

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 14, 2022/ Phalgun 23, 1943 (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)

Total number of questions -- 15

Resumption of air flights operations

121 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether in view of COVID-19/Omicron pandemic, Government has restricted some national and international flights to protect passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when the operation is likely to resume in domestic and international sectors; and
- (d) whether Government has maintained any control over the fare charged by the companies from the air passengers, if so, the details thereof?

Demand to bring down taxes and cess on petroleum products

122 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a growing demand to bring down various taxes and cess on petroleum products by Government;
- (b) the details of basic excise duty, cess and special additional excise duty collected during the last three years; and
- (c) the year-wise and category-wise details thereof?

Crude oil price

123 **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

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

- (a) whether the rate of crude oil in international market had reached 100 US dollar per barrel on 24th February, 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether increase in the price of crude oil was more than 30 per cent during January and February?

Annual water requirement

124 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the annual water requirement for drinking and irrigation purposes in the country;
- (b) whether the water available in the country is as per the present requirement; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken by Government to overcome the low availability of water in the country?

Decontrolling fuel prices

125 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decontrolled the fuel price and it is not intervening in fixing the price at which the fuel retailers used to sell;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the crude prices are increasing on daily basis in international market during the last two months and despite that prices of petrol and diesel have not been increased once during this period; and
- (d) if so, the reasons that the prices are not increased despite increase in crude prices?

National policy for Just Energy Transition

126 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether a national policy is being considered for a Just Energy Transition;
- (b) the considered timeline for the transition to renewable energy generation, in line with international obligations;
- (c) the measures being taken to take care of workers involved in coal mining during the transition to renewable energy sources; and
- (d) the measures proposed to fund such a transition?

BPL survey

127 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the time when the Below Poverty Line (BPL) list was surveyed by Government last;
- (b) the details of schemes for which Government uses the BPL list to select the beneficiaries; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to remove BPL survey from any scheme?

Outstanding balance on States for supply of coal

128 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is supplying indigenous coal to the States;
- (b) if so, the details of outstanding balances to be paid to Government by the States, State-wise;
- (c) the details of undisputed outstanding and disputed outstanding of the States, State-wise; and
- (d) if there is disputed outstanding, whether Government has any plan to resolve the issues

with the States, especially with the State of Tamil Nadu?

Dam rehabilitation and improvement project

129 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken and completed under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project during the last three years;
- (b) whether the target set for 2021 has been achieved so far, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has conducted any survey of small and mid-size dams that require repair and, if so, the details thereof?

Depleting ground water level

130 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether rainwater harvesting programme is being implemented by Government to address the problem of depleting ground water level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the programmes being implemented in this regard in Rajasthan, Delhi and Haryana; and
- (d) the details of the quantum of funds provided to the farmers for rainwater harvesting during the last three years, and if no such fund has been provided then the reasons therefor?

Ongoing infrastructure projects in the country

131 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and status of ongoing infrastructure projects of national importance across the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether some of these projects are delayed due to the involvement of various agencies such as land acquisition, forest-clearance, utility shifting, etc;
- (c) whether Government has constituted any single window time bound redressal mechanism comprising of inter-agency coordination for its resolution;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Expansion and upgradation of Rourkela airport

132 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to expand and upgrade the Rourkela airport, Odisha;
- (b) the steps being undertaken to operationalise the RCS-UDAN scheme at the Rourkela airport;
- (c) whether Government has investigated claims of 1,349 feet of the existing serviceable runway being discarded at the Rourkela airport; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to issue 4C license to the Rourkela airport before the Men's Hockey World Cup?

Digi Yatra policy

133 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the details of the Digi Yatra policy;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to promote the policy;
- (c) whether the COVID-19 pandemic has created hindrances in the successful implementation of Digi Yatra policy; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being made by Government to deal with these hindrances?

Audit of society buildings

134 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many society buildings in various parts of the country are in danger due to faulty construction and use of low grade material;
- (b) if so, advisories being issued to various State Governments to conduct an audit of such buildings about which complaints have been received from their occupants; and
- (c) whether Government will issue any guidelines to States with regard to use of quality material in the construction of buildings so that untoward incidents do not occur?

Repairing of damaged DDA buildings

135 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) the details of letters received from associations of allottees of DDA housing scheme 2010 by the Authority for repairing the excessively damaged buildings at Narela Road constructed under Rajiv Ratan Awas Yojana;
- (b) whether laxity is being exercised in repairing the buildings allotted by DDA due to which condition of the buildings allotted in 2010, including the ones at Moladband and Jasola are in a dilapidated condition;
- (c) whether Government would accord priority to pending repair works to prevent accidents like Narela; and
- (d) the time schedule of the repair works undertaken for the 2010 housing scheme and actual time schedule followed to complete the said repair work?

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