

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 28, 2022/ 7 Chaitra, 1944 (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

APM for CNG and LNG

256 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the number of LNG stations set up in the country in the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to come up with an Administered Price Mechanism (APM) for both CNG and LNG to ensure firm prices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plans to allow a lower rate of GST for entities like State Transport Undertakings (STUs) through their consumer fuel outlets; and
- (f) whether Government is exploring possibilities of direct bulk import of LNG/CNG for the consumption of STUs?

Construction of houses under PMAY-U

257 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to connect residential plots built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) through public transportation to make cities and economic centres easily accessible;
- (b) the other policy reform measures being taken to make the housing market more accessible to those in economically weaker sections of society, e.g., changing land costs, transaction costs, Floor Space Index (FSI) regulations, etc.; and
- (c) whether Government intends to increase the subvention amount under the PMAY-U credit linked subsidy at par with the higher housing prices of tier-1 cities, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for renovation, expansion and desiltation of lakes and water bodies

258 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has allocated any funds during the last three years to desilt, renovate and raise the bunds of lakes and water bodies in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantum of funds allocated for the renovation, expansion and desilting of lakes and water bodies in Karnataka, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has provided any other special component funds from both Government and foreign financial institutions for the said projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in defence sector

259 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has enhanced FDI in defence sector upto 74 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking so that the purpose of self reliance should not be defeated and to strengthen R&D base of the country?

Poor quality of material for houses constructed under RRAY

260 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the houses built under the Rajiv Ratan Awas Yojana (RRAY) at Narela Road, Delhi collapsed in February, 2022;
- (b) whether such an accident occurred due to the use of poor quality construction material for the said buildings causing loss of life and property; and
- (c) the details of action taken on the use of poor quality material, after the accident?

Central grants under JJM to Karnataka

261 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of increase in central grants to Karnataka under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in 2021-22;
- (b) the number of rural households that have been provided with potable drinking water through tap under JJM, district-wise;
- (c) the number of households yet to be provided with tap connection in Karnataka, district-wise, and whether the target would be completed before the deadline; and
- (d) the additional households that could be covered with the central grants for 2021-22 and 2022-23?

Jiyo Parsi scheme

262 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government is running the Jiyo Parsi scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the grants provided to Government institutions and Non Government Organizations (NGOs) during the last three years?

Status of Atal Bhujal Yojana

263 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the current status of Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) launched in year 2020 for sustainable ground water management, State-wise;
- (b) the number of districts in Gujarat taken up by Government under ABY and its current progress report, district-wise;
- (c) whether the intervention by Government has created any positive change in selected water stressed areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

SCM projects in Tamil Nadu

264 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the funds sanctioned and utilized for completing the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) projects in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the date of selection of smart cities projects in Tamil Nadu and present status thereof;
- (c) whether there is delay in the SCM projects' implementation over its expected completion period of five years;
- (d) whether complaints of irregularities and wrongdoings were reported in the execution of SCM projects; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

Job losses during pandemic

265 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of job losses during the last three years in the private sector companies in carrier service, in operation and maintenance of airports;
- (b) whether Government has taken any measures to assist the people who have lost their jobs during the pandemic and also as a result of private sector takeover of airports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reasons for not having discussion and/or talk with the carrier organizations to restore the employment to pre COVID-19 level?

Shortage of commercial pilots

266 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of commercial pilots in the country;
- (b) the number of trained commercial pilots who pass out every year with commercial pilot licence and, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise ; and
- (b) whether Government will consider opening more pilot training institutes in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Effectiveness of stimulus packages.

267 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) segregated by their turnover in Rupees (under 50 lakh, 50 lakh to 2 crore, 2 to 5 crore, 5 to 20 crore, greater than 20 crore), ownership gender-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study as to the effectiveness of stimulus and policy packages for MSMEs, if so, details of the number of micro enterprises that have accessed Government support schemes;
- (c) the steps Government is taking to address specific needs of MSMEs that have under ₹ 50 lakh turnover; and
- (d) total employment in MSMEs sector since 2018?

Impact of Russia-Ukraine war on MSME sector

268 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian MSMEs exporters of pharmaceuticals, machinery and apparels along with others have been impacted by the Russia-Ukraine war;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether MSMEs in the country are facing issues of delay in shipments, late payments, damage to consignments, etc. due to the Russia-Ukraine war;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether sanctions imposed on Russia have impacted the MSME sector in the country;
- (f) if so, details thereof;
- (g) whether Government through diplomacy is ensuring that MSMEs exports to the region is not negatively impacted by the ongoing war; and
- (h) if so, details thereof?

Regrassing of mined out areas

269 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of mined out areas regrassed and reclaimed in the last three years as regrassing and reclaiming of mined out areas is a cardinal principle of mining activities;
- (b) whether any social audit was done to find out regrassing and reclaiming of the mined out areas;
- (c) whether illegal mining prevalent in the Northeastern States finds no regrassing and reclaiming of the mined out areas;
- (d) the number of mined out areas under the leases which have been reclaimed and regrassed in the last three years; and
- (e) whether Government is aware of the mined out areas which have not been regrassed?

Anti-erosion projects for Assam

270 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) the number of schemes for anti-erosion and prevention/protection of embankments in Assam sanctioned during the last three years;
- (b) the number of such sanctioned schemes executed or completed; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal of Assam for anti-erosion and flood protection pending with Government awaiting its approval/sanction?

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