

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

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

**Total Number of Questions — 20**

#### Construction of National Highways

†\*261. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA  
CHARANDAS  
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) proposed to be constructed in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the total length in kilometre of each NH proposed to be constructed along with the length in kilometre of NH constructed so far; and

(c) the time by which the construction of all these NHs is likely to be completed?

#### Shortage of Water

†\*262. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:  
SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water level has decreased considerably in various States during the past few years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of efforts made by the Government to maintain the water supply;

(c) whether any special steps are proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of water at present and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has constituted/developed any mechanism to identify the areas in which groundwater is depleting at alarming level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures/steps taken/to be taken by the Government to check depletion of groundwater level as well as develop recharging system for groundwater level across the country?

#### Supply of Safe Drinking Water

†\*263. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme to address the problem of drinking water and supply of safe drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount earmarked for the said purpose during the current year;

(c) the administrative mechanism designed to implement the said ambitious scheme across the country; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to accord priority in the implementation of the said scheme to those places where groundwater is polluted and if so, the details thereof?

#### Sale of Air India

\*264. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing a fresh proposal for sale of Air India after failing to attract bidders for the national carrier during the last year and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for considering the proposal for sale of Air India;

(b) the time by which the final/fresh proposal is likely to be completed for sale;

(c) whether Air India is having huge tracts of unutilized land in various States/cities of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/city-wise;

(d) whether Air India has proposed to sell its unutilized land and cut losses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the amount of revenue likely to be generated therefrom along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to save Air India from debt trap?

#### Demand and Supply of Power

\*265. SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is mismatch in demand and supply of power in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the State of West Bengal has a peak demand-supply gap which is more than the all India average and the highest in the country after two-three small States and if so, the details thereof along with the peak demand-supply gap, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the Electricity Act to levy hefty penalties on power distribution companies for load shedding and make provisions for direct subsidy transfers by the States to power consumers and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

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(d) whether electricity generation has been adversely affected due to shortage of coal supply by the Government to thermal power plants in various States of the country including Punjab and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Green Corridors

†\*266. SHRI JANARDAN  
MISHRA:  
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme to develop green corridors in small cities and towns located on the banks of small rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the scheme to be formulated in future by the Government to prevent the erosion of soil on the banks of small rivers and conserve rain water through schemes like green corridor?

#### Upgradation of Airports

\*267. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports under the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Gujarat;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for upgradation of the airports of the State to international standard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

#### Setting up of MSMEs

†\*268. SHRI TIRATH SINGH  
RAWAT:  
DR. T.R.  
PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any concrete industrial policy/action plan to set up Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the hilly districts of Uttarakhand so as to provide permanent employment and check migration keeping in view that people are continuously migrating from such places, particularly from Pauri Garhwal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more MSMEs in the country including industrially backward Perambalur region of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of MSMEs set up in the country including in Perambalur during the last three years?

#### Projects under Char Dham Programme

†\*269. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the all weather road construction projects under the Char Dham Programme;

(b) the quantum of funds spent so far and likely to be spent on these projects during the current year as well as in future;

(c) whether the Government proposes to link the religious places located in Uttarakhand and other hilly States also with all weather roads, if so, the details thereof and the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the projects under the said programme from natural calamity; and

(e) whether any mechanism has been set up to monitor the quality of work under these projects and if so, the details thereof along with the targeted dates for completion of the said projects?

#### Transmission Related Issues

\*270. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI GIRISH  
BHALCHANDRA  
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of POWER  
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power sector has been grappling with transmission related issues for a long time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether problems aggravated due to higher power generation and demand, if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether separate fund for the development of transmission and power sector related infrastructure is required, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has issued

draft regulations for Power System Development Fund and if so, the details and the facts thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has decided for the utilisation of the said Fund and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the proposed Fund is likely to be created/operationalised?

#### Rerouting of Flights

\*271. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued any advisory to all Indian airline companies to avoid Iranian airspace and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether rerouting of flights will substantially affect the airline companies and if so, the details thereof along with the number of flights affected due to this reason;

(c) whether rerouting of Air India flights will increase the operating cost of the already burdened airlines due to closure of Pakistani airspace and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this will put additional burden on the passengers, if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard to avoid extra burden on passengers;

(e) whether some airlines have increased the fare due to route diversion/increase in operating costs and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether India has restricted any foreign airlines through Indian airspace and if so, the details thereof?

### Solar Energy Scheme

†\*272. SHRI BHAGIRATH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes  
to provide electricity through solar energy  
scheme/ mission to all the unelectrified  
dhaanis located at the farms in the country  
and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise  
including Rajasthan;

(b) whether any criteria have been  
fixed to provide solar system at the farms  
through the said scheme /mission and if so,  
the details thereof;

(c) the companies through which the  
said scheme is being implemented in  
Rajasthan under Jodhpur and Ajmer  
DISCOM; and

(d) whether any complaints have been  
received against these companies and if so,  
the details thereof?

### Ban on Non-electric Two/Three- Wheelers

\*273. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is  
contemplating to impose a ban on non-  
electric two and three-wheelers in the near  
future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the implementation of the  
same will be done in a phased manner and  
if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has  
conducted any study about the extent to  
which the said policy is likely to help in  
reducing pollution levels in the country and  
if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has  
started work on meeting the demands of  
electricity for the new set of electric  
vehicles that are likely to ply on the road  
in near future and if so, the details thereof;  
and

(e) whether the Government has  
addressed the concerns of the automobile  
industry before proceeding with the new  
policy and if so, the details thereof?

### Green Energy Corridor Project

\*274. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI  
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transmission  
systems which have been established under  
the Green Energy Corridor Project; and

(b) the capacity added due to  
establishment of the said transmission  
systems?

### Deficiencies in National Highways

\*275. SHRI H.  
VASANTHAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways  
(NHs) are suffering from deficiencies like

inadequate capacity, weak pavement,  
poor riding quality, distressed bridges,  
unbridged level crossings, congested cities,  
lack of by-pass roads, lack of wayside  
amenities and safety measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the  
Government in this regard?

### Road Safety

\*276. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes  
to introduce more stringent provisions  
under the new Motor Vehicles  
(Amendment) Bill to ensure road safety  
and check rampant violation of traffic rules  
and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed law seeks  
to bring taxi aggregators under its ambit  
and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes  
to implement a mandatory vehicle recall  
policy in case a defect is detected and if so,  
the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes  
compensation upto Rs.5 lakh for families  
of fatal road accident victims within four  
months of the accident and if so, the details  
thereof;

(e) whether the Government is  
planning to waive off the registration  
charges for electric vehicles to boost the  
battery-operated vehicles in the country  
and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has  
decided to remove the requirement of

minimum educational qualification for  
transport vehicle drivers and if so, the  
details thereof?

### 24-Hour Power Supply

†\*277. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:  
Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the villages  
receive power supply only for 2-4 hours a  
day even today and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any plan/ scheme has been  
formulated to provide 24-hour power  
supply in the said villages and if so, the  
details thereof;

(c) the number of cases relating to  
power theft and distribution/transmission  
loss which came to light of the Government  
during the last three years, State/UT-wise  
including Haryana;

(d) the steps taken by the Government  
to check/stop such theft/loss; and

(e) the time by which 24-hour power  
supply is likely to be provided to all villages  
of the country in each State/UT including  
Haryana?

### Accessibility to Drinking Water

†\*278. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN  
PAWAR:  
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25 per cent people in the  
villages as against 75 per cent people in the  
cities have access to drinking water in the  
country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for less availability of drinking water in villages with the passage of time; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the extent to which availability of drinking water in villages has been increased as a result of the same?

#### Extinction of Rivers/Tributaries

†\*279. SHRI HANUMAN  
BENIWAL:  
SHRI MOHAMMAD  
AZAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the total number of rivers in the country along with their length and location, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of tributaries of these rivers and their present status;

(c) whether the Government has got counted all the big and small rivers in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some rivers as well as the tributaries of certain big rivers have dried up or are on the verge of drying up/ extinction and if so, the number and the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any action plan to overcome this situation and

save such rivers from extinction and if so, the details thereof?

#### Clearance of Transmission Lines

\*280. DR. PRITAM  
GOPINATHRAO  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SRIRANGA APPA  
BARNE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) did not agree to clear transmission lines required by the end of 2020 of renewable projects under implementation or tendered projects approved under norms prevalent till June 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether approval under new process would have taken nearly a year, by which time the renewable projects underway would have started coming on stream and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether investments would have been stranded due to the absence of power evacuation infrastructure and if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue on priority basis?

NEW DELHI;

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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