

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, April 7, 2022/ 17 Chaitra, 1944 (Saka)

(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

Third party audit under RTI Act, 2005

376 Dr. Ashok Bajpai:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the policy of Government regarding third party audit of disclosure of information under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005;
- (b) the number of public authorities which could not get their third party audit of information conducted during the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and
- (c) the efforts made by Government for ensuring effective implementation of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005?

Interns empanelled under the Ministry of External Affairs

377 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

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

- (a) the total number of interns who have worked in the Ministry and its Departments over the last five years, year-wise details thereof;
- (b) the assignments and activities that were assigned to these interns and the manner in which their performance was assessed, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has a practice of publishing the works of these interns, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Renewal of leases allotted to natives in forest villages

378 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:

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

- (a) the number of leases approved for renewal out of the leases allotted to the natives of forest villages in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last five years; and
- (b) the year-wise and district-wise details thereof?

Infrastructure in lower courts

379 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Chief Justice of India has written a letter to Government about the lack of infrastructure in lower courts;
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereto;
- (c) the measures taken by Government and the funds allocated for infrastructure improvement in lower courts during the last five years, State-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has made any study about the vacancies pending in lower courts, if so, the State-wise data thereof; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to increase the number of judges in the lower courts?

Criminal Law Reforms Committee

380 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is involved with the Criminal Law Reforms Committee set up to review changes to the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and Indian Evidence Act (IEA);
- (b) if not, the reasons for non-involvement of Ministry in this project;
- (c) if so, the total number of recommendations received by the committee;
- (d) the expected time to release its report, either interim or final;
- (e) the total budget allocated to the committee; and
- (f) Government's order by which the committee has been established, the details thereof?

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana

381 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the number of establishments registered with EPFO across categories and details of new recruitments by them after 1st October, 2020, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated and disbursed under this Scheme;
- (d) the details across categories of the amount of unclaimed deposits lying with EPFO;
- (e) the amount of unclaimed funds Government is transferring to Senior Citizen Welfare Fund and amount which will not be transferred; and
- (f) the utilisation details of the Senior Citizen Welfare fund?

Environmental clearances to the asbestos based Industries

382 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to prohibit the use of asbestos in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to stop granting environmental clearances to asbestos-based factories across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to ban the non-banned asbestos in the country if any, if they are banned in other countries; and
- (e) the details of the Supreme Court ruling regarding the use of non-banned asbestos, if

any, where Government has taken the stand?

Sanction of new ESI hospitals in Karnataka

383 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that new ESI hospitals were sanctioned in Doddaballapur, Bommasandra, Shivamogga, Narsapura, Harohalli and Bellary areas of the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof such as the number of beds, facilities to be provided, departments to be started, etc.; and
- (c) the estimated cost of the project and the timeline for its completion?

National Culture Fund

384 # Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

- (a) whether Government has set up National Culture Fund (NCF) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) guidelines/norms adopted for allocation of funds under NCF;
- (c) details of fund allocated/spent and unutilized by various departments/institutions under the said NCF, including the State of Rajasthan, during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has identified new historical and religious places in the country during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, including Rajasthan?

Sri Krishnadevaraya Tourism Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

385 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) whether Government has received any representation for creation of Sri Krishnadevaraya Tourist Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether creation of Krishnadevaraya Tourist Circuit is under consideration of Government;
- (d) the agency that is best suited to undertake such a circuit as per Swadesh Darshan Scheme guidelines since the tourist circuit of Sri Krishnadevaraya will involve many States;
- (e) funding pattern of Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (f) the list of tourist circuits created under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (g) whether there is a change in Swadesh Darshan Scheme strategy or guidelines, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in Maharashtra

386 # Dr. Sonal Mansingh:

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

- (a) whether any step has been taken by Government to promote tourism in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and details of the funds spent thereon during the last five years; and

(c) whether any tourism development fund has been created for tourism in Maharashtra?

Beautification of Museums

387 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrabha:**

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

- (a) whether any special scheme exists for beautification of museums in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of museums selected under the said scheme;
- (c) whether any funds are provided for beautification of museums; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of funds allocated during the last two years, the details thereof?

Land acquired by Ministry in Andhra Pradesh

388 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry had obtained certain piece/parcel of land from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up an office/organisation/body under its administrative control in the year 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the terms and conditions on which the piece/parcel of land was received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Ministry has utilized the piece/parcel of land that had been allotted by the State Government for the purpose for which the same was sought;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployment among Youth

389 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unemployment among youth is common in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government is taking necessary steps to create more job opportunities in Government and public sector to eliminate unemployment;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide assistance to the private sector to make them capable of providing more jobs to the promising youth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan Scheme in Tamil Nadu

390 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has details with regards to the funds allotted and disbursed under Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan Scheme for cleaning of beaches in coastal States especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has details of States and beaches which were chosen under Swachh- Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan Scheme in coastal areas especially in Tamil Nadu and the progress with regard to the same; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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