

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 3, 2022/ 14 MAGHA, 1943

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Space; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions -- 15

Decisions for improving performance of sportspersons

16 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the decisions taken by Government for improving the performance of sports persons in the country during last five years; and
- (b) the steps taken in this regard for making country perform better at international level in comparison to other countries?

Job loss of Indian emigrants

17 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether a large number of Indian emigrants employed in Gulf countries have lost their job in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of jobs lost so far, during Covid-19 pandemic, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to provide rehabilitation or any financial assistance for the Gulf returnees who have lost their jobs;
- (d) whether Government has received any representation from the State Government of Kerala regarding this Pravasi problem; and
- (e) if so, the response thereon from the Union Government?

Number of women Judges in Courts

18 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women judges in Supreme Court and High Courts against the current strength of judges;
- (b) the details thereof, High Court-wise;
- (c) the stand of Government regarding the enhancement of number of women judges and

judges from Dalit and backward communities; and
(d) the details thereof?

Forest Survey Report 2021

19 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has released the Forest Survey Report for the year 2021; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of air pollution on health

20 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of air pollution on health of individuals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including different sources identified and the impact of each, State-wise;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to reduce the adverse impact on health; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Aqua Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

21 **Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to introduce Aqua-tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Classical Language status to Marathi

22 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra and many scholars have demanded several times for giving the classical language status to Marathi, which is under active consideration;
- (b) if so, the current status of the proposal and the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) by when will Marathi be accorded the classical language status?

News channels promoting anti-national thinking

23 # **Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

Will the Minister of ***Information and Broadcasting*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking any action against the news channels and journalists who are promoting anti-national thinking;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any legal provision is under consideration to put curbs on such channels and journalists in future, the details thereof?

Industry status to tourism sector

24 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government has noted that the tourism sector has been hit drastically by the COVID-19 pandemic and following lockdowns in the country, which caused great losses to the tourism sector;
- (b) whether Government has received any proposal seeking to provide industrial status to the tourism sector for its speedy revival;
- (c) the stand of Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to boost tourism in the country?

Priority schemes for tourism development in Chattisgarh

25 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) the details of priority schemes for the development of tourism in Chattisgarh and funds allocated to Chattisgarh for these schemes during the last three years;
- (b) the funds spent out of the allocated funds during the said period and the details of the residual funds, scheme-wise;
- (c) whether any special package is given by Government to States in order to promote tourism, if so, the occasion when Chattisgarh had been given any special package; and
- (d) whether Government has set up any monitoring mechanism regarding the progress status of said schemes, if so, the details thereof?

Employment generation in the country

26 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of employment generated by Government in the country during the last three years, State and sector-wise;
- (b) whether any target has been fixed for creation of employment opportunities in organized and unorganized sectors during the next three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inscription of Majuli Island in World Heritage List

27 Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:

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

- (a) the present status and details of formalities required to be completed towards inscription of Majuli Island in Assam in the World Heritage List indicating the date of communication received from World Heritage Centre (WHC) and point-wise response made on those queries; and
- (b) the details of progress made so far on compilation of revised dossier, preparation of management plan and related promotional activities carried out in consonance with World Heritage Convention and as part of the national responsibility towards this heritage island along with agency entrusted, fund allocated and target fixed for each component?

Exodus of workers during third wave of Covid-19

28 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to media reports of mass exodus of workers, especially migrant labourers to their home states amid the third wave of COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) steps that are being taken to deal with any such situation, if it arises;
- (d) whether Government has held any discussion with the State Governments and other agencies in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Monitoring Centres for movement of Migrant Workers

29 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of monitoring centers set up to track the movement of migrant workers and other job-related complaints relating to COVID-19 pandemic, including the location of such centres;
- (b) whether Government intends to set up additional monitoring centers at other places across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of budget allocation, approval and utilization of existing monitoring centers for the financial year 2021-22 till date;
- (e) whether the data collected by the monitoring centers is publicly accessible; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Common electoral roll for the country

30 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to make amendments in the Representation of the People Act, 1951 to have a common electoral roll for the entire country and to conduct simultaneous elections for all the electoral bodies in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Cabinet Secretary had convened a meeting of Chief Secretaries of all the States in this regard;
- (c) if so, the conclusion of the said meeting and the details thereof;
- (d) whether any consensus has arisen among the representatives of various political parties in the meeting in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the main objective behind these proposals?

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