of Hindi in official work

†*202. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Departments find it difficult to work in Hindi, which is the official language of Union of India, and therefore maximum work is being disposed of in English language;

(b) whether Government has prepared any framework under which all Government Departments will start

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

working in official language Hindi in a phased manner; and

(c) the steps taken by Government Departments in the form of Hindi Pakhwada every year to encourage working in Hindi language during the last three years and whether it has promoted working in Hindi?

Recognising Andhra Natyam as a classical dance

*203. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that artists, political leaders and others have approached Government to recognize the traditional Andhra Natyam and to give it the status of classical dance;

(b) if so, the details of the demand and action taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(c) how much time will the Ministry take to recognize Andhra Natyam as one of the major classical dance forms of India?

Vacant posts in paramilitary forces

*204. K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts remain vacant in various paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the number of such posts which remain vacant in each force; and

(c) the reasons for not conducting recruitment for the vacant posts?

Reduction in share of PDS Kerosene to Tamil Nadu

*205. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite demands for increasing allocation, Union Government has reduced the share of Kerosene to Tamil Nadu compared to 2015-16 levels, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Central Government has any plans to enhance the Public Distribution System Kerosene allotment to fulfil the requirement of family cardholders?

Maoist affected districts in Kerala

*206. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has recommended extending the list of Maoist affected districts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Non-filing of returns by exempted PF trusts

*207. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of exempted private Provident Fund (PF) trusts have not filed their return for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure filing of returns by all the exempted PF trusts in order to protect the interest of workers?

National Manufacturing Policy

*208. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal of
Government for framing and implementing
a new National Manufacturing Policy
(NMP) through which employment can be
generated;

(b) if so, the details of the policy;

(c) whether the policy has the potential
to increase the GDP growth rate at a greater
pace as well as remove the unemployment
in the country; and

(d) if so, the action plan prepared in this
regard?

**Selection of sportspersons under
'Khelo India'**

†*209. DR. SATYANARAYAN
JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to
state:

(a) the procedure for selection of sports
events, talent and sportspersons under
'Khelo India' programme being organised
this year along with the action plan to train

and promote the skills of the sportspersons;
and

(b) the measures taken by the Ministry
of Human Resource Development with
regard to Part 'a' above at various levels of
education for co-ordination of 'Khelo India'
programme and selection of talent?

Accidents in PNG sector

*210. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents caused due
to fire in oil tanks, refineries, etc. during
the last three years along with the loss of
life and property as a result thereof;

(b) whether any Committee was set up
for examining the reasons for such
incidents, if so, what were the
recommendations;

(c) whether any such recommendations
have been implemented, if so, the details
thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to set
up Emergency Response Centre for
accidents caused due to fire; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the
timeline for completion of the Centre?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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