

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 28, 2018/Chaitra 7, 1940 (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)**

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Equal pay for daily wagers/contract labourers and regular employees

†*346. DR. SATYANARAYAN
JATIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR
AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) the policy of "equal pay for equal
work" and the effective measures taken for
the implementation of the same; and

(b) in reference to (a) above the
measures taken to ensure equal payment
to daily wagers and contract labourers
employed in institutes, establishments and
companies of Government and private
sector as is being given to regular
employees employed there?

Fixing minimum wages for tea garden labourers

*347. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will
the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no

National Minimum Wage Act being
implemented in the tea industry, if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether the tea garden labourers
get very low wages even lower than the
unorganised sector workers and it varies
to a great extent from region to region and
across different tea producing areas/States,
if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to
fix a minimum wage for the tea garden
labourers and centralising a Central Wage
Board for the tea industry; and

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

Capital punishment for rape

†*348. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will
the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a
consistent rise in the incidents of rape of
girls/women, particularly little girls;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have provided/are providing for capital punishment for rape of girls upto the age of twelve years;

(c) whether some organisations have requested Government to enact a law providing therein for capital punishment for rape of girls up to the age of twelve years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

Schemes to encourage small scale industries

†*349. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated several programmes to encourage small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the works for which Government provides assistance in these small scale industries?

Tariffs on steel imports by the US

*350. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the US Department of Commerce has recommended to impose steep tariffs on steel imports from India and a few other countries;

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

(c) the total quantity of steel that India

exported to the US during last three years and the current year and total foreign exchange earned from it as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps Government has taken so far to convince the US authorities that steel manufactured in India and exported to the US is of a good and reliable quality and safe to use?

Redefining Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

*351. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has redefined Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in an attempt to cover more eligible beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details of additional number of beneficiaries that are proposed to be covered under PMUY in Assam and other North-Eastern States; and

(c) the details of beneficiaries covered in Assam and other North-Eastern States so far, and beneficiaries expected to be covered under the revised Yojana in those States?

Persons banned from visiting India

*352. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has maintained any list of most wanted persons who are banned from visiting India, especially Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Funds to athletes under the TOP Scheme

*353. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently revised the guidelines for issuance of funds to athletes under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to curb red-tapism as well as misuse of funds by athletes under the TOP Scheme?

Caste based census

‡*354. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any caste based census in India after the year 1931;

(b) if so, the year when the census was conducted; and

(c) if not, by when the caste based census is likely to be conducted in the country?

Development of rural tourism

*355. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government for developing rural tourism in the country;

(b) the number of districts/villages in the country which have been identified and developed as rural tourist places during the last two years, State/UT-wise, including Haryana;

(c) whether Government has received

proposals/suggestions from various States and UTs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for this purpose?

Security for political leaders

*356. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the political leaders from different States who are provided security by forces like the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force and other such forces; and

(b) whether the recommendations of the State Governments are considered in giving and removing security for various political leaders in various States?

Heritage sites in the country

*357. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of heritage sites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/ UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the heritage sites in the country from encroachment?

Performance of Border Area Development Programme (BADP)

*358. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

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lack of basic facilities like clean drinking water for the population of border areas;

(b) the measures taken by Government to ensure the development of border area districts;

(c) whether Government has considered increasing the limit of 10 per cent of BADP allocation of the States, to enable border security personnel to suggest beneficial schemes for the population;

(d) the measures taken to strengthen monitoring of projects under BADP; and

(e) whether Government has reviewed the performance of BADP by conducting an impact assessment, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Disinvestment of Alloy Steel Plant,
Durgapur**

*359. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disinvestment of Alloy Steel Plant in Durgapur is being done after

taking cognizance of the strategic importance of the plant to India's defence requirements, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the disinvestment of Alloy Steel Plant in Durgapur is being done after taking cognizance of the strategic importance of the plant to India's atomic energy requirements, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government plans to ensure that any proposed disinvestment is sensitive to the aforementioned requirements of the Nation?

Female inmates in district jails

*360. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of female inmates of district jails who are undertrials and languishing in prisons for the last several years and contributing to overcrowding in prisons; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to solve the problem of overcrowding?

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