

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, April 4, 2022/ 14 Chaitra, 1944 (Saka)

(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Coal; Defence; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti;
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs;
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Planning; Statistics and Programme Implementation;
Steel)

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Biofuel Policy 2018

331 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced the new Biofuel Policy in 2018;
- (b) the details of the Letters of Intent obtained in furtherance of the Policy to manufacture biofuels, categorised by type of biofuel;
- (c) whether the country is on track to achieve target of ethanol blended petrol as mentioned in the Biofuel Policy, 2018 and, if not, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the budget allocated for implementing the Biofuel Policy, 2018 and the amount expended till now, State-wise; and
- (e) whether the rules to be formulated under the policy are in the final stages of drafting and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Development under NGP

332 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new sewage plants constructed during the last three years under Namami Gange Programme (NGP), State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of the projects under NGP have not been completed within the stipulated time frame and the programme has failed to achieve its targets;
- (c) if not, the time by which the projects are likely to be completed;
- (d) the details of the action taken by Government to solve the problem; and
- (e) the details of the development of NGP since its inception and the total expenditure on this project, State-wise?

Expansion of Jodhpur and Kota airports

333 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of scheme implemented for expansion and development of Jodhpur and Kota

airports and details of funds sanctioned for this purpose;

(b) whether land from Jodhpur Municipal Corporation has been taken for expansion of Jodhpur airport and other facilities, if so, when that land was taken and its area along with details of compensation given in lieu thereof and reasons if compensation was not given; and

(c) whether problem related to landing and takeoff of flights is arising due to shortage of land in Jodhpur airport, if so, the details of the action taken to resolve this?

Funds sanctioned for tap water connections under JJM

334 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds sanctioned and utilized under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to provide tap water connections to 3.8 crore households in the year 2022-23 under the JJM; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Smart cities in Rajasthan

335 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the list of smart cities in the State of Rajasthan under the Smart Cities Mission, city-wise;

(b) the details of the fund allocated by Government to each State under the Smart Cities Mission during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is considering to include other cities of Rajasthan under the Smart Cities Mission, if so, the details thereof?

Support provided under Operation Sadbhavana

336 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of ***Defence*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Army Goodwill Schools established under Operation Sadbhavana in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir since inception;

(b) the number of students benefitted from this scheme; and

(c) the quantum of money spent on Community Development Projects, alongwith the category of projects and the details thereof?

Inter-State water disputes

337 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Inter-State Water Disputes Act, Government will take opinion of lower riparian States before giving hydrological clearance to any project;

(b) reasons for not taking opinion of lower riparian States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra and not sharing Detailed Project Report (DPR);

(c) whether Government will direct Karnataka to share Upper Bhadra DPR with lower riparian States, if not, reasons therefor;

(d) how Government justifies that Bachawat Tribunal has allocated water to Upper Bhadra and hence DPR was not shared with lower riparian States; and

(e) details of paras/recommendations of water allocation made by Bachawat Tribunal for Upper Bhadra?

Namma Bengaluru Metro Project

338 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Namma Bengaluru Metro Project expenditure is exceeding the actual estimation;
- (b) if so, the details of the increase in the expenditure compared to the estimation, amount spent since the time of start till date and share of the expenditure both from the Centre and State since the time of initiation; and
- (c) the details of the progress and reasons for the delay in the project implementation of both Phase-1 and Phase-2?

Survey to identify areas deficient in drinking water supply

339 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently conducted a survey to identify areas in each State/Union Territory (UT) which are deficient in drinking water supply;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether the quality of drinking water available in these areas is also poor;
- (d) if so, the schemes launched by Government in this regard;
- (e) the targets fixed and achieved by each State/UT during each of the last three years under these schemes; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure supply of clean drinking water to the rural areas of the country?

Introduction of flights for promotion of tourism in Uttarakhand

340 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Uttarakhand has suggested to introduce flights to promote tourism in the State;
- (b) if so, the details of the options suggested by the State Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has agreed to the suggestion of the State; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

341 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram in Kerala;
- (b) whether the scheme has stopped;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if not, whether Government intends to increase the funds proportional to the increased number of districts included in the scheme?

New sources of financing under CGTMSE

342 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has lowered collateral requirements for MSMEs, since according to a World Bank report, 80 per cent of these enterprises are less likely to have access to fixed assets;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries under the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), State-wise; and
- (c) whether the CGTMSE has been successful in attracting new sources of financing to lower the burden on the banking system as the sole capital generator, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Drinking water projects in Andhra Pradesh

343 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the drinking water projects taken up since 2019 till date in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (b) the total fund allocation made and the quantum of fund utilized under various schemes in the State?

Reforms in coal sector

344 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of ***Coal*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated schemes for making several important reforms in the coal sector keeping in view the Atma Nirbhar Bharat campaign and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated schemes to grant approval to commercial mining in coal sector and to provide financial assistance for producing gas from coal and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated any concrete scheme to reduce the import of coal and to increase its domestic production capacity and, if so, the details thereof?

Kerosene allocated to Tamil Nadu

345 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of kerosene allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of Tamil Nadu for increasing the kerosene allocation to the State;
- (c) if so, the details of the proposal received;
- (d) whether Government has considered the proposal favourably;
- (e) if so, by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the present status of the said proposal?

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