

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 7, 2018/Phalguna 16, 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

Steps to define and curb hate speech

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

(a) the details of steps taken by Government on the recommendations of the Report No. 267 of the Law Commission of India with regard to amending the IPC and Cr PC for incorporating provisions to define and curb hate speech; and

(b) the State-wise details of the number of cases reported under the IPC that fall under the broader category of 'hate speech' reported during the last three years, with a special emphasis on cases in which rumours, hate speech insinuations perpetrated through social media and WhatsApp led to attack on minority community and mob lynching?

Unrest in Barak valley, Assam

*122. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent ongoing unrest in the Barak valley in Assam caused by various groups;

(b) whether any action has been taken by Government to ease out the situation in Assam; and

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

Taking over of Waqf properties under Enemy Property Act

*123. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the power to take over Waqf properties and use them for other purposes under the Enemy Property Act, 1968;

(b) if so, State-wise details of number of Waqf properties taken over by Government along with the purpose for which these properties are currently being used for;

(c) the details of identified enemy properties in Maharashtra and the purpose for which these properties are currently being used; and

(d) the State-wise details of cases where the identification and confiscation of the enemy property has been challenged by the owners or current occupants?

Increase in unemployment as per the report of ILO

*124. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of International Labour Organisation (ILO), unemployment in India is likely to increase in 2018 and 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of target set by Government to generate employment during the years 2017-18 and 2018-19, sector-wise;

(d) the details of target achieved during 2017-18, sector-wise along with the source of data for employment generation; and

(e) the reasons for failure of Government in employment generation?

Development of NE under BADP

*125. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken so far for the development of North-Eastern Region under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP); and

(b) the details of the budget allocated during the last three years for the development of North-Eastern Region?

Cess collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Act, 1996

†*126. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected by Government till December, 2017 by imposing cess after enactments of the Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996;

(b) the total amount spent so far out of the above and the amount spent on welfare of construction workers;

(c) whether the Supreme Court had ordered to spend the amount collected from the cess only on welfare of construction workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the direction has been complied with?

Merger of Public Sector oil companies

*127. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to merge all Public Sector oil companies into a single entity;

(b) if so, the details of the merger proposal; and

(c) the reasons behind merger of major oil companies into one entity?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Honour killings

*128. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether honour killings and harassment of married couples are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported along with the accused arrested and the action taken against the guilty persons during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has constituted any Committee to examine the issue relating to honour killings; and

(d) if so, the recommendations made by such Committee and the steps taken by Government thereon?

Deficiency of fire fighting infrastructure

*129. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many major cities have huge deficiency of fire fighting infrastructure to tackle fire incidents and disaster management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is considering to bring latest fire fighting technology equipments like robots, remote controlled safety equipments, snake ladders in fire stations, etc. in various major cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Permission to change bank for receiving LPG subsidy

*130. SHRI JOYABRAHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry permits an LPG customer to change his/her bank for receiving LPG subsidy;

(b) if so, the formalities for the same; and

(c) the competent authority to which an LPG customer can approach in case the customer fails to receive the subsidy through the bank of his/her choice?

Trafficking of girls from Bangladesh

*131. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50,000 girls from Bangladesh are trafficked to or through India every year according to reports of Border Security Force (BSF) study;

(b) whether according to the report and feedback from several NGOs, these girls are forced into prostitution, dance bars and forced marriages, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to curb these trafficking of girls to India?

Self-reliance in oil and petroleum sector

*132. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has inked any new MoU to own 10 per cent of oil wells in Abu Dhabi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

expenditure to be incurred by ONGC Videsh Ltd.;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any comprehensive strategy to reach self-reliance in oil and petroleum sector and to reduce import of oil and petroleum products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred during the last three years, year-wise for the import of oil and petroleum products from various countries, particularly the US and UAE?

Funds for Guru Ghasidas's birthplace

†*133. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of heads under which an amount of Rupees five crore due from the Central Government, was spent for construction of Guru Ghasidas's birthplace 'Giroudpuri' in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if the aforesaid amount has not been given to the State, the reasons therefor and if the said amount was given, the details thereof and reasons for non-utilisation of the same; and

(c) whether Government has declared 'Giroudpuri' as a tourist place, if so, whether Government proposes to take proper action by declaring it as a trust?

Research on alternative fuel

*134. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research is being carried out on alternative fuel in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds earmarked and incurred thereon during the years 2014 to 2017;

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate the bio-diesel policy, if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to set up Bio-diesel Board to regulate the bio-diesel industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Incidents of crime/rape against women

*135. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of crime/rape cases against women are continuously increasing in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for failure of Government to control the same;

(c) whether lack of co-ordination between Centre and State Governments is the reason behind increase in such cases; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any policy to control such incidents?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
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