

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Thursday, July 22, 2021/Ashadha 31, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(नागर विमानन; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; जल शक्ति; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Power Production from Srisaillam Reservoir

*41. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to instruct the Government of Telangana to stop the power production from Srisaillam Reservoir which is being undertaken against the decision of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Drinking Water Connections in Odisha

†*42. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households in Odisha which have been provided with drinking water connection under Jal Jeevan Mission alongwith the number of people benefited therefrom, district-wise; and

(b) the details of funds allocated to Odisha under the said mission, district-wise?

Budget Air Service

†*43. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether aviation companies suffer losses on fuel to the tune of crores of rupees due to hovering of their planes above the international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch “budget air service” during the lean hours; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Airports in Telangana

*44. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airports that are currently operational in the State of Telangana;

(b) the details of airports that are used for scheduled airlines and those used only for chartered aircraft;

(c) whether the Government is considering any plans to open new airports in Telangana, especially in Warangal, Siddipet, Kothagudem or Kagaznagar and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any proposals from the Government of Telangana to open new airports in the State are pending and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Pandemic on MSME Sector

*45. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the distress caused to the people engaged in MSME sector by the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic;

(b) the details of MSME organisations that had to be shut down due to the pandemic, State-wise; and

(c) the quantum of loss suffered by the MSME sector due to the pandemic?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Illegal Weighing Bridges and Petrol Pumps on NH-6

*46. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of alleged existence of illegal weighing bridges and petrol pumps along the National Highway No-6 (NH-6) passing through the States of Assam and Meghalaya;

(b) the number of weighing bridges which have been granted permission for setting up between Jorabadi and Silchar on NH-6;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the illegal weighing bridges on NH-6 are creating a lot of obstruction in the flow of traffic; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to order a CBI inquiry to find out the officials, if any, involved in grant of such permission against the prescribed guidelines of the Ministry?

National Highway Projects

*47. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of National Highways (NHs) construction in the country has reached at 37 kms per day during 2020-21, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the length of each NH in kilometres where construction has been undertaken from 2014 till date along with the funds sanctioned and the constraints posed due to Covid-19 pandemic as well as loss estimated as a result thereof so far;

(c) whether the cumulative cost of ongoing projects has increased, if so, the details thereof as on date, State and project-wise and the total budgetary outlay increased for each project including revised budgetary estimates for the said period, year-wise;

(d) the details of annual average award of NHs in length during the said period and average annual construction of NH length; and

(e) the details of stalled projects entailing an investment as on date along with the reasons therefor and likely date of completion of each such stalled project?

Funds Released under JJM

*48. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released funds to all the States/UTs in the country including North-Eastern States under 'Jal Jeevan Mission';

(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned/released and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise ; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the goal of 'Har Ghar Jal' Yojana?

Award for Overall Performance of Smart Cities

*49. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has given awards to States for the overall performance of the Smart Cities and for their proactive roles, if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;

(b) the smart city that has been awarded best award for the overall performance in the year 2020;

(c) the details of total projects under the Smart City Mission (SCM) and the amount for which work orders have been issued alongwith the details of the projects that have been fully completed and made operational;

(d) the smart cities which have developed and operationalized their integrated command and control centres; and

(e) whether the Government has also launched the report on climate smart cities assessment framework and if so, the details thereof alongwith performance of cities in this regard?

Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality Check

*50. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the framework and guidelines issued by the Government for testing, monitoring and surveillance of drinking water quality;

(b) whether the Government has started a Water Quality Information Management System (WQMIS) to help in providing information on laboratories for water testing at the State, district, block/tehsil and village levels;

(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to build capacity at these levels to ensure uniformity and efficacy;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Jal Jeevan Mission benefits the rural areas only and deprives the dwellers of urban and semi urban areas of the country; and

(e) whether the Government has any plans for expanding the scheme to urban and semi urban areas to benefit the people living in these areas from this mission?

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

*51. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently approved the Annual Implementation Plan of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM (G)] for States and UTs;

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

(c) whether SBM(G) (Phase 2) has a target to support over two lakh villages to achieve Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) systems through an investment of over Rs.40,700 crores during the present financial year 2021-22; and

(d) if so, the details of mobilisation of the above amount and the share of the Centre *vis-a-vis* the States therein?

Four-laning of Sonapur-Areraj NH

*52. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the alignment of Sonapur-Areraj four-lane National Highway (NH) which is connecting Patna (Bihar) to Nepal border under Bharatmala Pariyojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted a proposal to make it through east side of Gandak river to connect Buddhist Circuit in Vaishali and Kesaria and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the time schedule fixed for completion of this project?

Electricity Act

*53. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Section 145 of the Electricity Act barred the jurisdiction of all civil courts over disputes relating to distribution and billing;

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

(c) whether in the absence of judicial forum relating to supply, billing and penalties levied by distributing companies, rural population face a lot of difficulties especially after electrifying nearly six lakh villages; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the problems faced by rural people as well as urban people in case of disputes?

National Level Sports Stadiums

†*54. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to construct national level sports stadiums to encourage international level sports in the tribal dominated areas of Rajasthan including Banswara and Dungarpur districts and in Prayagraj district in Uttar Pradesh which is known for education;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said plan is likely to be started and completed;

(c) the amount of funds earmarked and released to promote sports in both Banswara and Dungarpur districts during the last five years including the details thereof; and

(d) the provision of funds made during the years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the local centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI) situated in Prayagraj?

Work on NH Projects

*55. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been providing financial assistance for improvement and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in various States;

(b) if so, the quantum of funds allocated, released and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of the criteria fixed for allocation of funds to various States;

(d) whether the progress of work of several stretches of NHs in various States which have been entrusted to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for upgradation to four-lane under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP) Phase-III has been very slow and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(e) the cost escalation due to such slow progress of work on the said stretches, State-wise; and

(f) the details of corrective steps taken by the Government for timely completion of work?

Central Vista Project

*56. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the elaborate way in which the Central Vista project has been parcelled into a range of different projects, amidst tweaking of regulatory institutions, has meant that most of the constituent projects have avoided any form of environmental clearance, or any form of public scrutiny;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds Allocation under SBM (Grameen)

*57. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM (G)] during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has timely released funds to the States for this purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the funds are expected to be released; and

(d) the details of the current progress of SBM (G)?

NH Projects in North-Eastern States

†*58. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and present status of National Highways (NHs) under construction in North-Eastern States including Assam;

(b) whether the construction of the said NHs is progressing as per scheduled time limit and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to repair several NHs in Assam which are in dilapidated condition; and

(d) the details of NHs which connect North-Eastern States?

Peak Power Demand

*59. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether peak power demand in the country during financial year 2021 was 1.31 percent lower than in the previous financial year even though the country has come out of the shadows of the COVID induced slowdown which indicates that robust growth is missing with demand towards the end of the financial year rebounding to just mid-2019 levels;

(b) if so, the comparative details thereof during the last five years and the current year till date, State, category and sector-wise;

(c) whether monthly demand has shown a considerable improvement over peak lockdown months mostly on the back of thermal power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the demand and supply to each State from Central grid and State grids during the said period, State-wise?

Increasing River Pollution

†*60. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main reasons for increased pollution in rivers along with the steps taken by the Government to check it during the last two years;

(b) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has submitted any report to the Government regarding pollution in the rivers and if so, the details thereof along with the steps/action taken thereon;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to keep the rivers clean and for supply of safe and clean drinking water to each person; and

(d) the guidelines issued by the Government to the States where pollution in rivers is dangerously high and the progress made by the States in this regard?

NEW DELHI;

July 16, 2021

Ashadha 25, 1943 (Saka)

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

INDEX

(Ministry-wise)

<i>Civil Aviation</i>	:	43,44
<i>Housing and Urban Affairs</i>	:	49,56
<i>Jal Shakti</i>	:	41, 42, 48, 50, 51, 57, 60
<i>Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises</i>	:	45
<i>Minority Affairs</i>	:	
<i>New and Renewable Energy</i>	:	
<i>Ports, Shipping and Waterways</i>	:	
<i>Power</i>	:	53,59
<i>Road Transport and Highways</i>	:	46, 47, 52, 55, 58
<i>Youth Affairs and Sports</i>	:	54.