

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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**(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Drinking Water and Sanitation;
Information and Broadcasting; Mines; New and Renewable Energy;
Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development;
Shipping; Textiles; Water Resources, River Development and
Ganga Rejuvenation; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

(नागर विमानन; पेयजल और स्वच्छता; सूचना और प्रसारण; खान; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा;
पंचायती राज; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; ग्रामीण विकास; पोत परिवहन; वस्त्र; जल संसाधन,
नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Fund Raising by NHAI	Operation of Media Units
<p>*321. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.: PROF. K.V. THOMAS:</p> <p>Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is considering to raise Rs. 10,000 crore for its projects and if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(b) whether NHAI is facing shortage of funds for its ongoing/upcoming projects;</p> <p>(c) if so, the details thereof; and</p> <p>(d) the various proposed/upcoming projects of NHAI for the next five years and the length of new national highways in kms. that have been built during the last four years?</p>	<p>*322. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:</p> <p>Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether any review of operation of the media units working under his Ministry was done recently;</p> <p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether the Government has asked the States and UTs to restrict airing objectionable contents and unauthorised channels and ensure effective implementation of Cable TV Act and if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(d) whether the Government proposes to install FM transmitters at different places of the country and if so, the details thereof; and</p>

(e) whether any decision has been
taken by the Government in regard to
publications under the Press and
Registration Act and if so, the details
thereof?

Losses Suffered by Airports

†*323. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 85 per cent airports under
Government control are running in losses
as reported in the media;

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

(c) whether the airports located in
Indore, Bhopal, Raipur etc. are incurring
losses;

(d) if so, whether the Government is
taking any steps to enable these airports
to overcome their losses; and

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

Development of National Inland Waterways

*324. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the
development of the 106 new National
Inland Waterways declared during 2016;

(b) the funds allocated for the 20
National Waterways in the North-East

Region and the amount that has already
been released for the purpose so far; and

(c) the status of implementation of the
Action Plan for Inland Waterways
North-Eastern Region-Vision 2020?

Gas Based Power Plants

*325. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware
that more than 50 per cent of the country's
GW gas based power plants, capacities are
'stranded' or 'unutilized';

(b) if so, the facts and details in this
regard;

(c) whether the exact reasons for GW
gas based power plants' capacities being
'stranded' or 'unutilised' have since been
assessed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the
steps the Government has taken to remove
the hurdles coming in the way of gas based
power plants to achieve optimal output?

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin

†*326. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
investigated the matter regarding eligible
persons not getting houses under the
erstwhile Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and
ineligible persons being allotted houses

under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the manner in which the Union Government receives information in this regard from the State Governments;

(c) whether the Government does not have such information at central level and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has set up any enquiry committee or agency to check corruption and fraud taking place in PMAY-G so as to provide a prompt solution in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of authority available at local level, which is responsible for redressing the complaints related to construction of houses?

Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

*327. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to simplify the norms under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and if so, the details thereof including the timeline set in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is going to take up the issue of bringing down the tax rate of Kashmiri handicrafts under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) with the

GST Council, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has raised the duty drawback rates to boost textile and apparel exports, if so, the details thereof along with the details of new target of exports set by the Government for the coming years, if any?

Backward Regions Grant Fund

*328. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to change/relax/revise the parameters of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and the details of additional districts in the country which are to be benefited by the said revision;

(c) the names of the districts in Maharashtra along with the amount of funds given to them through BRGF during the last two years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds given to hilly States under BRGF and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has included local Members of Parliament in the monitoring committee for monitoring/reviewing the works undertaken in the districts under BRGF, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Regional Connectivity Scheme

*329. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the identification of small towns for expansion and development of airports under Ude Desh ka Aam Naagarik (UDAN) regional connectivity scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the States which have joined hands in this scheme and the details of the towns and airports to be developed under the said scheme, particularly in the State of Telangana along with the quantum of funds earmarked and released so far; and

(c) the present status of the scheme?

Incomplete Irrigation Projects

†*330. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incomplete irrigation projects which were started a decade ago, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for not completing the said projects so far;

(c) the current stage/status of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for early completion of these projects to avoid time and cost overruns?

Small Airports

†*331. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to build small airports at district headquarters of various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the names of the districts selected for this purpose along with the details of the current status thereof; and

(d) the time by which these airports are likely to be set up?

Allocation of Funds

†*332. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that sports officer has not been posted/appointed on permanent basis and funds have not been allocated to Chitrakoot district in Uttar Pradesh even after years since Chitrakoot was declared a district;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the sports officer is likely to be posted/appointed in Chitrakoot district on permanent basis?

District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee

†*333. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to empower the People's Representatives in the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee constituted in each district which with the help of officers monitors the Central Schemes at the district level to check prevalent irregularities in the implementation of Central Schemes including the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NHAI Proposal for Roads in Uttar Pradesh

†*334. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Standing Committee on Finance has formulated any proposal to improve the condition of roads in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government has identified the national highways in Uttar Pradesh where movement of trucks often leads to heavy traffic jam and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of highways selected for conversion of two lane roads into four lane to provide relief to the people from traffic jams during the last four years till date;

(d) the number of national highways widened in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to include the small highways in the national highway network, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Bio-toilets in Village Panchayats

*335. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up bio-toilets in a large number of village panchayats in the country;

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

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme throughout the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which all the village panchayats are likely to be covered under the scheme?

Hydro Electric Projects

*336. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hydro Electric Projects under construction across the country, as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether a large number of such projects are held up due to financial constraints and other reasons and if so, the details thereof, State and Project-wise along with the time by which such Projects are likely to be completed;

(c) the details of the cost escalation of such projects due to delay in construction, Project-wise along with the manner in which such escalated cost is likely to be arranged;

(d) the extent of shortage/loss of generation of power across the country due to delay in construction of the said projects; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for timely completion of such projects along with the achievements thereof?

Power Generation

†*337. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of total power being generated in the country as on date, source-wise;

(b) the State-wise details of power generation capacity, demand, supply and difference between demand and supply in each State;

(c) the details of the States which are self-sufficient in power supply and the States with inadequate power supply along with the quantum of their power supply source-wise; and

(d) the total quantum of power generated through various power projects of the States during the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 along with the quantum of power given to the States out of the total power generated by them?

Street Lighting National Programme

*338. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) to promote the use of LED lights in place of conventional street lights in the country and if so, the details of the scheme along with the number of streetlights installed, since its inception, State-wise;

(b) whether SLNP is currently being implemented only in a few selected States and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of Local Bodies which have entered into contract with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. (EESL) for replacement of street lights with LED lights under SLNP so far, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has made any study on the implementation of the project and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for effective implementation of SLNP?

Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004

†*339. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed its views regarding the Constitutional validity of the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004 regarding Ravi-Beas water in Presidential Reference 1 of 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide remaining surplus 0.60 MAF Ravi-Beas water to Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Model Villages Identified under SAGY

*340. SHRI BAITE THANGSO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress and achievement of model villages identified by Members of Parliament in the State of Manipur under the Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) within their respective jurisdiction have been satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has given any direction to the State Government for taking necessary steps to extend works under the said model villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the department which implements the said Yojana along with the details of works undertaken thereof?

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