

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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(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 -- 160

**Upgradation of CAT 1, 2 and 3 airports**

1281 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the differences between CAT 1, 2 and 3 airports and the details thereof;
- (b) the details of CAT 1, 2 and 3 airports in India and the details thereof; and
- (c) the criteria for upgradation of CAT 3 and 2 airports and the details thereof?

**Shortage of pilots**

1282 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of pilots in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any details about the number of pilots in the country; and
- (c) if so, the number of pilots recruited in the country during the last three years, year-wise?

**Mid air collision over Bengaluru airport**

1283 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent incident of near mid-air collision over Bengaluru airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such threatening incidents of mid-air collision at different airports in the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to improve and effectively check the recurrence of the same?

**Status of proposed greenfield airport at Puri**

1284 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the present status of proposed greenfield airport at Puri;
- (b) whether a Multi-Disciplinary Team from AAI visited Puri in June, 2021 for conducting pre-feasibility study of the site identified by the State Government for establishment of a greenfield airport; and
- (c) if so, the details of Multi-Disciplinary Team report?

#### **Operation of flights under air-bubble**

1285 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to start flights to various countries of the world including Ukraine by implementing the bio-bubble protocol, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has started any special flights to bring back our citizens in view of current situation in Ukraine, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Salient features and objectives of UDAN scheme**

1286 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the salient features and objectives of the UDAN scheme;
- (b) the phase-wise details of the number of areas covered under the said scheme in the country till date and the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof especially in the State of Gujarat; and
- (c) the number of routes made operational out of them?

#### **Seizure of amounts collected by IATA on behalf of AI and AAI**

1287 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a court in Canada has ordered seizure of amounts collected by the International Air Transport Authority (IATA) on behalf of Air India (AI) and Airports Authority of India (AAI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of Government thereto?

#### **Parking charges at Mumbai and Delhi airports**

1288 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that taxi drivers have to pay parking charges for even picking up passengers from the Mumbai and Delhi Airports;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that for private car owners, this type of payment need not be done; and
- (c) when the parking lot is not used by taxi driver and it is only for picking up of passengers, why are they charged parking charges?

#### **Upgradation of Airports in Haryana**

1289 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the current status of work on upgradation of existing airfields in Hisar and Karnal in

Haryana into full fledged domestic airports;

(b) the funds allocated for the upgradation of these airfields into domestic airports and details of the funds utilized for the same;

(c) the time by which Hisar and Karnal airports would be open for full fledged flight operations;

(d) whether Government proposes to develop any other airport in Haryana; and

(e) if so, the details and the current status thereof?

#### **Flight from Raipur to Varanasi**

1290 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

(a) whether Government is considering on starting a direct flight from Raipur to Varanasi;

(b) if so, whether any time-line has been fixed to start the service; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amarda Road Airstrip, Mayurbhanj**

1291 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

(a) the steps taken for the revival of the defunct Amarda Road Airstrip in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha;

(b) the reasons for delay in the issuance of NOC for flight operation under RCS-UDAN;

(c) the details of the report submitted by the experts of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) that visited the Amarda Road Airstrip;

(d) whether Government has taken any other measures to improve air connectivity in northern parts of Odisha; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Status of the air-bubble pacts**

1292 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

(a) the status of the air-bubble pacts and the details thereof;

(b) the number of countries that had entered into air-bubble pacts with India, the names of those countries and terms of the pacts in brief per se;

(c) now since the pandemic is on decline, when these pacts would end and normalcy restored; and

(d) the cost implications of the air-bubble pacts and the details thereof?

#### **Commencement of inter-State and intra-State flights**

1293 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

(a) the details of additional inter-State flights commenced in the country during last five years;

(b) the details of intra-State flights commenced during last five years with respect to Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand; and

(c) the incentives provided to the States to strengthen the Civil Aviation industry in the country and the details thereof?

### Airports under UDAN scheme

1294 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started UDAN scheme under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);
- (b) if so, the number of airports presently under UDAN scheme and details of new projects therein;
- (c) the benefits to carrier services and different companies with detail of flights operating from UDAN airports to other airports; and
- (d) the distance-wise comparative affordable fare chart and the benefits given to the carriers since the year 2018 and further plan to encourage carrier companies for more RCS-UDAN services?

### Setting up heliport in each district

1295 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the action plan devised by Government for doubling the airports and taking the number to over 200 by the year 2023-24; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government for setting up at least one heliport in each district?

### Status of Utkela and Jeypore Airstrips

1296 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the current status of the Utkela and Jeypore airstrips in Odisha under the UDAN scheme; and
- (b) the timeline for starting operations at Utkela and Jeypore airstrips?

### Development and modernisation of airports in Madhya Pradesh

1297 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the current status and expected time of completion of the new Airport Terminal building, including runway and the extension of the Apron of the Jabalpur Airport;
- (b) whether there is any plan to introduce flights from Jabalpur to Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Gwalior, Chennai, Lucknow and Jaipur; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Development of airports at Rewa and Shahdol

1298 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to establish a Domestic Airport with regular flights to and from Rewa, which is the former capital city of Vindhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has plans to start new intra-State and inter-State flights to and from Rewa, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the city of Shahdol is part of the UDAN scheme, if so, by when the construction of Shahdol Airport will commence?

### Reduction in aviation fuel tax

1299 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest estimate, number of daily air passengers is expected to cross pre-COVID levels in the next two months;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to expand facilities at various airports in the country; and
- (c) the steps being taken to persuade the States to reduce tax on jet fuel to boost the country's aviation sector?

### Plan for resumption of regular international flights

1300 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to resume regular international flights;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to resume these flights;
- (c) whether Government would follow standard operating procedures that are effective at Indian airports for foreign arrivals and departures; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

### Indian classical music on flights

1301 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory for Indian airlines and airports to play Indian Classical or light vocal and instrumental music;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to update in flight entertainment system accordingly and also to ensure traditional Indian music is played on board and at airports across the country?

### 5G concerns on airline operations

1302 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the steps being undertaken by Government to address the impact by the launch of 5G mobile broadband services which can hinder airline operations across the country in next couple of years; and
- (b) how Government is dealing with the widespread disruptions in air travel caused by concerns over the rollout of 5G services in the United States and their impact on radar altimeters and auto-pilot systems?

### Growth rate of aviation sector in the country

1303 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the details of growth rate registered in aviation sector in the country specially in northern parts of the country during the last two years;
- (b) whether the Airports Authority Of India (AAI) has conducted any study/evaluation regarding the expected growth in aviation sector of the country in the next three years and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to meet the increasing demand in aviation sector in future?

### **Upgradation of Airports in Andhra Pradesh**

1304 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision for modernization and upgradation of infrastructures like e-passports, contactless payment solutions, thermal screening, etc., of airports in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the airports identified and selected for up-gradation and maintenance in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

### **Cases pending against Air India**

1305 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the number and details of cases pending against Air India in both national and international courts, including those cases which have arisen due to retrospective effect of Indian laws;
- (b) whether such cases will be transferred to the entity purchasing Air India;
- (c) whether it will be Government who will deal with such cases under the privatization contract; and
- (d) the details of the plan of action to deal with such cases upon privatization, in case the liability falls upon Government?

### **UDAN flight routes in the country**

1306 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether there are any UDAN operational routes where there are no flights available in the last two years, the details thereof;
- (b) the support which has been extended by Government to cover the viability gap funding in the last three years for various sectors, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of tax incentives that have been given to airlines in the last three years, and the details thereof;
- (d) the number of applications pending for taking up domestic and commercial flights, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal for exclusive cargo/domestic/commercial flights, the details thereof?

### **Flight connectivity from Trivandrum to Australia and New Zealand**

1307 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether Government has noted the demand for making the Trivandrum International Airport as a point of call for flights to Australia and New Zealand considering the magnitude of South Indian Diaspora in Australia and New Zealand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response thereto;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government to make Trivandrum International Airport as a point of call for direct flights to Australia and

New Zealand; and

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto?

### **Import of coal**

1308 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the amount of coal imported since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the annual production of Anthracite and Bituminous coal in the country since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the average quantity of coal extracted in the country per annum; and
- (d) the average quantity of coal that get washed in the country before being used in the power plant, in the last five years?

### **Fall in production and offtake of coal**

1309 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether coal production and its offtake is on the decline as compared to previous milestones achieved and targets set continuously for the last couple of years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, including the targets set for each of the respective years;
- (c) the reasons for shortage in production and offtake; and
- (d) the effective steps Government has taken to improve the situation?

### **Reduction in import of coking and non-coking coal**

1310 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether the country imports about half of its requirement every year spending substantial foreign exchange despite huge coal reserves within the country;
- (b) if so, the details of indigenous production, imports and requirement of coking and non-coking coal including the reasons for resorting to imports;
- (c) the emphatic steps taken by Government for developing adequate technology for indigenous production of coking coal to curb import; and
- (d) whether the country has entered into tie-ups with the countries which possess advanced technology for the production of coking coal and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Reservation in recruitment of NCL**

1311 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to give 27 per cent reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in recruitment process of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) located in Singrauli; and
- (b) if so, by when it would be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **E-auctioning of coal**

1312 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Ltd. has stopped e-auctioning of coal due to shortage of coal across power plants;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the list of power plants facing a shortage of coal stock and the present stock of coal across these plants?

#### **Representation from industry associations regarding coal shortage**

**1313 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether some industry associations representing fertilizer, paper, textile and other sectors have made a joint representation regarding severe coal shortage faced by them, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether due to persistent coal crisis, overall industry specially power intensive plants and SMEs have been forced to operate at reduced capacities with looming risk of plant closures, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Black marketing of coal**

**1314 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the incidents of theft and black marketing of coal in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details of such incidents reported during the last three years and the revenue loss caused by the same;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that the incidents of coal theft in three great coal blocks situated in Kerta have continuously increased; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Land acquisition by NLC India Limited**

**1315 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) the details of total area of acquired land from surrounding villages which is left unutilised in Mine -I, II, IA and III of NLC India limited;
- (b) the village-wise, hectare wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will give back the unused acquired land to its original owners of surrounding villages of NLC India Limited; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Money contributed to DMFs Cuddalore**

**1316 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) the details of total amount of money contributed by NLC India Limited to District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) Cuddalore from financial year 2015-2016 to 2021-2022;
- (b) the year-wise, amount-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted a detailed social and environmental impact assessment in and around the taluks of Cuddalore district surrounding NLC India Limited; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?



### Decline in profits of CIL

1317 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether the profit of Coal India Limited (CIL) has declined in the second half of current fiscal, if so, the reasons behind the loss;
- (b) whether the monsoon affects the coal production in the country; and
- (c) the details of investment made since 2014 to mitigate the effect of monsoon on the coal production, mine-wise?

### Auction of partially explored coal blocks

1318 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has now decided to auction even partially explored coal blocks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when Government is going to allow private participation in coal exploration;
- (d) whether Government is planning to invest ₹ 50,000 crore for infrastructure development in coal mines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Drilling carried out by CMPDI

1319 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) carried out drilling in two coal blocks in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of reserves that the CMPDI found in the above two coal blocks;
- (d) the details of quality of coal available in these blocks and whether Government will consider allocating these coal blocks to RINL and other plants in the State; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Implementation of revised SHAKTI

1320 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of the revised Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India (SHAKTI) and the current status of its implementation;
- (b) the details of States, currently eligible under the SHAKTI, policy for better allocation of coal to present and future power plants in the country;
- (c) whether SHAKTI has been able to address the coal linkage problems of the stressed power plant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Growing demand for coal

1321 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's growing appetite for coal is set to add 130 million

tonnes to the demand between 2021 and 2024;

(b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to meet the coal requirement; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Import/transport of coal through Mormugao Harbour, Goa**

1322 **Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:**

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

(a) the total quantum of coal imported and transported through the Mormugao Harbour, Goa on a daily/monthly/annual basis;

(b) the names of private players with quantum of coal transported by each player;

(c) whether there is any proposal for increasing the import/transport of coal through Mormugao Harbour, Goa;

(d) if so, the quantum of coal to be imported/transported through Mormugao Harbour, Goa on a daily/monthly/annual basis; and

(e) the quantum of coal which will be transported from Mormugao Harbour, Goa after the double tracking of the Mormugao-Hospet railway line?

### **Closure of mines in the country**

1323 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

(a) the total number of mines closed in the country in last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has framed any policy or guideline for closure of mines; and

(c) whether Government has framed any policy for rehabilitation of miners and other persons directly or indirectly involved in the closure of mines and, if so, the details thereof?

### **New coal blocks**

1324 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

(a) the total number of new regional coal blocks explored during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total length of drilling to explore new coal blocks during the last two years;

(c) the total quantity of new resources added during the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) the total length of non-Coal India limited (CIL) blocks explored and the total drilling of the same during the last three years?

### **Looming coal shortage**

1325 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the country might face yet another coal shortage in the next few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures adopted by Government to tackle this crisis;

(d) whether it is also a fact that thermal coal prices have gone up; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the measures adopted by Government to address this issue?

### Improvements in digital portal SPARSH

1326 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received complaints that the present digital portal SPARSH is not accessible to ex-servicemen living in the remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, whether any improvements were made to make the pension related online services accessible for defence pensioners in the country;
- (c) whether the grievances of defence pensioners can be expressed and redressal can be sought on the portal; and
- (d) if so, the number and details of grievances received on the portal and disposed off, from the time of launching of this portal?

### Spending on Defence

1327 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the total spending on defence as a per cent of total Government expenditure over the last five years;
- (b) whether there has been a decline in this spending percentage over this period;
- (c) if so, the reasons for this decline; and
- (d) given the increased hostility along the border with China, reasons for reducing defence budget during this crucial period?

### Casualties suffered by Armed Forces jawans

1328 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the total number of casualties (fatal and non-fatal) suffered by Armed Forces jawans in terrorist attacks across the country in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the compensation and support provided to the families of the deceased/injured soldiers over this period; and
- (c) the details of the total compensation given to families of such deceased soldiers in the current year?

### Government plans on AMCA

1329 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether Government plans to seek the Cabinet Committee on Security's approval for the detailed design and prototype development of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA);
- (b) whether it is a fact that AMCA is an extremely expensive fighter plane; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Selection of tableau for Republic Day parade

1330 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether States/UTs are restricted from voluntarily participating in the Republic Day celebrations, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) the details of criteria in force in the selection of tableau and plots in the Republic Day parade;
- (c) the details of States and UTs which were denied permission in the Republic Day parade 2022; and
- (d) the details and the reason for the rejection of plot from Kerala in the Republic Day parade 2022 by the Selection Committee?

### **Defence modernisation**

**1331 Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the modernisation of Armed Forces since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the activity undertaken since 2014 for the modernisation of Armed Forces, year-wise;
- (c) the amount of the procurement done from the indigenous firms for the modernisation of the Armed Forces, year-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated to indigenous firms and universities for research and development for the modernisation of Armed Forces since 2014?

### **Construction of fleet support vessels**

**1332 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has put on fast track of giving construction of five fleet support vessels to Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL);
- (b) whether HSL has entered into joint venture with any domestic or foreign player to execute the order;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the anticipated expenditure involved and by when physical orders would be issued to HSL and the work is going to start; and
- (e) whether there is any time and cost overrun and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Gap in defence budget**

**1333 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether Finance Commission's report indicated that the gap in the defence budget between the estimated requirement and allocation could be around ₹ 2.81 lakh crore in FY 2022-23;
- (b) whether the shortfall in the capital outlay alone, which caters for the expenditure on military modernisation, is expected to be over ₹ 1.62 lakh crore in FY 2022-23;
- (c) the reasons for the aforementioned shortfall; and
- (d) whether Government has kept in mind the conflicts with neighbouring countries and taken any measures to reduce this shortfall?

### **New process for procurement of defense equipment**

**1334 Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the new process of defense equipment procurement; and

(b) the manner in which it has brought transparency and speed in defense acquisition?

### **Development of projects around naval establishments**

**1335 Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) whether representations have been received regarding NOC for the development of projects around naval establishments in Ghatkopar and other parts of Mumbai;
- (b) if so, whether in similar cases around Army land, the relaxation has been notified;
- (c) whether in a case of a residential complex around Powai/Kanjur, Mumbai concerning naval land, the Bombay High Court intervened and approved the development;
- (d) by when a similar relaxation will be made for land around Naval and Air Force establishments after review as done for the Naval Land; and
- (e) the details thereof?

### **Underutilisation of human resources**

**1336 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that underutilisation of human resources has negatively affected India's defence R&D base, and there is a contradiction between the time consuming quest for technological self-reliance and the desire to import based on immediate operational exigencies;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken or have been taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Aircraft accidents in Indian Armed Forces**

**1337 Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has data regarding aircraft accidents in Indian Armed Forces during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has noticed any increase in the number of casualties of defence personnel during such accidents during the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent such accidents in the future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

### **Defence equipment projects under Make in India scheme**

**1338 Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to manufacture various defence related equipments in India, with more components produced indigenously, to face the threat from neighbouring countries;
- (b) the steps being taken for new versions and advanced technologies of manufacturing of indigenous war tanks for battle like Arjun MK-1, and to get the state-of-the art combat vehicle with advanced technology for superior fire power, mobility and protection; and
- (c) the number of such agreements signed under Make in India scheme and the results thereof?

### Technologies developed by DRDO

1339 **Shri Vaiko:**

**Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) undertakes various Research and Development (R&D) projects;
- (b) if so, the details of projects undertaken during the last three years, lab-wise;
- (c) the details of technologies developed by DRDO during the last three years;
- (d) whether Government is in the process of privatization of DRDO; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

### Corruption in Armed Forces

1340 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the number of corruption cases involving personnel of Armed Forces;
- (b) whether the number of corruption cases have increased over the years, if so, the details thereof since 2010; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

### Criminal cases in Armed Forces

1341 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the number of criminal cases involving personnel of Armed Forces;
- (b) whether the number of criminal cases have increased over the years, if so, the details thereof since 2010; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

### Exclusion of the tableau of Tamil Nadu in the Republic Day parade

1342 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the reasons that Tamil Nadu had been deprived of the opportunity to participate in the Republic Day parade where there had been an exclusion of the tableau of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government had responded to the representations made by the Tamil Nadu Government with regards to the exclusion of Tamil Nadu's theme in the Republic Day parade; and
- (c) the criterion behind the selection of the tableaux of other States in the Republic Day parade?

### Encroachment on defence land

1343 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of encroachment on defence land in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to free such land from encroachers, State-wise; and
- (d) whether apart from eviction, is there any punitive action against the encroachers, if so,

the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Patna metro project**

**1344 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the total sanctioned funds for Patna Metro Rail Project and the share of Centre, State and loan component respectively for the said project;
- (b) the funds which have been released by the Centre and the State separately for the said project so far, and the funds spent thereon;
- (c) the agency with which the talks are going on for the loan and the status of progress thereof;
- (d) the total land set to be provided by the State Government and the quantum of land which has been provided so far; and
- (e) the details of progress made in Patna Metro Rail Project, so far?

### **Swachhata startup challenge**

**1345 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched the Swachhata startup challenge under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move alongwith financial allocation for this purpose;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to involve more and more startups in achieving the vision of garbage free cities under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 and, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to involve innovative startups to come forward and drive catalytic transformation in the sanitation and waste management sector?

### **Cadre review of Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' officers and staff**

**1346 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the guidelines issued by the DoPT, the cadre review of Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' officers and staff is overdue in Central Public Works Department;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time frame within which the cadre review of Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' officers and staff of Central Public Works Department will be finalized?

### **Basic facilities for slums**

**1347 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether as per 2011 census, there are more than one crore people in slums of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of slums cleared and the number of people resettled from slums between 2011 and 2014;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed for construction of low-cost houses since 2014 in Andhra Pradesh till date, year-wise; and
- (d) in view of the disadvantage that Andhra Pradesh inherited due to bifurcation of the

State, the special attention/help provided by Government to Andhra Pradesh in clearing slums/providing better basic facilities?

#### **Guidelines for persons with disability and the elderly**

1348 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether Government had issued Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability and Elderly in 2016 for their better accessibility;
- (b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of Government that many builders in many States are not adhering to these guidelines; and
- (c) if so, the efforts made by Government to ensure that these guidelines are followed sincerely and mandatorily by all builders and State agencies?

#### **Master plan to develop big and small cities**

1349 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any master plan for developing big and small cities; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds spent on Central Vista Avenue plan**

1350 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared the Central Vista Avenue plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the details of funds spent so far and various heads against which expenditure has been made, and by when the project is likely to be completed?

#### **Progress in providing houses under PMAY**

1351 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) whether Government is making progress towards achieving its target of providing houses for all, and, if so, the details thereof, and the State-wise number of the persons getting benefitted from the said scheme;
- (b) the measures being taken by Government to meet the target of providing houses for all;
- (c) the details of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and the various sub-schemes thereof; and
- (d) the details of the houses sanctioned, completed and occupied under the said scheme?

#### **Funding by HUDCO to Housing schemes**

1352 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether HUDCO has funded many housing schemes in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the fund has been utilized by the State Government for the intended schemes,



if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any monitoring mechanism in place in HUDCO for proper utilization of said fund, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Status of metro projects across the country**

**1353 Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the number of metro projects taken up in the last five years;
- (b) the present status and progress of these projects;
- (c) the amount of Government expenditure thereon; and
- (d) the benefits of metro system for passengers, traffic management and environment?

### **Renewal contract of Delhi Yoga Sabha**

**1354 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received representations for not renewing the 30 year old contract of Delhi Yoga Sabha (Regd.) Delhi for continuation of yoga classes in DDA Siri Fort Sports Complex, South Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken for renewal of contract with Delhi Yoga Sabha; and
- (c) whether management of DDA is promoting commercial yoga teachers/associations charging exorbitant fees from yoga lovers and, if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to allow institutions to impart yoga classes at reasonable rates?

### **Rise in cost of Central Vista Redevelopment Project**

**1355 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that estimated project cost of new Parliament House Building and mega Central Vista Redevelopment Project has shot up by about 25 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reason for escalation of cost of these projects; and
- (c) the deadlines for new Parliament House Building and other redevelopment projects and whether these deadlines are likely to be adhered to and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Percentage of rented accomodation**

**1356 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the number of people from OBC, SC and ST categories living in rented accommodation in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) if no details are available, then the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of tenants evicted in the whole country due to being unable to pay rent in 2020 and 2021;
- (d) if no details are available, then the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of tenants living in urban slums in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Kolkata; and
- (f) the details of tenants living in urban cities, State-wise and category-wise?

### **Status of PMAY (U) in Andhra Pradesh**

**1357 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the details of sanction, grounding and completion status of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and released under PMAY (U), State-wise so far;
- (c) the number of PMAY (U) houses constructed and completed by APTIDCO in Andhra Pradesh and number of APTIDCO houses for which possession is handed over, town-wise;
- (d) the reasons for delay in completion of APTIDCO houses;
- (e) the reasons for delay in handing over APTIDCO houses to beneficiaries and expected date of handing over possession; and
- (f) the number of beneficiaries of APTIDCO constructed houses who have applied for and received bank loans and the details thereof?

### **Progress under PMAY(U)**

**1358 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) the number of houses completed and handed over under the PMAY (U) scheme;
- (b) the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the section among the target-beneficiaries which have got the maximum benefit, the details thereof?

### **Corruption in PMAY(U)**

**1359 # Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the investigation related to corruption in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in the Municipal Council Shahpura Bhitoni, district Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh is being conducted by Lokayukta, Madhya Pradesh or a Central Institution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken against the irregularities committed by the officers and to provide justice with full transparency to the victim beneficiaries in Pradhan Mantri Awas allotment; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### **Construction of buildings as per building plan**

**1360 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether various Institutions/Societies/Trusts running in Delhi have build their buildings as per the building plan submitted to DDA/MCD/L&DO and whether they have obtained requisite 'Completion Certificate';
- (b) the details of those who have grossly violated the sanctioned building plan;
- (c) the complete list of buildings run by various trusts which are not in conformity with earthquake zone specification;
- (d) the details of such Public Institutions/Trusts which have let out their premises for commercial usage; and
- (e) the action along with policies contemplated by Government in this regard?

### Policy for EV charging station

1361 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) the details of the policy of DDA to provide land for CNG and Electric Vehicles (EV) charging stations in view of the poor level of pollution in Delhi;
- (b) the details of the land allocated for installing CNG and EV charging stations in Delhi under the said policy during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the applications received by DDA so far for the allocation of land for installation of CNG and EV charging stations, and the actions taken thereon; and
- (d) whether DDA has been exercising a laxity in allotting land for installation of CNG and EV charging stations?

### Housing for All in Odisha

1362 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a scheme called "Housing for All" for the State of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the number of houses constructed in the State of Odisha during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) the details of beneficiaries in Koraput and Rayagada districts in Odisha during the last year and the current year;
- (d) whether the State Government of Odisha has not made any budgetary provision for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since 2019-20; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the total funds received by the State Government of Odisha from Government for PMAY since 2018?

### Smart Cities Mission

1363 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhhar:**

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

- (a) the present status of the smart city projects in the country;
- (b) whether after three years of its launch, reports have revealed that the Smart Cities Mission is progressing at a slow pace and, if so, the facts thereof along with the reasons therefor, State-wise, year-wise from the time of initiation;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many projects are still in the preparatory phase of implementation and, if so, the response of Government thereto; and
- (d) the details of funds released, utilised so far and the reaction of Government thereto, State-wise, year-wise from the time of initiation?

### Shortage of clean and drinking water

1364 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is going to be shortage of clean and drinking water in the country in future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of projects which are going to be initiated to fill the requirement of clean and

drinking water in the country?

### **Wildlife clearance for Ken Betwa project**

1365 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has found loopholes in the wildlife clearance given to the Ken Betwa Project and, if so, the details of the clearance given;
- (b) details of the report of the hydrological data that supports the Ken Betwa Project and agency under which the report was scrutinized;
- (c) total area that will be submerged underwater because of this project and the impact of it; and
- (d) whether Government has carried out an assessment to study the impact on Panna Tiger Reserve and critically endangered species that live in the area and the details thereof?

### **Implementation of PMKSY in Uttar Pradesh**

1366 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);
- (b) the numbers and types of irrigation projects being run under this scheme; and
- (c) the number of irrigation schemes implemented in Uttar Pradesh under this scheme and, the details thereof?

### **Achievements in Rajasthan in providing tap water**

1367 **Shri K.J. Alphon:**

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

- (a) what percentage of households have potable tap water connection in Rajasthan;
- (b) what is the number of connections provided during the last two years; and
- (c) when will all the households receive tap water connection?

### **Decline in number of water bodies**

1368 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of water bodies has declined in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to frame specific policy for the preservation of water bodies in the country?

### **Number of water bodies**

1369 **Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:**

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

- (a) number of water bodies in the country for which data has been collected, State-wise;
- (b) whether number of water bodies has decreased in sixth Minor Irrigation Census, if so, reasons identified by Government;
- (c) number of cases of encroachment of water bodies reported across the country during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

- (d) details of action taken on reported water encroachments so far, and details of how Government plans to curb encroachment;
- (e) details of water bodies that have been revived; and
- (f) considering water scarcity is an issue of concern now and in future, whether Government framed any policy to combat the same?

### **Water crisis**

**1370 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by Government to tackle the water crisis in many States; and
- (b) the details of the number of households that have access to clean drinking water along with the steps taken by Government to increase the facility?

### **Remedial measures to save rivers from drying**

**1371 Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in some major rivers of the country including river Ganges, the water flow quantity is gradually showing a decreasing trend which would create serious environmental and other related problems;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any study of this problem, if so, the result of it; and
- (c) the remedial measures Government has initiated to save rivers from drying?

### **National Water Quality Sub-Mission**

**1372 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 1,000 rural habitations have been identified under National Water Quality Sub-Mission in Karnataka where water quality is not potable;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the above habitations have been identified only as of August, 2016;
- (c) if so, the details of habitations identified after August, 2016, district-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve water quality in the above habitations and the present status of the same, district-wise?

### **Reviving of Saraswati river**

**1373 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the State Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana had signed an MoU to revive the Saraswati river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a dam will be constructed on it;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Annual Action Plan for implementation of FHTC**

**1374 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has requested all the States including the State of Andhra Pradesh to prepare the Annual Plan for 2022-23 for implementation of Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every household in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the States including the State of Andhra Pradesh have submitted their Annual Action Plan for 2022-23;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Supply of water through taps under JSM**

**1375 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number of rural households targeted to be supplied water through taps in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha under Jal Shakti Mission (JSM); and
- (b) the number of rural households where water is being supplied through taps at present against the target fixed and the total amount of financial allocation released to these States for this purpose?

### **Renovation of traditional water bodies**

**1376 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to focus on rainwater harvesting and water conservation, including initiatives such as renovation of traditional water bodies and tanks, reuse of water and recharge structures, watershed development and afforestation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Desiltation of Damodar, Ganga and Hooghly Rivers**

**1377 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) the steps Government has taken for desiltation of rivers in the country;
- (b) whether Government is planning for desiltation of rivers Damodar and Ganga/Hooghly or not;
- (c) what steps has Government taken for desiltation of the flood prone West Bengal; and
- (d) What steps has Government taken to forecast floods and rehabilitation post floods in the State of West Bengal?

### **Funds spent for conservation of rain water**

**1378 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government for rejuvenation of the dead streams in drought prone areas;

- (b) whether Government has taken any steps for conservation of rain water at village and town levels; and
- (c) the details of the funds spent by Government during the last three years for rain water harvesting?

### **Implementation of Gazette Notifications on projects in Godavari and Krishna River Basins**

**1379 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) whether State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana provided seed money of ₹ 200 crore each for Godavari River Management Board (GRMB)/Krishna River Management Board (KMRB) functioning;
- (b) whether they have handed over jurisdiction of operational projects as specified in Schedule-2 of Notification;
- (c) if so, details thereof;
- (d) if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) list of ongoing and completed unapproved projects on GRMB and KRMB for which Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been submitted as required;
- (f) list of ongoing and completed projects for which DPRs have not been submitted; and
- (g) what happen to projects for which DPRs have not been submitted within stipulated time?

### **Flood Forecasting System in Maharashtra**

**1380 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the works done for establishing a Flood Forecasting System during in the past five years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent for establishing a Flood Forecasting System for the past three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in release of the allocated funds;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the implementation of the establishing of the MAITRI Centres in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (f) whether Government proposes to increase the allocation for the State of Maharashtra for establishing a Flood Forecasting System and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Construction activities on Mahanadi river**

**1381 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the details of water arresting structures that have been constructed by the State of Chhattisgarh across main arm of the Mahanadi and its major tributaries, mentioning their water use capacity and purpose;
- (b) whether the State of Chhattisgarh has obtained clearances from Government prior to construction of any barrages/anicuts in the inter-State river basin Mahanadi; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the State of Chhattisgarh has leased out the water right of Seonath river, a tributary of inter-State river Mahanadi, without the knowledge of Government as well as downstream riparian State of Odisha?

### **Status of interlinking of rivers**

1382 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) the current status of work related to interlinking of rivers;
- (b) the priority of Government with regard to interlinking of rivers and the change therein taking place in comparison to earlier situation;
- (c) by when interlinking of rivers would be completed; and
- (d) the estimated expenditure of this work?

### **Funds spent for cleaning of Ganga and Yamuna rivers**

1383 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) the amount of funds spent on the cleaning of rivers like Ganga and Yamuna, etc. since 2020 till date and extent of success achieved vis-a-vis the plan, details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the water of banks of the Ganga flowing along any city has been cleaned; and
- (c) if not, by when the Ganga would be entirely cleansed?

### **Supply of clean and safe drinking water**

1384 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the number of households still remain deprived of the facilities of safe and clean drinking water;
- (b) the details of the areas and households deprived of clean and safe drinking water during the past three years, city-wise;
- (c) the status of all the schemes working for increasing supply of clean water to households; and
- (d) the number of MoUs or agreements or cooperation which has been signed by Government with other International Bodies or Governments of other nations for providing clean and safe drinking water?

### **Progress on the 100-Day Campaign**

1385 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether the 100-Day Campaign launched on 2nd October, 2020, for providing all schools and Anganwadis in the entire country with piped drinking water within 100 days has been successful;
- (b) if not, the details of districts that have not achieved 100 per cent coverage of piped drinking water to schools and Anganwadis, State/UT-wise;
- (c) details of amount sanctioned, allocated, disbursed and utilised for the 100-Day Campaign since its launch, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether any quality audit of drinking water supplied to schools and Anganwadis has been undertaken, and if so, findings thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **National Floodplains Zoning policy**

1386 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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



- (a) whether Government has details of demarcated areas that are prone to frequent flooding, and if so, the details thereof district-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there exists no national floodplain zoning, despite multiple recommendations and if so, whether the same is planned;
- (c) whether Government is aware of State-level discrepancies in floodplain demarcation and the existence of unplanned development and encroachment on floodplains, and if so, steps taken for the same; and
- (d) details of States complying with the voluntary NDMA Guidelines, 2008 on floodplain zoning, specifically on reserving flood-prone areas for green development?

### **Declining crude oil production**

**1387 Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the reasons for decline in production of crude oil in India;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to increase the production of crude oil to reduce dependency on crude oil imports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the decline in production will have an impact on the prices of petrol and diesel; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Funds allocation for tap water rural areas under JJM**

**1388 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of fund allocated, releases and utilized till 1st March, 2022 for provision of tap water in rural areas under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to Uttar Pradesh during 2021-22;
- (b) the details of fund allocated under Budget 2022-23 for provision of tap water in rural areas under JJM, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has allocated more funds under JJM to arsenic affected States during 2022-23 to provide arsenic free safe drinking water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Revival of dying rivers**

**1389 # Smt. Seema Dwivedi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are many such tributaries in the country apart from main rivers which are on the verge of losing their existence due to pollution, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme to revive these dying rivers, State-wise; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the pure water holding Mandakini/Payaswini river which flows through Chitrakoot Dham of Uttar Pradesh since centuries is on the verge of extinction due to pollution, if so, the scheme of Government to revive it?

### **Employment under NGP**

**1390 Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) the number of people who have been provided employment under Namami Gange

Project (NGP) till date, State-wise; and

(b) the quantum of funds additionally allocated and utilized under the NGP till date, year-wise and State-wise?

### **Status of Jal Shakti Mission**

1391 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

what is the status of Jal Shakti Mission and the roadmap and steps taken for Uttar Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme?

### **MSMEs closed during April, 2020 to October, 2021**

1392 # **Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:**

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

(a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) closed during the period from April, 2020 to October, 2021;

(b) the number of MSMEs falling in tribal areas in the country; and

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent the MSMEs from being closed and whether any special package has been provided to these enterprises and the details thereof?

### **Schemes to promote MSMEs amongst tribals**

1393 # **Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:**

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

the details of schemes currently being run by Government in order to promote tribal people in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and bring recognition to their products and the number of enterprises likely to be benefited from these schemes?

### **Financial assistance under ECLGS**

1394 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

(a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that have been provided financial assistance under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) of Government during the Coronavirus crisis;

(b) the number of households got rid of the livelihood crisis; and

(c) the details thereof?

### **MSMEs clusters identified under the collaboration with EESL**

1395 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) clusters have been identified where identified technologies will be demonstrated under the new collaboration between Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of the clusters identified and the technologies identified so far and the status of their demonstration?

### **Status of work on TDC Rohtak and Ambala**

**1396 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) whether the work on Tool Room/Technology Development Centre (TDC) at Rohtak and Saha, Ambala in Haryana have been completed;
- (b) if so, the details of number of students admitted and passed out from TDC Rohtak as well as TDC Ambala, year-wise;
- (c) if not, what is the current status of work, reasons for delay in completion of work and total cost of both the TDCs;
- (d) the number of new Tool Rooms/TDCs that have been approved/proposed in Haryana during the last five years; and
- (e) the details thereof?

### **Closure of registered MSMEs**

**1397 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) details of the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered with Government and which applied for closure during the last two years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) details of the number of MSMEs which took benefit of the Centre's COVID-19 Schemes, Scheme-wise;
- (c) details of the number and total percentage of MSMEs which applied for the benefits under the Centre's ₹ 3 lakh crore emergency credit line; and
- (d) details of the number of MSMEs which got benefited under the Centre's ₹ 3 lakh crore emergency credit line?

### **Achievements made under PMEGP**

**1398 Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the achievement under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in terms of fund allocation, utilisation, targets of margin money and bank finance, actual releases and total numbers of beneficiaries each year;
- (b) the achievement under the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust and Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) in terms of fund allocation, utilisation, targets of credit guarantee and bank finance, actual releases and total numbers of beneficiaries each year; and
- (c) the statistics for this year so far and the previous year under both these schemes, State-wise?

### **MSMEs engaged in manufacturing and services**

**1399 Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the latest estimate of the numbers of each category of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises engaged in manufacturing and services;
- (b) their State-wise distribution of all 6 categories and the estimated employment and economic value; and
- (c) how many of them were affected or shut down by demonetisation and the introduction of Goods and Service Tax (GST) and whether there is any improvement at present?

### Increasing employment opportunities in MSMEs

1400 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) the total contribution of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (b) the total number of people employed in the MSME sector, since the last five years therein, year-wise and state-wise;
- (c) details of employment lost in MSMEs during corona pandemic (February 2020 to November 2021) thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to increase employment opportunities in MSMEs?

### COVID Aid Package for MSMEs

1401 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu State, faced lot of problems during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government had announced COVID Aid Package for MSMEs in 2020;
- (d) if so, the total number of MSMEs benefitted by this COVID Aid Package in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the total aid given to the MSMEs in Tamil Nadu by way of COVID Aid Package?

### MSMEs units shutdown during the Pandemic

1402 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units were shut down after the advent of Coronavirus and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total MSMEs units registered in the country, State-wise, as on date;
- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to prevent insolvency among MSMEs and measures to avoid layoffs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### UDYAM Portal

1403 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) details of the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered on the UDYAM portal as of October 2021;
- (b) whether Government is aware that for most MSMEs, compliance costs exceed the post-registration;
- (c) benefits of registering on the UDYAM portal and the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has provided any incentives to increase registration of MSMEs on the portal;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether Government has taken any measures to create awareness about the portal; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Amending mineral auction rules

1404 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government is taking steps to amend mineral auction rules that will encourage competition which in turn will ensure more participation in the sale of blocks and more production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and
- (c) whether any specific action plan has been drawn up so that the country is self-sufficient in mineral resources, if so, the details thereof?

### Illegal mining

1405 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the details of the complaints received about illegal mining during the last three years in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of illegal mining in the country have increased; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken on said complaints, year-wise?

### Illegal sand mining in Bihar

1406 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the illegal mining of sand in the past five years and if so, the state-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of cases of illegal sand mining registered and the number of cases disposed in Bihar, district-wise, since 2017 along with the details of the amount recovered in separate cases; and
- (c) the details of the technology deployed and the monitoring mechanism employed to curb illegal sand mining in Bihar?

### Private investment in mineral sector in Odisha

1407 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the details of private investment in the exploration of minerals in Odisha, in last five years;
- (b) the names of the blocks identified by Government in Odisha for the purposes of mineral exploration; and
- (c) the target of private investment in mineral sector?

### Identification of in-violate and no-go areas affected by mining

1408 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the details of in-violate and no-go areas identified till date;
- (b) the criteria used for identification of in-violate and no-go areas;
- (c) the details of quantum of area of in-violate and no-go areas which have been diverted to

mining; and

(d) the further steps proposed to complete nationwide identification and protection of in-violate and no-go areas?

### Utilisation of DMF funds

1409 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the number of mining affected persons and hectares of mining affected areas identified by District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) in each State;
- (b) the amount collected and spent from DMF funds in each State;
- (c) the amount that has been spent on each category of work; and
- (d) the part of this amount that was spent by DMFs for beneficiaries that are not identified as mining affected?

### Pollution due to Gua iron ore mines

1410 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the rising air pollution and agricultural loss during rains due to Gua iron ore mines in Jharkhand; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

### Environmental clearance to copper mines

1411 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

the steps being taken by Government to accord environmental approval to the closed Surda copper mines of Hindustan Copper Limited at Ghatshila subdivision of East Singhbhum district?

### Annual mineral production

1412 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether annual mineral production in the country has increased;
- (b) if so, the details of minerals, production of which has increased and decreased; and
- (c) the status of mineral production in Jharkhand?

### Sustainable mining

1413 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is promoting sustainable mining in the country to protect environment and lessen the conflicts with the communities;
- (b) the definition of sustainable mining;
- (c) whether due to definitional deficit, sustainable mining fails to be assessed in a uniform way in mining sector;
- (d) the extent to which private miners are following the policy of sustainable mining; and
- (e) whether Government will enforce sustainable mining forcefully to achieve the goal of sustainable development in the country?

### Scholarship to minority students

1414 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) what are the types of scholarships available to students from minority communities;
- (b) the number of scholarships that have been disbursed during the past five years, category-wise; and
- (c) what is the amount disbursed during the last five years, category-wise?

### Impact of crisis in Ukraine on fuel prices

1415 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) whether the current crisis in Ukraine has an effect on the fuel supply, reserves and prices in the country and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to reduce fuel and cooking gas prices?

### PRP payments

1416 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 618 given in the Rajya Sabha on 07th February, 2022 and state:

- (a) the amount paid to HPCL executives as the Performance Related Pay (PRP) during the period of financial years 2016-17 to 2019-20, executive-wise details thereof;
- (b) the current policy related to PRP payment;
- (c) the details of payment made against the business expenses head during the financial years 2016-17 to 2019-20; and
- (d) the details of reimbursement made to the executives in senior management including CVO by HPCL against the business expenses reimbursement during the financial years 2016-17 to 2019-20, executive-wise details thereof alongwith their bills?

### Irregularities at retail outlets of OMCs

1417 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) the details of the rules/guidelines issued for checking irregularities or malpractice at retail outlets of various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country;
- (b) the number of cases of violation of such rules/guidelines and irregularities or malpractices including at the retail outlets of various OMCs reported during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the agencies entrusted with the task of investigation of cases of irregularities during the said period, company-wise, and the other steps being taken or proposed by Government/OMCs to check such irregularities at retail outlets of OMCs?

### Supply of BS-VI quality auto fuel

1418 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the supply of BS-VI quality auto fuel from 2018 to November 2021, year-wise;

- (b) the details of the districts/cities to which BS-VI auto fuel is supplied, and the respective quantities so supplied, from 2018 to 2021, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government intends to expand the list of districts/cities so supplied;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **CBG plants set up under SATAT**

1419 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the details of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plants set up between October 2018 and November 2021, under the Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative, including the status of implementation;
- (b) the details of functional Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plants established under the SATAT initiative, including the quantities of CBG produced annually by such units, till November 2021;
- (c) whether Government is on track to meet its target of setting up 5000 CBG plants by FY 2023- 24 under the SATAT initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Details of kerosene consumption**

1420 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the details of the quantity change in consumption of kerosene, in past five years i.e. from 2016 to 2021 in each State, State-wise;
- (b) the average selling price of kerosene in each State and Union Territory, and the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has stopped the kerosene allocation to each State under Public Distribution System (PDS) quota, and if not then; and
- (d) the details of quantity of kerosene allocated by Government to each State under Public Distribution System (PDS) quota, in the past three years, year-wise?

### **Increasing LPG cylinder prices**

1421 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the prices of domestic and commercial LPG cylinders over the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has noticed a sharp increase in the prices of LPG cylinders in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent this sharp rise of prices of LPG cylinders in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details of the action taken thereof?

### **Changing prices of petroleum products**

1422 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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



- (a) the details of prices increased or decreased on petrol, kerosene, LPG and other petroleum products during each quarter of the last five years by Government;
- (b) whether the prices of the above items increased or decreased were in the percentage of fall or rise in global crude prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to control the prices of the said products and success achieved thereof?

### **Losses incurred to PSUs**

**1423 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the losses incurred to all PSUs in the distribution of domestic gas cylinders in the last five years;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to reduce the losses incurred to companies during the distribution of domestic gas cylinders; and
- (c) the number of cases of theft of domestic gas cylinders reported in the past five years and the penalties imposed on the offenders?

### **Setting up new petrol/CNG pump and gas agencies in rural areas**

**1424 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to issue new Petrol/CNG pump and gas agencies in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, significant details of the proposed proposal with specific reference to Maharashtra for the current year;
- (c) the details of Petrol/CNG pumps and gas agencies opened in various parts of the country during the last two years;
- (d) the areas where there is demand for more Petrol/CNG pumps and gas agencies; and
- (e) the details of plans in this regard?

### **Promotion of biofuel**

**1425 Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to promote biofuel which is sustainable, pollution free and cost-effective source of energy as compared to others;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme for rural India concerning biofuel production which is considered as the most potential and most suited for biofuel; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Piped LPG connections**

**1426 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide piped LPG connections to all the A and B category households in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of allocation of new petrol, diesel, CNG gas and domestic LPG distribution centres by Government and private oil companies in the country, especially in Rajasthan

during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to provide level playing field to help the new distribution centres to compete with the existing retail distribution centres and stay in business?

#### **CSR fund for PSU**

1427 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

(a) the areas and the heads where funds have been spent under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the purview of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas during the last three years and the amount of funds spent under each head during the same period;

(b) the State-wise details thereof, especially that of the State of Bihar; and

(c) the quantum of CSR funds available as of now, undertaking-wise?

#### **Increase in petroleum prices**

1428 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

(a) whether the petroleum prices in India are going to see a significant increase in the days to come;

(b) whether since the last rise of fuel prices in November 2021, the Oil PSUs have been facing financial losses;

(c) how do the Oil PSUs intend to recover their losses;

(d) whether the election in the five States were a reason for the fuel prices not witnessing an increase from November 2021; and

(e) whether the Oil PSUs intend to recover their losses in a staggered way and the details thereof?

#### **Safety measures adopted by Oil companies**

1429 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

(a) the efforts being made by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., to prevent accidents, improve their safety, health and environmental performance, sustainable development, safe workplaces and to enrich the quality of life of employees, customers and community;

(b) whether the Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) verticals of Oil India Ltd. are reviewed;

(c) if so, the basis on which the review is done and by whom it is done; and

(d) the steps being taken by Oil India Ltd. to comply with Standard Operating Procedures in all functions of Exploration and Production and pipeline activities?

#### **Increase in the rate of CNG**

1430 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) the details of the growth registered in the rate of CNG during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the companies from which CNG has been purchased during the last three years and also the quantum of the purchase made therefrom; and
- (c) the details of the CNG rates fixed for making its purchase from Government and private companies based in Gujarat?

#### **CSR budget of GAIL**

1431 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the CSR budget of the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) since year 2016 till date, year-wise;
- (b) the quantum of budget sanctioned by the GAIL from its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund for environment, clean drinking water and other social works in Raghogarh tehsil of Guna district in Madhya Pradesh since year 2014 till date, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of works completed and those yet to be completed by the funds sanctioned from the CSR fund of the company?

#### **Providing clean cooking fuel under PMUY**

1432 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the details of steps being taken under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), to provide clean cooking fuel such as LPG to the rural and deprived households in the country;
- (b) the target and the achievement made in the last five years in providing clean cooking fuel State-wise and UT-wise; and
- (c) by what time, clean fuel for all will be provided for each household in the rural areas?

#### **World inequality report**

1433 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

- (a) the efforts being made by Government to reduce the increasing socio-economic inequality in view of the fact that India is among the most unequal countries in the world as per the World Inequality Report; and
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to ensure that benefits of economic reforms and liberalization reach all the sections equally, as the top ten per cent of the population in India holds 57 per cent of the national income?

#### **Widening gap between the rich and the poor**

1434 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether the gap between the rich and the poor is continuously widening in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that one per cent of the rich in India have 22 per cent of the total income of the country, while the top 10 per cent of the rich have 57 per cent of the total income;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to bridge the widening gap between the poor and the rich in the country?

### Poor citizens in the country

1435 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) the number of poor people in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether these include SC/ST/OBC and the minorities; and
- (c) the details thereof, State-wise?

### Establishment of AIM, ATIs and AICs in the Universities

1436 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), Atal Tinkering Labs (ATIs) and Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) in Universities and other institutes to attract the students towards technology at school level; and
- (b) if so, the details of the beneficiaries of the same, State-wise, and particularly in the districts of Dausa, Karauli and Sawai Madhopur till date?

### Cost overrun of infrastructure projects in Maharashtra

1437 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of infrastructure projects in Maharashtra have been hit by cost overruns of nearly more than 40 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details of each of the project which is cost overrun in Maharashtra indicating the reasons thereon; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to minimize the time and cost overrun of projects?

### Production of iron ore by NMDCL

1438 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the quantum (in tonnes) of iron ore produced by National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDCL) in the year 2020-21;
- (b) the details thereof, month-wise; and
- (c) the quantum (in tonnes) of iron ore sold by the company and the quantum (in tonnes) of iron ore that was exported?

### Non-standardized steel

1439 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the measures taken to stop manufacturing and import of non-standardized steel; and
- (b) the procedure implemented to this affect and the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Reduction in production by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1440 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that management of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) had decided to reduce the production since 3rd week of February, 2022 trying to create artificial scarcity of steel and paving way for privatization of the steel plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details of the production made in VSP since February, 2022; and
- (d) the stand of Government regarding the privatization of the VSP?

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