

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 24, 2022/ 3 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

Boosting of tourism in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

226 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

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

- (a) the loan schemes to boost tourism industry in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh;
- (b) whether any steps and measures have been taken so far to help tourism industry in the country and in the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in particular, during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of iconic tourist sites of Odisha

227 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

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

- (a) the details of iconic tourist sites in the country which are to be developed into world class tourist destinations and whether it includes any tourist sites of the State of Odisha;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the State Government of Odisha has requested for inclusion of tourist sites of the State including Konark Sun Temple, Chilika Lake, Bhitarkanika National Park, Similipal National Park and Diamond Triangle Buddhist Circuit etc., in the list of iconic sites, if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Hosting of Olympic Games-2036

228 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether Government is seriously considering to host Olympic Games-2036 in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether Government has approached the members of International Olympic Committee (IOC) to strengthen the Olympic bid for the country;

and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for the development of sports infrastructure and required facilities to organize Olympic Games-2036 in the country?

Promoting art and culture to provide employment

229 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has promoted the Indian art, literature and culture to provide employment to youth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount spent thereon;
- (c) whether the preservation of ancient and medieval literature of the country in Indian languages attracts the youth of the country and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has formulated any plan for States like Uttar Pradesh to promote the Indian art, literature and culture especially in rural areas of the country?

India's role during Russia-Ukraine war

230 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government is of the opinion that India which is a rising global power should abstain from crucial voting's of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) regarding global issues, if so, the reasons for this;
- (b) whether there was any reasons for India's abstentions from UNSC and UNHRC voting's regarding the ongoing Ukraine crisis, if so, the reason behind this;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to end the ongoing Ukraine-Russia war amicably; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Implementation of afforestation schemes

231 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether the forest cover in the country has increased according to the India State of Forest Report, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the progress in implementation of afforestation schemes and the funds released for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of action plan of Government with the objective of maintaining the ecosystem and increasing the forest area in the country?

Unemployment among graduates and educated youth

232 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that graduates between 20 to 29 years of age face a high percentage of unemployment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that certain studies have shown that unemployment among the well-educated is thrice the national average;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;

- (e) whether Government has conducted any studies to understand the reasons for this;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, including the measures taken thereto; and
- (g) whether Government is aware that studies have shown that such high levels of unemployment can cause violent social unrests?

Registration on e-SHRAM portal

233 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

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

- (a) whether Government has facilitated the registration on e-SHRAM portal in order to provide the benefit of Government schemes to the unorganised workers easily;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of workers registered on e-SHRAM portal till date; and
- (d) the percentage of male and female beneficiary workers out of the above registration done on e-SHRAM portal, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of general consent to CBI

234 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) the States which have withdrawn general consent to the CBI to investigate cases in the State;
- (b) the number of investigation requests pending for consent with State Governments, State-wise details thereof during the past three years;
- (c) the number of specific cases in which permission has been granted by the above mentioned States;
- (d) the number and value of bank fraud cases pending consent by States, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government is considering to strengthen the CBI, the details thereof?

Pending dues of Indian exporters

235 Dr. Subramanian Swamy:

Will the Minister of ***External Affairs*** be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1496 given in the Rajya Sabha on December 10, 2021 and state:

- (a) whether some Pharmaceutical companies and Suppliers have supplied lot of pharmaceutical items to Pakistan;
- (b) whether many of the manufacturers and suppliers have not been paid for the goods exported to Pakistan;
- (c) whether Government is aware of such incidents;
- (d) whether Government has a list of such companies/manufacturers who have to be paid by the Pakistani Importers, their names and amount due from Pakistan; and
- (e) the steps Government has taken to ensure that the Indian Exporters get their dues from Pakistan?

Dependence on informal economy

236 # Shri Hardwar Dubey:

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

- (a) whether a large part of the population in the country depends on the informal economy and the experience of COVID-19 pandemic confirms that there is much need to provide

social security to them, if so, the efforts being made by Government; and
 (b) the steps taken by Government to deal with the adverse situations of workers in this sector like low employment security, difficulty faced in the exercise of rights, discrimination, low wages despite fixation of minimum wages, etc?

Indians staying abroad

237 Shri Ripun Bora:

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

- (a) whether Government has report on the number of Indians who are presently staying abroad;
- (b) whether Government is taking any measures to ensure the safety of Indian nationals who are holding Indian passport;
- (c) if so, the details of Indian passport holders except PIO, country-wise, who are abroad for job and education; and
- (d) the bilateral normal evacuation norms and protocol with foreign countries during any emergency?

Setting up of effluent treatment plants in Karnataka

238 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has received proposal for setting up the effluent treatment plants from the State Government of Karnataka;
- (b) whether the proposal from the State Government of Karnataka has been approved; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Beautification of places of worship

239 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken/proposes to take steps for the beautification of places of worship across the country, especially the ones situated in the tribal areas of the State of Jharkhand; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Melting of Gangotri glacier

240 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the presence of black carbon in the atmosphere is causing melting of the Gangotri glacier, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the glacier has melted/retreated periodically since the last two decades, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures that are being taken by Government to protect habitations in the lower valleys, the details thereof?

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