

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 5, 2018/Phalguna 14, 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

Strengthening of defence-industrial base

*91. SHRIMATI SAROJINI
HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various measures taken
by Government to strengthen the defence-
industrial base, in order to boost
Government's 'Make-in-India' Policy;

(b) whether Government is coming out
with more such measures in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation for new weapon system and modernisation in Army

*92. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
state:

(a) the provision made for new weapon
system and modernisation in the budget
2018-19;

(b) whether this allocation also includes
the payments of instalments of earlier arms
deals; and

(c) if so, the actual amount left over for
purchase of new weapon system and
modernisation for the forces in the Indian
Army?

Assistance to handloom weavers

*93. SHRI K. BHABANANDA
SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government assists the
handloom weavers across the country, if
so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large concentration of
women handloom weavers exist in Manipur,
if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance provided to
them and scheme applicable for improving
their socio-economic conditions?

Status of National Highway projects in the country

*94. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing/pending projects of construction and development of National Highways projects in the country, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds allocated by the Government and spent for this purpose, year-wise; and

(c) the timeline by which these projects will be completed and the details thereof?

Status of open defecation in the country

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

(a) the number of persons defecating in open at the time of initiation of Swachh Bharat Mission in October, 2014 and the number of people still defecating in open as on January, 2018;

(b) the number of districts and villages that have been declared open defecation free till now;

(c) details of factual position of villages and districts which have been declared open defecation free; and

(d) the stand of the Ministry with regard to incidents of assaults on people found defecating in open, during Open Defecation Free campaign?

Unutilised funds for 'Namami Gange' programme

*96. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES,

RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG in its 39th Report has stated that ₹ 2,600 crore, sanctioned between 2014-2017, for 'Namami Gange' programme is lying unutilised in the banks; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for this project and details of the reason for non-utilisation of funds?

Dam rehabilitation and improvement programme

*97. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for more than 40 per cent shortfall in utilisation of funds allocated to dam rehabilitation and improvement programme in 2017-18;

(b) State-wise release of funds under this programme;

(c) the reasons for reduction in grants given to the State Governments for flood, river and water management, by more than 59 per cent in 2018-19 as compared to ₹ 1,586 crore in 2016-17; and

(d) State-wise details of the grants released for flood, river and water management during the last three years?

Status of NW-4

*98. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on National Waterways-4 (NW-4) has started in Andhra Pradesh;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) details of the timeline by which first phase is likely to be completed and by when the entire NW-4 is going to be completed; and

(c) to what extent, NW-4 would help in movement of goods and passengers?

Cleaning of toxic waste of UCIL, Bhopal

*99. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the need for cleaning up the highly toxic areas under Swachh Bharat Mission, in and around the former pesticide factory of Union Carbide India Ltd. (UCIL), which continues to threaten the health of residents even 33 years after the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, has been brought to the attention of the Prime Minister by two NGOs working for the welfare of the survivors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Advanced MCMVs for Navy

*100. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy has only four obsolete mine-sweepers, as compared to its requirement of 24 advanced Mine Counter Measure Vessels (MCMVs);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to acquire the required strength of MCMVs for Indian Navy to enable it to detect, track and destroy under-water mines laid by enemy forces, to choke harbours and offshore installations for disrupting shipping and maritime trade?

Status of NRLM

*101. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-wise details of the micro-enterprises or livelihood generation units formed as a result of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), are available;

(b) if so, the number of such units which are functional, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the number of beneficiaries of NRLM, State-wise?

Low per-capita availability of water

*102. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is steadily hurtling towards a severe water crisis in the near future due to the prevailing near water-scarcity situation in the country as well as the regressive trend towards declining per-capita water availability;

(b) whether India can sustain drought beyond one non-monsoon season due to low per-capita storage and thereby faces acute stress, if any year happens to be a drought year; and

(c) the details of measures taken to increase the per-capita water storage, as well as per-capita water availability in India?

Telecast of fake and paid news

*103. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to constitute a set up for controlling fake news and paid news by Indian Television Channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intends to hand over the controlling mechanism to Press Council of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of toilets in A.P. under SBM

*104. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 54 per cent of households in Andhra Pradesh and 58 per cent of households in Telangana do not have toilets;

(b) the reasons behind this in spite of

implementation of Government's flagship programme called Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(c) the number of household toilets which have been constructed since implementation of SBM, district-wise and year-wise; and

(d) by when Government is planning to bring the percentage down to the accepted level?

Ceasefire violations on J&K border

*105. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that violation of ceasefire by Pakistani troops along Jammu and Kashmir border has continued in the recent past;

(b) if so, the number of times the ceasefire was violated by Pakistani troops and the casualties that have taken place during the violation of ceasefire, during the last five months with details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon by our armed forces and Government?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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