

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 19, 2018/Phalgun 28, 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

Diseases due to air pollution in Delhi-NCR

†*241. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite taking various proactive measures to check air pollution in Delhi and adjoining areas, the desired result is not being achieved and this has led to various health problems of public at large;

(b) season-wise details of the increasing pollution in Delhi during the last three years and the steps being taken to improve the air quality at present, and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to excessive pollution, pollution borne diseases are on the rise?

Rafale aircraft deal

*242. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entered into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with France for the purchase of 36 Rafale jets in fly-away condition to be manufactured by Dassault Aviation with an offset requirement of manufacturing 50 per cent of equipment in partnership with an Indian company;

(b) whether Dassault Aviation incorporated a Joint Venture to fulfil its offset requirement with Reliance Defence, a company having no prior experience in manufacturing equipments for jets; and

(c) if so, what are Government's comments on the involvement of an inexperienced company in the manufacture of such a sensitive defence equipment?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Army personnel disabled during training

†*243. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers and trainee officers who have been handicapped while undergoing military training during the last three years;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to change the methods of training in view of the continued increase in disability cases during training so that disability of trainee officers is minimised;

(c) whether the services of trainee officers/soldiers, disabled during the training, are terminated and if so, number of such cases during the last three years; and

(d) details of the facilities provided to such officers/soldiers?

Committee for review of capital acquisition projects

*244. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to constitute a Committee to review the ongoing capital acquisition projects and suggest ways of taking them fruitful towards results; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of eligible BPL families

†*245. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to display information regarding the State-wise list of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) on the Internet, so that only the genuinely poor persons can be identified and can avail the benefits of Government sponsored schemes and ineligible people illegally availing of the benefits meant for poor persons can be identified;

(b) if so, details thereof and action taken in this regard;

(c) if not, how does Government proposes to identify the ineligible people who are living above the poverty line and misusing the benefits of Government facilities meant for BPL people; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Fund utilisation for MGNREGA and PMAY

*246. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provisions made for administrative costs under certain schemes including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) are not being fully utilised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the total admissible administrative expenditure for MGNREGA was ₹ 3411 crore, of which ₹ 520 crore remained unspent; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Study on air pollution in India

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

(a) whether Government has carried out any scientific studies on air pollution and to determine its effects on health during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and details of the measures that are intended to be taken; and

(c) reasons for the standards of the Indian Pollution Index being less stringent as compared to the level of permissible pollutants index issued by the World Health Organisation?

Blacklisting of firms for defence procurement

*248. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recently blacklisted some firms from engaging in business with the Ministry:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) steps taken by Government during the last three years to expedite defence procurement process; and

(d) the details thereof?

Pollution control in the country

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

(a) whether as per a Green Peace India Report, 12 lakh people die every year in the country due to extreme pollution;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to reduce the pollution from PM -10 in the cities of Delhi, Allahabad, Bareilly, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and the State of Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government is planning to improve/change the systems for pollution control; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Agricultural land acquired for infrastructure development

*250. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large area of agricultural land is being acquired for infrastructure development by Government and private agencies;

(b) if so, the area of agricultural land acquired by Government and private entities during the last three years;

(c) whether Government is bringing any proposal to control/ban the acquisition of agricultural land for infrastructure development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of PMGSY in Maharashtra

*251. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of roads, connecting villages under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is in progress in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the districts where the scheme is being implemented; and

(c) names of the rural road connectivity works under PMGSY in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra, including the estimated cost and work completion date in each case?

Vacancies in NGT

*252. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts of Chairperson, Judicial Members and Expert Members in National Green Tribunal (NGT) have been lying vacant for a long time;

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

(c) whether Supreme Court of India has recently ordered filling up of these vacancies in NGT with immediate effect and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has assured the Apex Court that said vacancies will be filled up by March, 2018;

(e) if so, details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard and if not, reasons therefor; and

(f) by when these vacancies would be filled?

Road safety in the country

*253. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that fatalities due to road accidents in the country are increasing year by year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any study to enhance road safety and reduce accidents in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women in Territorial Army

*254. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to permit women to serve in Territorial Army;

(b) whether any special recruitment is likely to be held in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Achievements of PMKSY

*255. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise and year-wise details of the physical and financial achievement of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), during the last three years;

(b) State-wise and year-wise details of funds requested by States and released by the Government during the last three years; and

(c) whether Maharashtra State requested for ₹ 1086.6 crores for the completion of Vidharbha Intensive Irrigation Programme (VIDP) and if so, what is the status of the request?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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