

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 31, 2022/ 10 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)

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Statistics of India State of Forest Report, 2021

301 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

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

- (a) whether India State of Forest Report 2021 published by the Forest Survey of India has also mapped climate change hotspots in Indian forests;
- (b) if so, the States which will experience maximum rise in temperature due to climate change;
- (c) whether the report also predicts extreme weather conditions like excessive rainfall in some States;
- (d) whether the report estimates impact of climate change on Himalayan glaciers; and
- (e) if so, its impact on life in the Indo-Gangetic plains through which most glacier-fed perennial rivers pass?

Encroachment in Kaziranga National Park, Assam

302 Shri A. D. Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 22 constructions including a Government guest house on animal corridors at the Tiger Reserve in Kaziranga National Park, Assam are yet to be demolished;
- (b) whether this is also a violation of the Supreme Court order; and
- (c) efforts that Government has made in this matter with the State Government of Assam?

Women's share in India's workforce

303 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to know women's participation in the labour force in India;
- (b) if so, the women's share in India's workforce since 2017, year-wise and State-wise;

- (c) the reasons for low women participation rate in India when compared to Indonesia, Bangladesh, China and the United States of America according to World Bank data; and
- (d) the detail of the steps taken by Government to increase the share of women in India's workforce?

Loss in tourism sector due to COVID-19 pandemic

304 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the loss suffered by the country in the tourism sector due to COVID-19 pandemic during the last two years;
- (b) the loss suffered by the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last two years;
- (c) whether any further assistance would be given by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh to compensate for the loss; and
- (d) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes to provide adequate employment opportunities

305 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the details of various schemes being run to provide adequate employment opportunities to the unemployed youth in the country;
- (b) whether any survey has been undertaken to review the existing schemes in terms of effectiveness and adequacy to meet the job demands in the country;
- (c) if not, the steps taken to generate more employment opportunities for the unemployed youth in this regard; and
- (d) the details of employment opportunities provided as a result of implementation of these schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise?

Vacancies in the Legislative Research Framework and Research Institute

306 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the sanctioned strength and vacancies of various posts in the Legislative Research Framework and Research Institute, State-wise;
- (b) the steps being taken to fill up the vacancies expeditiously;
- (c) the details of the courses and trainings provided by the institute; and
- (d) the number of people who have taken various courses and training in this institute since 2017, year-wise?

Ill-effects of climate change

307 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether any concrete policy has been formulated by the Ministry during the year 2021-22 for water and environmental safety in Ganga- Himalayas keeping in view the ill-effects of climate change;
- (b) whether it is a fact that according to Ministry's Expert Appraisal Committee report, less than 30 per cent of construction work has been done in Vishugad-Pipalkoti dam project on Alaknanda, a tributary of Ganga; and
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry has given a fresh approval to the project without any public

hearing, the details thereof?

Package for jobs lost by NRIs

308 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

- (a) the actions taken by Government to help the NRIs who lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic time and returned to India;
- (b) whether Government propose to announce any special package for their welfare, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government is having the data of Indian expats who lost their jobs in this period, the details thereof?

Rise in earth's temperature due to air traffic

309 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that increasing temperature of the earth and the environment as a whole is due to increase in global air traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the danger posed by rise in temperature and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the concrete steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Training of youths as tourist guides

310 # Dr. Sonal Mansingh:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide tourist guide training to the youth in order to provide them employment;
- (b) whether Government has taken any concrete step in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps being contemplated to be taken by Government to promote tourism?

Women's participation in fight against climate change

311 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken/being taken by Government to involve women's participation keeping in view the fact that climate change affects the women in the rural areas more than their urban counterparts;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that climate change induced floods and droughts make it difficult for agriculture-dependent rural women to run their families; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

75th year celebration of India's independence

312 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether during the 75th year celebration of India's independence, the programmes,

features and news on women freedom fighters were produced in Hindi;

(b) if so, whether it is telecasted on DD News, DD National, AIR National, DD Bharati and DD Kisan etc.; and

(c) whether it includes women freedom fighters from North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof?

Decrease in Forest cover

313 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

(a) whether the forest cover in the country including the State of Rajasthan has decreased during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any important steps are being taken by Government to increase the forest cover under land area, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to scale up the conservation of the sanctuaries in the country?

Schemes for unemployed persons

314 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

(a) the number of Indians pushed into poverty during the last three years;

(b) the total rate of unemployment in the country especially in the State of Karnataka;

(c) the number of suicide due to unemployment, State-wise; and

(d) the strategies and policies to ensure that the Indians are not unemployed?

Schemes to connect youth from marginalised sections with sports

315 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

(a) whether Government is running any scheme to connect the youth from the marginalised section of the society with sports and make them excel in sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special scheme has been formulated to take sporting events to tribal areas and to connect tribal youth with them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government is considering on taking any step in this direction?

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