

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 21, 2022/ 30 Phalguna, 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

Royalty on coal

181 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the rate of royalty on coal has not been revised even after lapse of more than nine years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has constituted a Study Group to consider revision of rate of royalty on coal on 21 July 2014 and the State of Odisha has been demanding that the rate of royalty on coal should be enhanced from 14 per cent to 20 per cent of sale value; and
- (d) whether Government will consider enhancement of royalty on coal?

Identifying key issues and risks to river basins

182 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to identify the key issues and risks to river basins and the strategies needed to address them in both short and long term;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to appoint a neutral party who would consider the long-term goals of the basin; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Permission for foreign cargo carriers

183 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued a notification on 17th September, 2020 revoking general permission to foreign non-scheduled cargo carriers from landing in airports except Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government will review this policy on account of various representations?

Growth rate in aviation sector in the country

184 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the details of the growth registered in aviation sector in Karnataka especially in the last three years;
- (b) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) had conducted any study to identify the expected growth in the last three years;
- (c) the number of Flight Training Centres in Karnataka and whether there is an attempt to increase the number of Flight Training Programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment in Armed Forces

185 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) the number of recruitment done in the Armed Forces, service-wise and year-wise since 2018;
- (b) whether the number of recruitment happening each year is not sufficient to fill the existing vacancies; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Ukraine-Russia conflict on import of natural gas and crude oil

186 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) whether new energy cooperation agreements, including a contract for Rosneft signed in December 2021 may be impacted by the ongoing Ukraine-Russia crisis;
- (b) the details of India's State-owned firms with oil and gas assets in Russia;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the import of natural gas and crude oil from Russia will be impacted due to the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict; and
- (d) the details of the import of natural gas and crude oil from Russia from 2019 to 2022?

Solution for arsenic contamination in drinking water

187 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified any permanent solution for arsenic contamination in drinking water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government proposes to set up a captive Research & Development wing under the Ministry of Jal Shakti to cope with arsenic contamination in ground and drinking water in view of the large number of population being affected by arsenic contamination in drinking water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tap water to every household in Karnataka

188 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is one of the 'drinking-water suffering' States in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that except Koppal district, no other district in Karnataka has 65 per cent of tap water connections;
- (c) if so, how Government is going to put emphasis on other districts under Har Ghar Jal scheme to provide tap water to every household in Karnataka; and
- (d) to what extent Upper Bhadra project is going to help in addressing the above problem in its catchment area?

Implementation of JJM in Karnataka

189 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the details of villages identified for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the parameters being considered for the inclusion of villages during each phase of implementation of the JJM;
- (c) the progress achieved and financial outlay involved in the implementation of grey water management in each State in general and each district of the State of Karnataka in particular, year-wise; and
- (d) the details of the utilisation of the funds allocated to each State in general and each district of Karnataka in particular?

Status of Kadapa airport, Andhra Pradesh

190 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the number of States/UTs where facility of UDAN, which is a regional airport development programme connecting different airports in the country, is available as on date;
- (b) the details of quantum of fund spent on UDAN scheme during the last three years in the country;
- (c) whether this facility is for limited period;
- (d) the cases where this scheme has been discontinued;
- (e) whether this facility has been discontinued in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh also; and
- (f) by when the flight will be resumed from that airport, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of airstrips

191 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering new proposals for developing airstrips across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra and UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Production of minerals

192 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of mine leases in the country and how much area they covered;
- (b) the total number of minerals produced by the country and which of them are facing extinction and how many of them can sustain for more than 150 years, if the production level is assumed to be unchanged;
- (c) the increase in the value of mineral productions registered in the last three years;
- (d) the number of conflicts with communities which the mineral industry has faced since 2018; and
- (e) the alternative provided to the people who have been affected by horizontal extension of mining activities?

Development of airports in Chhattisgarh

193 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether there are plans to establish airports at Bastar and Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh to provide regional connectivity and supplement tourism in the region, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the aforementioned cities are part of the UDAN scheme;
- (c) if so, the time-line to establish these airports; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Transaction under TReDS platform for MSMEs

194 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of the value of transactions made under the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) since the launch of the scheme, year-wise;
- (b) whether the RBI has made it compulsory for any buyer, seller or financier to participate in TReDS;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to overcome tepid response from the buyer side?

Acquisition of land in Madhya Pradesh for IOCL and GAIL

195 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of people whose land has been acquired by Government during the setting-up of the bottling plant of IOCL and the unit of GAIL set up in Vijaypur in Guna District of Madhya Pradesh, the names and number of the land owners thereof; and
- (b) the number of people who have been provided jobs in GAIL and IOCL till date, out of the people whose land was acquired in the unit of GAIL and IOCL bottling plant and the details thereof?

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