

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, February 5, 2018/Magha 16, 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

Funds allocated under PMAY in Himachal Pradesh

*16. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Government
of Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan
Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) in the
financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and
2017-18;

(b) the names of districts in the State
covered under the scheme; and

(c) the number of houses constructed/
likely to be constructed in Kangra district
under the scheme?

Revision of diversion of forest land for Mission Bhagiradha Project

*17. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of

ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in receipt of
any proposal from Telangana Government
seeking revision of diversion of forest land
for Mission Bhagiradha Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any
decision on the matter and if so, the details
thereof?

PMPRPY beneficiaries for textile sector

*18. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) the number of textile sector
employees registered under Pradhan Mantri
Paridhan Rojgar Protsahan Yojana
(PMPRPY), since its inception, month-
wise;

(b) the quantum of funds disbursed under
the scheme since its inception, month-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that beneficiaries have not been able to receive their claims due to errors in Aadhaar linkage to their PAN numbers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Harassment and manhandling for open defecation

†*19. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for promotion of social awareness under cleanliness drive during the last three years;

(b) whether incidents of manhandling of people defecating in open and their social harassment have come to the notice of Government; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for creating social awareness in order to curb these incidents and the extent to which such efforts have been fruitful?

Pollution level in Indian cities

*20. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recently concluded study has revealed that most of the cities of the country have become polluted and pollution has become a life threatening menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of corrective measures Government proposes to undertake to minimise the pollution levels in the country?

Clearance of margin money by HHEC

*21. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1573 given in Rajya Sabha on 1st January, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of balance amount as per Books of Accounts of Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC), as payable to a private company;

(b) whether HHEC is in a very difficult financial position and have sought the help of the Ministry for financial support in order to clear the Margin Money of the company; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the blocked Margin Money would be paid to the company?

Status of BPL card holders in the country

*22. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in the country having BPL cards as in 2017, Urban and Rural-wise;

(b) the number of people who have been added or have applied for inclusion in the BPL category during the last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry is verifying the previous card holders to ensure that they still come under the criterion of BPL and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are instances of people availing BPL services illegally and if so, the details thereof, along with the steps taken to curb them?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Restoration of ponds for drinking water

†*23. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special scheme for restoration of ponds, keeping in view the problem of drinking water in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received suggestions in this regard from various States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of ponds restored during the last three years under this scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the details of amount spent on restoration of ponds during the last three years and in current year under this scheme, year-wise?

Scrapping of Spike anti-tank guided missiles deal

*24. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently scrapped a USD 500 million deal to develop Spike anti-tank guided missiles, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Spike was selected earlier after a long and rigorous process and complying with all the defence procurement regulations; and

(c) if so, the specific reasons for cancellation of the said deal?

Land acquired under Bharatmala Project

*25. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India needs to acquire more land for undertaking works under Bharatmala Project which covers 24,800 km of fresh highway network, including 800 km of Expressways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by NHAI to acquire the land for the said project?

Project for manufacture of small arms under Make in India programme

*26. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted company validation procedure through our Defence Attache in Slovakia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and current status of the said project for manufacture of small arms under the Make in India programme;

(c) whether the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has responded to expedite the process;

(d) whether there is delay in according approval to any such company, which was approved by OFB particularly for the manufacture of small arms under the programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to approve such project?

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FAC's recommendations on diversion of forest

*27. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) has recommended 91,798 hectare area (918 sq. km.) for diversion during the last eight months and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government's Environmental Impact Survey suggested for any alternate sites before approval of Ken-Betwa main project which had diversion of 6,017 hectare of forest land in favour of National Water Development Agency (NWDA); and

(c) if so, what steps are taken by Government to mitigate the loss of forest and wildlife at Panna Tiger Reserve?

Contribution under Swachh Bharat Kosh (SBK)

*28. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objective of Government to set up Swachh Bharat Kosh was to mobilize resources for improving sanitation facilities through Swachh Bharat Mission in rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, the amount of contribution received in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (upto November) under SBK; and

(c) the details of projects and funds released from SBK, year-wise?

Closure of textile hub in Tirupur

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

(a) whether Government is aware of fears of complete wipeout of the ₹ 42,000 crore textile hub in Tirupur;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of the units in Tirupur have been closed in the recent past; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to revive Tirupur textile hub?

Assurance on Ganga river cleaning

*30. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had confirmed that Ganga will be pollution free by October, 2016, if so, State/city-wise details on status of pollution in Ganga river;

(b) whether he has once again assured that Ganga would be cleaned by 2018;

(c) whether it has now been stated that it will take ten years to clean Ganga; and

(d) whether Government has any concrete timeline, as to when Ganga will finally be cleaned?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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