

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

**Skill development in aviation sector**

1921 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) whether the aviation industry is lacking skilled manpower and optimum technology such as pilots, trainers, air traffic controllers, sub optimal fleet, etc. owing to the massive growth in the aviation sector;
- (b) if so, the steps Government has taken to increase the skill development and allow for participation of youth in this sector; and
- (c) whether Government has announced any special scheme to provide assistance to pilot trainees, if so, the details thereof?

**Evacuation of Indians from Ukraine**

1922 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the number of flights which have been organised to evacuate Indians from Ukraine and neighbouring countries;
- (b) the number of persons who have been evacuated thus far;
- (c) the amount spent on these evacuations; and
- (d) whether evacuees have been charged for their evacuation and, if so, how much?

**Special aircraft service for stranded students in Ukraine**

1923 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started any special aircraft service to bring back the Indian nationals especially students stranded in Ukraine, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government also accorded permission to various private airlines to operate chartered services in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

### Use of green energy at airports

1924 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to encourage the use of green energy also at the airports in the country;
- (b) the number of airports in the country, where solar power plants have been started, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether any study has been undertaken to measure the reduction in carbon emission by the airports that are fully functioning on clean renewable resources, if so, the details thereof?

### Maintenance of airports by AAI

1925 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that maintenance of airports owned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) is not up to the mark; and
- (b) the action proposed to be taken to ensure that they are better maintained?

### Status of airports in Gujarat

1926 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has plans to re-open and re-operate Kandala and Keshod airports in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has plans to construct greenfield airports at Devbhoomi Dwarka, Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR) and Dahej Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) in Gujarat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the status of a greenfield airport at Hirasar near Rajkot in Gujarat and the details thereof?

### Revival of old airports

1927 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government in the last five years to revive old airports which were closed or out of operations;
- (b) the number of such closed or out of operations airports in the country; and
- (c) the number of such closed airports still there in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand and the details thereof?

### Evacuation of Indians from Ukraine

1928 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether Government has used only Air India aircraft for evacuation of Indians during Ukraine-Russia conflict;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

- (c) the number of evacuation trips Air India made during the Ukraine-Russia conflict; and  
 (d) the details of the total cost of evacuation?

### **Evacuation of stranded Indians from Ukraine**

1929 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether there is a policy in place for evacuation of stranded Indians from abroad in time of international crises situations;  
 (b) whether an escalation in the prices of tickets causes the citizens to delay their departure from disturbed zones thus aggravating the situation;  
 (c) whether the Ministry plans to lay down a roadmap for evacuating Indian citizens well in time to avoid situations like the one in Ukraine recently; and  
 (d) whether measures to keep the cost of tickets in control during crises situations will be taken in the light of the recent crisis?

### **Fake recruitment in the name of AAI**

1930 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether it has been observed that certain anti-social elements are committing frauds in the name of recruitment by means of using a fake name of Airports Authority of India (AAI); if so, the number of such cases;  
 (b) the number of such cases noticed during the last three years; and  
 (c) the details of action taken by Government against the recruitment related websites?

### **Long queues at airports**

1931 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that airports across the country have become more congested and passengers are required to stand in long queues for 1-2 hours before reaching into the aircraft;  
 (b) if so, the steps Government proposes to decongest these airports specially Delhi Airport to mitigate passengers inconvenience; and  
 (c) whether Government has asked the views of airlines on this issue and, if so, the response of airlines thereto?

### **Expansion of civil aviation infrastructure**

1932 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand civil aviation infrastructure in various parts of the country specially in the North-East of the country and the details thereof; and  
 (b) how does Government propose to identify such places in the country and whether necessary land is available for constructing new airports and the details thereof?

### **Tenders for MRO**

1933 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) the number of airports in the country for which Government proposes to invite tenders for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) facilities and the details thereof, airport-wise;
- (b) whether Government has made any arrangement about the expenditure involved in such facilities; and
- (c) the tentative time-line to complete such facilities and the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Focus routes under Krishi-UDAN scheme**

1934 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has identified certain focus routes under Krishi-UDAN scheme to support region specific agri-products transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure seamless, cost effective and time-bound air transportation for agri-products from various regions of the country?

#### **Air accidents investigations**

1935 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether Government has completed investigations in all the air accidents that happened since 2016;
- (b) if so, the details of the major reasons for its occurrence;
- (c) the details of the measures taken to avoid its reoccurrence; and
- (d) the number of people who have died in air accidents since 2016, year-wise?

#### **Connecting North Eastern States through air services**

1936 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any action plan to provide air connectivity from the North-Eastern States to Delhi and other metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the details of the action plan so far; and
- (c) if not, the details of the concrete steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Strengthening security at airports**

1937 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the list of measures taken to strengthen security at airports and the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has state-of-the-art technologies implemented in the security of airports and the details thereof; and
- (c) the list of major and minor incidents across all airports in the country during the last five years and the details thereof?

#### **Status of Civil Aviation pending projects in Odisha**

1938 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of status of Civil Aviation pending projects in Odisha; and
- (b) by when would these projects be completed?

### **Privatisation of airports**

1939 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the total number of airports in India that have been handed over to private companies or are in the pipeline to be privatised and the details thereof;
- (b) the total revenue generated from each airport by these private companies;
- (c) the total revenue loss that Government has faced post the privatisation of these airports;
- (d) whether the privatisation of airports has affected the cost of ticket prices;
- (e) the total number of workers that have lost jobs post the privatisation of airports; and
- (f) whether Government has established any monitoring mechanism to ensure the effective operation of these airports?

### **Import of coal**

1940 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the coal import in last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the decisions and steps taken by Government to increase coal production so that the country does not depend on imports; and
- (c) the result of all these measures?

### **Licences for new mines**

1941 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) the number of new mines for which Government has issued licenses during the last one year;
- (b) the quantum of total coal reserves in the country at present; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in coal mining, if so, the details thereof?

### **Plan to prevent shortage of coal in summer season**

1942 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to prevent the shortage of coal in the power plants in the summer season;
- (b) if so, whether it is contemplating to augment the production of coal under this scheme; and
- (c) if so, the target set for total production and the quantum which is higher in comparison to the previous year?

### **Strategic roadmap to reduce coal based energy production**

1943 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any strategic roadmap for the next five years to reduce coal based energy production to achieve the targets promised at Glasgow Climate Change Conference;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has envisioned any plan for the workers who will be unemployed due to the closing down of coal based power plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Decline of coal production in the country**

1944 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

- (a) whether the total coal production in India registered a decline during the last three years and, if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (b) whether Coal India Ltd (CIL) and NLCIL have decided to replace the huge fleet of heavy earth moving machine equipment running on diesel with Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has entered into any contract with GAIL in this regard and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Environmental impact of coal mining**

1945 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the work done for the reduction of the detrimental environmental impact of coal mining in the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the fund allocated, released and spent for reducing the environmental impact of coal mining in the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in the release of the allocated funds;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of proposed/in progress projects for the reduction of environmental impact, State-wise especially in Maharashtra?

### **Contractual appointment in Northern Coalfields Limited**

1946 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Northern Coalfields Limited located at Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh has invited applications from retired employees for the post of operator on contract basis, if so, whether it is against the rule;
- (b) whether the Northern Coalfields Limited located at Singrauli does not want to give chance to the youth for the post of operator, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether this recruitment is against the rules, if so, then against whom and by when action will be taken by Government?

### **Demand of coal**

1947 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) whether the coal demand in India will be in the range of 1,192-1,325 million tonnes by 2030; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government keeping in mind that coal based utility electricity generation capacity in India is likely to peak at about 250 GW by the end of this decade or immediately thereafter?

### **Just Transition planning process**

1948 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

(a) whether to start the Just Transition planning process, Government plans to initiate the creation of a multi-stakeholder body to guide the process and to ensure that the planning process is inclusive, the body should have representatives from various Central Ministries, State and district Governments, coal companies, local communities, civil society, and trade unions;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Resettlement and rehabilitation policy of NLCIL**

1949 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

(a) the new features of the new resettlement and rehabilitation policy of NLCIL launched by Government and how far it is better than the policy adopted by CIL and other coal producing companies in the public and private sectors;

(b) the plans NLCIL has to expand its activities in other potential States, apart from the States where it had set its foot;

(c) the plans of NLCIL to contribute to energy sector in the next five years; and

(d) whether NLCIL is also working to upgrade the existing technology to cut production cost and increase efficiency and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Pending cases in AMRCD involving CCL**

1950 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

(a) whether a number of cases of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) are pending before Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSEs Disputes (AMRCD), if so, the details of last two years and the current year, case-wise;

(b) the case-wise details of the number of disputes of CCL and Hindustan Steelworks Corporation Limited (HSCL) redressed out of these; and

(c) whether there is any time limit for resolution of CPSEs disputes, if so, the details thereof?

### **Lack of proper infrastructure for coal industries**

1951 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the lack of proper infrastructure for coal industries of the country and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has proposed to grant any specific funds to develop infrastructure for coal industries of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Blacklisting of firms

1952 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

Government's guidelines regarding cancellation of contracts/tenders, work orders and blacklisting of such subsidiary companies/firms/agencies related to the Coal India Limited (CIL), which are directly or indirectly connected to the elements spreading anarchy or which have been identified by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Enforcement Directorate or any proceedings are underway against them?

### Delays in recruitment

1953 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

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

- (a) the number of recruitment in defence sector which could not be initiated during COVID-19 period, due to which the youth could not get an opportunity to join defence services;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the number of youth desirous of joining defence services but have crossed the upper age limit during the last three years as recruitments were not being conducted; and
- (c) whether Government would propose to provide an opportunity by relaxing the rules to the youth who have crossed upper age-limit during the last three years but are desirous of joining defence services?

### Recruitment of women in NDA

1954 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started recruitment of young women in the National Defence Academy (NDA);
- (b) the number of female students who have appeared for the examination for this purpose; and
- (c) the scope for women in defence services and the details thereof?

### Modernization of Ordnance Factories

1955 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal for modernization of Ordnance Factories to encourage indigenous production of defence equipments in the country and, if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the modernization of Ordnance Factories is likely to be initiated and completed; and
- (b) the details of the annual production and turnover of the Ordnance Factories across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

### Beneficiaries under OROP policy

1956 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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



- (a) the number of retired personnel benefited under One Rank One Pension (OROP) policy;
- (b) whether Government is committed to retain its earlier executive decision of February 17, 2014 to grant OROP;
- (c) the number of persons in the Armed Forces who have Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP); and
- (d) the number of persons in the Armed Forces with Assured Career Progression?

### **Border dispute between India and Pakistan**

1957 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government will share the current situation at India-Pakistan border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action plan initiated and necessary preparations made to deal with such an emergency; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### **Expansion activities in BEL**

1958 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken expansion activities in Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in the Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding employment opportunity that will be generated due to the expansion activities, if any, undertaken at BEL unit in Krishna district in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Maritime cooperation with regional partners**

1959 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government has developed maritime cooperation with regional partners in consonance with Government's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to include 'Mission based Deployments' of naval ships and aircrafts to enhance maritime domain awareness, promote maritime security and address contingencies and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether India proactively engaged with regional and extra-regional maritime forces through multilateral exercises, joint surveillance, coordinated patrols to promote maritime security in the region, if so, the details thereof?

### **Setting up new defence companies**

1960 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up new defence companies for strengthening and

- making country the world's largest military power under the Atmanirbhar campaign;  
 (b) if so, the details of new companies to be set up under the campaign;  
 (c) whether Government has constituted any Group of Ministers to keep a close watch and monitor the time schedule for setting up of such companies; and  
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Recruitment of female candidates**

1961 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of the female candidates recruited through the recruitment camps and rallies;  
 (b) the total number of seats for female candidates in defence institutions- NDA, OTA, IMA, INA and AFA;  
 (c) the details of the seats for female candidates for the recruitment of Junior Commissioned Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers; and  
 (d) whether Government plans to increase the number of seats for female candidates in future?

### **Defence exports**

1962 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to increase defence exports;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether contracts have been signed with many countries including the Philippines for export of Brahmos missile;  
 (d) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (e) the names of countries including Japan with whom India has held serious negotiations to further deepen defence ties?

### **Defence corridor projects in Tamil Nadu**

1963 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the current status of the Defence Corridor projects announced and funds allocated from 2019 to 2023 and by when the projects will be completed in Tamil Nadu;  
 (b) the response from Government regarding the Memorandum presented by the Minister of Industries in Tamil Nadu to the Union Minister of Defence in September 2021 regarding various proposals in the defence sector in Tamil Nadu; and  
 (c) the details thereof, if no response, the reasons therefor?

### **Sainik school society**

1964 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether Government has passed any resolution to start new schools by affiliating them with Sainik school society;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether the above mentioned schools would act as a pillar of distinction, which would be distinct and different from the existing Sainik schools of the Ministry;  
 (d) the number of new schools to be affiliated in the first phase; and

(e) whether proposals from private schools/NGOs would be invited for affiliating with Sainik School Society?

### **Private participation in defence industry**

1965 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the number of private companies till date which have been issued with licenses for defence industry production;
- (b) the details of the companies who have thus far started production;
- (c) whether there exists a mechanism to ensure quality standards in product development and testing in private participation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Setting up of new defence undertakings**

1966 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number of new undertakings set up for the manufacturing of modern weapons and armament indigenously, during the last five years;
- (b) the steps taken to enhance the capacity of manufacturing undertakings functioning in the country and financial expenditure incurred by Government, in this regard; and
- (c) the annual quantum of foreign exchange likely to be saved by the country on account of indigenous manufacturing of these weapons, and by when the country would be self reliant in the manufacturing of arms and ammunition for fulfilling the domestic requirements?

### **Military industrial complex**

1967 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian defence industry suffers from major policy, structural and cultural challenges that beset a military industrial complex that continues to struggle in terms of delivering modern defence hardware; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to enhance its capabilities in the defence manufacturing sector at a fast pace?

### **Issue of retirement at lower rank**

1968 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether since 1st April 2015, IAF Officers in the rank of Group Captain (Substantive and Select) are retiring/superannuating in the lower rank of Wing Commander inspite of serving in the higher rank of Group Captain;
- (b) if so, the number of such Officers who are affected in various branches of the IAF till date; and
- (c) the actions initiated to promulgate the Gazette notification to obviate the issue of Group Captain (Substantive and Select) in the IAF who retire/superannuate in lower rank of Wing Commander?

### **AMRUT in Assam and West Bengal**

1969 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the details of the percentage of households in Assam that have been provided access to a tap, assured supply of tap water and a sewage connection respectively in Assam and West Bengal under AMRUT;
- (b) the details of the number of parks that have been constructed and are being maintained in Assam and West Bengal under AMRUT;
- (c) whether Government has created or plans to create any separate road for cycling in West Bengal and Assam under AMRUT;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Construction of houses in Gujarat**

1970 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the quantum of funds sanctioned and utilized for various schemes of the Ministry in Gujarat during each of last five years and current year;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned and released under various schemes for different towns/cities in Gujarat during above period, year-wise;
- (c) the number of houses constructed in Gujarat, town/city-wise; and
- (d) the number of houses proposed to be constructed in Gujarat?

### **PM SVANidhi Yojana**

1971 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojana;
- (b) the loan amount released under the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojana and the banks these loans have been released from, State-wise;
- (c) the details of loan applications received and sanctioned/disbursed loans under the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojana, State-wise;
- (d) the number of street vendors who have benefited under the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojana, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries of this scheme in Gujarat and extent of progress achieved in this direction, district-wise?

### **Benefits of PM SVANidhi scheme to vendors in West Bengal**

1972 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the loan applications so far under the PM SVANidhi in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the number of applications approved and rejected;
- (c) whether the scheme has brought the intended change in the lives of street vendors so far; and
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated and sanctioned under PM SVANidhi scheme to the State of West Bengal since inception of the scheme?

### Progress of Central Vista project

1973 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the status and progress of delays in Central Vista project;
- (b) the total amount spent and expected to be spent since commencement of the work, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to complete the project in a timebound manner to avoid inconvenience to the general public?

### Consultancies empaneled for Smart Cities Mission

1974 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) whether Government has assigned any private consultancies for various assignments under its Smart Cities Mission, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of private consultants empaneled in the Ministry or its departments on the pay roll of multinational consultancies for various assignments of Smart Cities Mission; and
- (c) the total number of advisors, consultants and young professionals empaneled in the Ministry for various assignments of Smart Cities Mission and the details thereof?

### PMAY-U in Odisha

1975 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total number of registered beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY-U) scheme in Odisha;
- (b) the total number of houses constructed under the PMAY-U scheme in Odisha;
- (c) the total amount of funds sanctioned and released by the Centre for the construction of houses under PMAY-U scheme in Odisha;
- (d) whether Government has any proposals to improve the completion rate under PMAY-U and therefor ensure Housing for All; and
- (e) if so, the details, thereof?

### Affordable Rental Housing Complexes

1976 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) the number of Government funded vacant houses, State-wise;
- (b) the number of Government funded vacant houses converted into Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, State-wise;
- (c) the affordable rent in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad under the ARHCs scheme, city-wise; and
- (d) the number of urban migrants and the number of urban migrants provided access to dignified affordable rental housing close to their workplace under this scheme, State-wise?

### Drainage system of Delhi

1977 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Delhi NCR faces maximum traffic jams during the monsoon months due to

rains;

- (b) whether Delhi NCR roads are not designed to handle rain in excess of 50 mm;
- (c) whether this is due to the decades old drainage master plan that is currently operational in Delhi, if so, why it has not been enhanced;
- (d) whether a technical survey of the problem areas in the city has been undertaken; and
- (e) if so, whether a roadmap has been prepared to augment the drainage lines of Delhi NCR?

### **Penal action against builders**

1978 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) the number of builders against whom penal action is being taken under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA), for not being able to provide housing to its consumers in Delhi NCR as per the terms and conditions so that the consumers can get houses or the amount of the investment made along with the interest;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government for the quick disposal of the said matters; and
- (c) the details of punitive actions taken against Directors of such builder firms?

### **Supply of water in DDA flats**

1979 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

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

- (a) whether the allottees of DDA flats in Molarband area under DDA Housing Scheme 2010 are not being provided water supply from the Delhi Jal Board as per the norms;
- (b) whether the allottees of Molarband area have to pay more for water due to non supply of water from Delhi Jal Board;
- (c) whether the interest of those allottees are being continuously ignored; and
- (d) the rate at which water is being supplied to the allottees and the amount of extra money which these allottees are forced to pay due to high rate of water from Delhi Jal Board?

### **Implementation of SBM-U**

1980 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has increased its share towards the implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban(SBM-U);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds allotted during last five years in Chhattisgarh and the total amount spent out of that along with the details of the heads and the remaining amount under the said scheme; and
- (d) whether Government has received any complaints regarding the irregularities in the implementation of the said scheme in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof?

### **Model builder buyer agreement**

1981 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether Supreme Court has recently directed the Central Government to draft a model national builder buyer agreement to protect the flat buyers from remaining at the mercy of

realtors;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof and the action taken by Government on Apex Court's orders;

(c) whether Government is aware that several thousand home buyers have been fleeced by realtors in Noida in Uttar Pradesh by not completing their projects; and

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to issue some guidelines to RERA authorities in Uttar Pradesh to come to the rescue of home buyers and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Bengaluru Metro rail project**

1982 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) the details of status of Bengaluru Metro Rail Project Phase-II;

(b) whether nearly 60 per cent of work has been completed and, if so, whether the targeted date of completion can be achieved;

(c) whether Bengaluru Metro Rail Project Phase-2A and 2B is still at the preliminary stage; and

(d) the expected date of completion of Phase-2A and 2B?

### **Status of Smart Cities Mission**

1983 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

(a) the total number of cities shortlisted under the Smart Cities Mission, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the total amount of funds proposed to be provided to States under the Mission and amount of funds disbursed, State-wise details thereof;

(c) the cities where Mission has been completed and the cities where 50 per cent and above work has been completed;

(d) the quantum of funds provided to the cities in Bihar, the details of physical and financial progress made in this regard, city-wise; and

(e) the actual timeline of the Mission and the revised timeline to which it has been further extended?

### **Privatisation of Airports**

1984 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

(a) which airports have been privatised in 2020-21 and how much income has been generated from each case of privatisation;

(b) which airports are planned to be privatised in 2022-23;

(c) what has been the airport-wise income and other income of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the last three financial years including the estimates for the current year; and

(d) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport of Kolkata is under consideration for privatisation?

### **Achieving the goal of Housing for All**

1985 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

(a) with a little over 50 lakh houses completed and delivered under PMAY-U out of the

sanctioned 1.13 crore houses, how Government will move forward to achieve the goal of 'Housing for all' by 2022;

(b) in view of States reeling with severe financial crunch due to COVID-19, whether there is any proposal before Government to help States financially or giving interest-free loans to achieve the target; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Success rate of Ganga action plan**

1986 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has planned to clean the holy Ganga river and earmarked funds for the same;

(b) if so, what is the budget allocation for the last three years;

(c) the amount spent and made the holy river pollution free during the said period; and

(d) the targeted date of completion of this task?

### **Ground water depletion**

1987 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a Niti Aayog report, 21 cities in the country have almost fully exhausted their groundwater resources, if so, the details thereof including names of those 21 cities; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to redress this alarming situation?

### **Allocation of funds under NGP**

1988 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

(a) the details of the amount of funds allocated and utilized under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP);

(b) the details of the cleaning work done and work to be done under the NGP;

(c) whether the NGP has been able to achieve its target of rejuvenation of river Ganga and abatement of pollution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the level of pollutants in river Ganga before and after implementation of NGP?

### **Water conservation measures**

1989 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh has been recently ranked as the best State for the year 2020 for its efforts in the field of water conservation and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by Government for water conservation in view of the increasing water consumption and decreasing water levels/sources in various States in the country including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to spread awareness amongst the public regarding water conservation?



### Construction of toilets under HGSY

1990 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the details of toilets constructed under the 'Har Ghar Sauchalay Yojana' (HGSY) launched under the 'Pradhan Mantri Swachh Bharat Mission' till date, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of States clinching top rankings among the clean cities under Swachh Survekshan till date;
- (c) whether adequate supply of water is available for all the toilets constructed under above mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

### Scheme approved under NGP in Uttar Pradesh

1991 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of schemes approved and being run under Namami Gange Project in Uttar Pradesh as on date, district-wise;
- (b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized during 2020-21 and 2021-22 till date, scheme-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of schemes completed as on date along with the details of schemes pending for completion as on date, scheme-wise?

### Jal Shakti Kendra in districts of Andhra Pradesh

1992 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of districts in Andhra Pradesh which have a Jal Shakti Kendra;
- (b) by when each district will be provided one and what are the reasons for the delay in assuring each district in Andhra Pradesh has one;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any geo-tagging or inventory of all water bodies in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) by when would the preparation of scientific plans for water conservation based on this geo-tagging be completed for the State; and
- (e) by when would all the ongoing Jal Shakti Abhiyan projects in the nine identified districts in Andhra Pradesh be completed?

### Flood affected areas

1993 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether as per Rashtriya Barh Aayog and the Working Group Report in 2011 the extent of maximum area affected by floods in any year during 1953-2010 is 49.815 million hectares and Andhra Pradesh is the most affected with 9 million hectares in the country;
- (b) details of schemes/programmes through which Government provided financial, technical and other assistance to AP for flood management, erosion control, etc., during the 12th Plan and subsequently;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Flood Management and Border Areas Programme expired in March, 2021; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has plans to extend the same?

### Safety of the Mullaperiyar dam

1994 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) the details of various dams in the country which come under the ambit of the Dam Safety Act, 2021 passed by the Parliament;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Mullaperiyar dam has come under the new Act;
- (c) whether Government has come across a report prepared by "United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment and Health" (UNU-INWEH) which has expressed concerns about the safety of the Mullaperiyar dam; and
- (d) if so, the response thereto?

### Installation of tubewells in Madhya Pradesh under JJM

1995 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of tubewells installed in Madhya Pradesh under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) of Government; and
- (b) the details thereof, year-wise and district-wise?

### Profiling groundwater resources

1996 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any study to profile the groundwater resources of districts in the country, if so, the details of the stage of groundwater development in the districts of Odisha;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there are many districts in the country where groundwater is yet to be used to its fullest potential;
- (c) if so, whether Government intends to introduce any scheme to utilize unused groundwater in such potential districts; and
- (d) if not, the steps it is taking to use such resources under existing schemes?

### Safety of dams in the country

1997 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on safety of dams in the country, after enactment of Dam Safety Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken with a reliable and legally mandated institutional mechanism for the upkeep of large dams, State wise;
- (c) whether any committee of experts formed or technical experts consulted for better maintenance and safety of large dams in the country; and
- (d) the role of States in this regard and whether States have been duly consulted?

### Status of Nal Se Jal Yojana

1998 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the actual status of 'Nal Se Jal Yojana' of Government;
- (b) whether there is a possibility of investment of ₹ 8 lakh crore in the water and sanitation

sector during the next four to five years with the announcement of providing tap water;  
 (c) keeping in view that the main objective of Government's Nal Se Jal Scheme is to provide piped water to all the States of the country by 2024, the effective steps being taken by Government to achieve this goal; and  
 (d) the details thereof?

#### **Piped drinking water under HGJY in rural areas**

1999 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measure to provide piped drinking water at each of the doorstep under Har Ghar Jal Yojana (HGJY) in rural area and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to formulate any policy to minimize drudgery of women and girls, and thereby, improve their quality of life as in rural areas women still have to go long way in search of water and, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Drinking water facilities in villages**

2000 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether the drinking water facilities are available in all the villages of the country, especially Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the numbers of villages in terms of percentage especially in Rajasthan which are currently being provided drinking water facilities by Government, State-wise; and
- (d) Government schemes currently underway for providing drinking water to villages?

#### **Depleting level of groundwater around cold beverage plants**

2001 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of groundwater has mainly been detected in those areas where cold beverage manufacturing companies are functioning;
- (b) if so, whether the groundwater level has gone down due to the excessive usage of water by these companies;
- (c) whether any parameters have been determined for the use of groundwater by these companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is any mechanism in place for monitoring this situation?

#### **Initiatives taken for water conservation**

2002 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) what initiatives has been undertaken by Government for the conservation of water;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been plan to revive the traditional water conservation methods; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Status of piped irrigation scheme**

2003 # **Shri Kailash Soni:**

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

the status of piped irrigation scheme from Chinki Village to Udaipura of Raisen district proposed under the Udvahan Sinchai Yojna on the river Narmada at Chinki Village of Narsinghpur district in Madhya Pradesh?

### **Building more check dams**

2004 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

(a) whether Government has drawn up plans to build more check dams where abundant rain occurs to help sustain flow in the States properly and to store the water, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of road bridges cum multipurpose check dams proposed to be set up in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

### **Modernisation of Vijayanagara Channels, Thunga and Bhadra**

2005 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

(a) whether by modernizing Vijayanagara Channels, Thunga and Bhadra in Karnataka, usage of water has come down by 11.5 TMC;

(b) whether it is a fact that this argument was quashed by the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Brijesh Kumar Tribunal allocated 9 TMC to Upper Bhadra with 65 per cent availability of water;

(d) if so, what are the reasons that judgment has not yet been implemented;

(e) whether there is any proposal to revisit hydrology of Upper Bhadra; and

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

### **Survey to identify water stressed areas**

2006 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) whether Government has done a survey to identify areas where water level has reached to critical level;

(b) the number of villages, towns and districts which face acute water shortage;

(c) what are the steps taken to rationalise water availability in those areas; and

(d) what is proportion of Indian population affected by water shortage?

### **Arsenic contamination in drinking water**

2007 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to resolve the problem of drinking water in cities/towns/areas where water is found to be contaminated with Arsenic;

(b) the policy decisions taken by Government for its eradication and the steps taken by Government for creating country-wide awareness about the same;

- (c) the details of the States/Union Territories/districts/towns/cities/areas that are in the grip of Arsenic contamination; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### **Ganga Utsav**

**2008 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organized Ganga Utsav event recently and, if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (b) the details of funds provided by Government during each of the last three years and the current year to NMCG alongwith the utilization of said funds; and
- (c) whether the NMCG has found out the industrial effluents as the major reason of pollution of river Ganga and, if so, the details of industries established along the river responsible for the pollution?

### **Potable drinking water under JJM**

**2009 Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) the measures taken under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to ensure quality of potable drinking water made available through household connection;
- (b) whether Government has involved Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) for quality monitoring and surveillance under the scheme;
- (c) if so, what is the sample collection process and the number of tests conducted so far;
- (d) whether this exercise has also been undertaken in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, what has been the outcome?

### **Financial assistance for conservation and cleaning of rivers**

**2010 Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by Government for the protection and cleaning of rivers other than river Ganga;
- (b) whether Government has provided any financial assistance for the conservation and cleaning of rivers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Mechanisms for curbing groundwater overuse**

**2011 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of Digital Water Level Recorders and Telemetry to monitor groundwater targets under the National Hydrology Project, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether any national oversight mechanism exists for punishing violation of conditions in the No Objection Certificates for groundwater use and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of organisations punished for groundwater overuse 2016-onwards;
- (d) the details of units assessed as “over-exploited” as mentioned in Economic Survey 2020-21, and the funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for replenishment of the same, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether targeted plans have been made for tribal districts facing acute groundwater

shortage, and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Decline in budgetary provision of SBM-R**

2012 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the budgetary priority for sanitation saw a decline in 2022-23 Budget Estimate (BE) with the Swachh Bharat Mission - Rural (SBM-R), showing a decrease of 28 per cent in allocations compared to 2021-22 (BE) and the allocations for SBM-Urban (SBM-U) in 2022-23 (BE) have also not registered any change compared to 2021-22 (BE); and

(b) if so, present status of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, State-wise and the details of approval and financial aid of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) since 2017 and pendency therefor, State-wise?

### **Project pending at CWC.**

2013 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

(a) the details of projects pending for approval at Central Water Commission (CWC), State-wise;

(b) the present status of such projects; and

(c) the timeline period set by CWC to approve projects submitted by the States including Odisha?

### **Umbrella Scheme for irrigation, and water supply projects**

2014 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

(a) whether Government has given its approval to extend its umbrella scheme for irrigation, water supply, groundwater and watershed development projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the extent of coverage of this scheme and by what period;

(d) the details of estimated additional irrigation potential creation targetted over the next five years in how many lakh hectares, State-wise; and

(e) the budgetary estimated details of each project, State-wise?

### **Women entrepreneurs**

2015 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

(a) whether Government maintains data pertaining to the registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units in the country owned by women entrepreneurs, if so, what is the total number of such MSMEs units and also what is their percentage in terms of total registered MSMEs; and

(b) whether Government has any specific scheme to promote women entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Financial incentivisation policy to boost MSMEs

2016 **Shri Kapil Sibal:**

**Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered and the number of those shut down, annually from 2016 till date;
- (b) whether Government has framed an enhanced financial incentivization policy to boost the MSMEs sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of MSMEs currently functioning, and the number of those currently lying closed, by State/UT; and
- (e) whether Government plans on providing employment, subsidies and financial compensation to persons affected by the closure of MSMEs due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

### Impact of manufacturing and sale of fake khadi products

2017 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government's attention is drawn to selling of spurious/non-khadi products by some khadi outlets recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) against such khadi outlets;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study regarding impact of manufacturing and sale of fake khadi products in the market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases registered in this regard during each of the last three years, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by Government to check manufacturing and sale of fake khadi products?

### Promotion of khadi products

2018 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the details of the Research and Development (R&D) activities undertaken in the country during the last three years by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for promotion of khadi products;
- (b) the details of the schemes to revitalize khadi sector launched by Government during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government proposes to promote and increase the production of khadi and its export; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard and the details of schemes to set up khadi industries in rural areas of the country?

### Access to working capital for MSMEs

2019 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) whether it is fact that our nation's growth relies considerably on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), country's MSMEs form the backbone of its economy yet

the lack of access to working capital remains intact as a challenge;

(b) what are the steps being taken by Government to address the issues in the country; and

(c) how is Government addressing this issue in view of the seeming lack of finance for SMEs not only retarding their expansion but also the growth of the nation's economy?

### **Technology acquisition and development fund**

2020 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

**Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

(a) whether Government has constituted any technology acquisition and development fund to provide clean, green and cost-effective energy technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether small industries will be able to buy equipment, machine and technology aimed at reducing energy consumption and conservation of water through this fund; and

(d) the details of amounts to be paid to small industries for the said purpose?

### **Scheme beneficial for MSMEs**

2021 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to encourage start-ups and small business in the light of COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) how the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) will be beneficial to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); and

(c) whether there is any special scheme to MSMEs sector in North Eastern States and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Benefits of SAKSHAM Portal**

2022 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

(a) the number of registrations on the SAKSHAM portal from the date of its formation, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the increase in jobs in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector since its introduction, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the launching of the portal has reduced the number of persons migrating from their hometowns for jobs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the measures adopted to address its inefficiencies?

### **Illegal sand mining in Maharashtra**

2023 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

(a) the number of illegal sand mines operating in the country and in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the steps Government has taken to reduce illegal sand mining in the country;

(c) whether Government has developed any program for monitoring illegal sand mining in the country and its degrading effect on the environment, if so, the details thereof; and



(d) whether Government is aware about political and sand mafia nexus, if so, the steps Government has taken to break this nexus?

### **Ceiling of annual extraction of minerals**

**2024 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the details of annual extraction ceiling set, State-wise/region-wise and mineral-wise;
- (b) the criteria used for determining the ceilings, and the authority which identifies the ceiling;
- (d) whether there is any delay and, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken for setting the ceiling?

### **Proposals to develop the domestic mining sector**

**2025 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop the domestic mining sector by adopting advanced mining technology from other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including any MoU signed in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to promote eco-friendly mining in vulnerable eco-sensitive zones in the country?

### **Growth of mining sector**

**2026 Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:**

**Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

**Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of the closure and disruptions of mining activities in States like Goa and Karnataka, on the decline in the mining sector's share of National GDP and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the annual growth rate of the mining industry from 2016 till date;
- (c) whether Government has reached the objective of increasing the growth of the mining sector from 3 per cent in 2017-18 to 14 per cent in 2022, as per NITI Aayog's Strategy for New India @ 75 Report 2019; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Illegal mining in States**

**2027 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of illegal mining taking place in various States;
- (b) if so, action taken to curb such illegal mining activities;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to take any action, financial or otherwise, against those States which have failed to curb illegal mining;
- (d) whether Government has any report about involvement of some of the politicians in the States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Mining in Goa

2028 **Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:**

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

- (a) the status of mining excavation/mining from dumps in Goa;
- (b) the status of the mining related cases filed in Supreme Court of India regarding mining in Goa;
- (c) the details of the e-auctioning of ore from 2014 till date with details of bids won, quantum of ore auctioned and revenue earned by State Government of Goa; and
- (d) the details of utilisation of the money spent which was earned from mining auction?

### Illegal mining in Chhattisgarh

2029 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the details of the cases of illegal mining registered in the State of Chhattisgarh from the year 2018 to January, 2022, district-wise;
- (b) whether Government has increased its revenue loss due to the said cases of illegal mining, if so, the amount of the loss incurred thereon;
- (c) the numbers of the said cases of illegal mining registered and the persons/groups against which the said cases have been registered and the actions taken thereon, district-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the action plan formulated by Government for the effective prevention of illegal mining?

### Distribution of funds

2030 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the utilization of the funds from District Mineral Foundation in the development of Neyveli district in Tamil Nadu which houses the Neyveli Lignite Corporation since the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment (MMRDA) Act, 2021 is in force; and
- (b) the funds collected and the distribution to States across the country especially Tamil Nadu from District Mineral Foundation under the (MMRDA) Act, 2021?

### Lithium import and production in the country

2031 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the amount of lithium imported in the country in the last three years alongwith the source countries and the details thereof;
- (b) the volume of production of lithium in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the sectors which are the biggest buyers of lithium currently in the country; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government to improve the production capacity in the country and the details thereof?

### Privatization of CPSEs

2032 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the number of CPSEs under the Ministry which have been already privatized and the

long term benefit derived therefrom;

(b) whether National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has been making profit since inception contributing sizeable share of dividends to National and State exchequers and to the shareholders and is earning highest foreign exchange amongst other CPSEs in the country; and

(c) whether Government has decided to go for disinvestment of the NALCO, if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Development schemes for minorities**

**2033 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

(a) the number of minority people living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) on the basis of new Plan Panel for the description of poor in the country, State-wise and the details thereof;

(b) the number of schemes being implemented for the minority communities; and

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the system and to ensure that the benefits reach the minorities in full measure?

### **Assessment and skill development scheme for women from minority communities**

**2034 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

(a) whether there has been any assessment of skill development scheme for minority women by Government;

(b) if so, the achievements made under the said scheme in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the said scheme did not achieve expected success;

(d) if so, the success rate of the scheme in terms of percentage; and

(e) the number of minority women made skilled in order to make this scheme successful during the current year and the number of women likely to become skilled during the next year?

### **Fellowships and scholarships**

**2035 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

(a) the details of various fellowships and scholarships provided under the Ministry of Minority Affairs;

(b) the amount disbursed under each of those scholarships since 2016, year-wise;

(c) the number of beneficiaries under each of those scholarships since 2016, year-wise;

(d) whether Government has stopped any scholarships since 2016; and

(e) if so, when, and the reasons therefor?

### **Nai Roshni scheme for leadership development of minority women**

**2036 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

(a) the funds allocated and the funds utilized for the scheme 'Nai Roshni' for leadership development of minority women for the years 2014-2021;

(b) the funds sanctioned and the funds utilized under residential and non-residential training programme for the years 2014-2021;

- (c) the number of Non Government Organisations (NGOs) implementing the scheme in States/Union Territories and State-wise distribution thereof;
- (d) the details of the consideration process for selection of NGOs;
- (e) whether all NGOs implementing the scheme have mandatory experience; and
- (f) if not, the reasons for not taking the experiences of the NGOs under consideration for conducting the training programme?

#### **Craft clusters identified under USTTAD**

2037 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) the total number of craft clusters identified under Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD);
- (b) whether Government was able to utilize the allocated funds during the past two years and the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of people who have received training under USTTAD, since 2016 year-wise; and
- (d) the total number of beneficiaries of the scheme from Bihar?

#### **Declining Parsi population in the country**

2038 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) by what percentage has the Parsi population in the country decreased year by year;
- (b) the total number of creches and senior citizen honorarium for childcare facilities opened under the Jiyo Parsi Scheme;
- (c) the total financial assistance provided to Parsi couples whose family income is below ₹ 10 lakh and have elderly members residing with the family; and
- (d) whether Government has received requests from the Parsi community to help preserve fire temples sites as they risk closure and the fear of being taken over by developers?

#### **Granting of minority status**

2039 # **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) the communities given the minority status by Government till date and the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received demand from any community for granting the status of minority, if so, the number and timeline of the demands received and the details thereof;
- (c) the provisions made by Government for granting minority status and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any provision in placed or it is under consideration to abolish the status of minority given to the communities and whether any review has been done on increasing population of the minority communities?

#### **Pre-matric scholarships**

2040 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the number of pre-matric scholarships which have been provided, State/UT- wise with a particular emphasis on Karnataka;

- (b) the number of post-matric scholarships which have been provided, State/UT- wise with a particular emphasis on Karnataka;
- (c) the number of Merit-cum- means scholarship which have been provided, State/UT- wise with a particular emphasis on Karnataka; and
- (d) the statistics on how these scholarships are spread over different minority groups?

#### **Scheme for leadership development of women from minority communities**

2041 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any scheme for the development of leadership among the women from minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of success rate achieved in terms of target set during the last three years?

#### **Discrimination by banks against minorities based on religion**

2042 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

**Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

**Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of an official dress-code policy for customers wearing religious clothing in public sector banks and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has or intends to take any action against employees at a public sector bank in Bihar who asked a female customer to remove her Hijab in order to withdraw money;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the incident amounts to discrimination against minorities based on religion and whether Government intends to treat and investigate the incident as such; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Mandatory 100 days sitting**

2043 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering of making it mandatory to at least have 100 days of sitting of Parliament in a year and also advising States to have a law providing adequate number of sitting to discuss people's issues;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sitting of Parliament**

2044 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a downward trend regarding number of sittings of Parliament and State Legislatures;
- (b) if so, the details of sittings of Parliament and State Assemblies during last five years; and
- (c) the details thereof?

### Incidents of theft and fire

2045 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

- (a) whether the incidents of theft and catching fire in refinery and gas supply pipes have increased in recent days;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the protective measures being taken by Government in this regard is proving ineffective; and
- (d) if so, the new protective measures being taken by Government?

### Production of ONGC

2046 # **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) whether production of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), a public sector, company, has declined;
- (b) the details of fluctuations in production of this public sector company during the last five years; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that profit of this public sector company has increased and, the details thereof during the last five years?

### Public Sector Undertakings

2047 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the details of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry;
- (b) the fund allocation for the PSUs since 2016, year-wise;
- (c) the profit earned by each PSU since 2016, year-wise ;
- (d) the dividend provided by each PSU to Government since 2016, year-wise;
- (e) whether the shares held by Government in any PSU has been sold off since 2016, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether any PSU is under the process of disinvestment, if so, the details thereof?

### Allocation of PDS kerosene to States

2048 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the allotment of kerosene under non-subsidised PDS quota to various States over the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has noticed a decrease in the allocation of PDS kerosene to Kerala over the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plans to enhance the non-subsidised PDS kerosene quota to Kerala to meet the rising demand; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

### **Problems in laying cooking gas pipelines**

2049 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

the problems faced by Government in getting cooking gas pipelines laid in urban and rural areas of Uttar Pradesh along with the measures taken by Government to resolve the said problems?

### **Petrol adulteration in rural areas**

2050 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has come to know about adulteration in petrol in rural areas in the country;
- (b) whether such adulteration in petrol and diesel is the primary reason for vehicular pollution in the country;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to stop the adulteration in petrol and diesel; and
- (d) the number of petrol and diesel filling stations closed or sealed due to supply of adulterated fuel across the country, public sector oil company-wise?

### **Delinking petroleum products prices from international market**

2051 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the reason for Non-subsidized domestic LPG which are determined by the OMCs on price changes in the international markets;
- (b) the immediate steps, if any, taken to remove this policy of price changes due to international markets pressure as this is adversely affecting the common man and the poor man is shattered due to this;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to de-link from international market's influence to prevent sharp increase in prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Controlling rising prices of crude oil**

2052 **Smt. Mausam Noor:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to control crude oil prices after the Russia and Ukraine War although India imports 43,400 Barrel oil per day from Russia about 1 per cent overall its imports; and
- (b) whether Government has any alternative to fulfill the demand of crude oil supply in the Country, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Domestic crude oil production**

2053 **Shri Vaiko:**

**Shri M. Shanmugam:**

**Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether the domestic crude oil production has come down against the target in the current financial year;

- (b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made to bring down import of crude oil to save the import bill and foreign exchange with details thereof?

### **Export and import details of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

**2054 Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is exporting Petroleum and Natural Gas to foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the export details including the price of India's petroleum and natural gas that is exported to various countries in the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) the import details including the price of petroleum and natural gas that is imported from various countries to India in the last five years, year-wise?

### **Pollution due to expansion activities at Visakh refinery**

**2055 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether the local people in Visakapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh has raised concern over pollution level due to the expansion of Visakh Refinery Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government had taken any steps/taking steps to address the concerns raised by the people regarding pollution level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Piped natural gas network**

**2056 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total length of piped natural gas network that has been authorised by the PNGRB till 2022;
- (b) the total length of piped natural gas network that is operational in the country;
- (c) the total length of piped natural gas network that is under different stages of construction across the country;
- (d) whether Government will be able to double country's pipeline network within the next five years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Cylinders refilled under PMUY**

**2057 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether the beneficiaries of PM Ujjwala Yojana have stopped getting their cylinders refilled due to rising LPG prices;
- (b) the details of the year-on-year change in the number of LPG cylinders refilled under PM Ujjwala Yojana in 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government discontinued the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of credit under PAHAL scheme, if so, the details thereof; and



(e) the total amount of fund expended by Government under PAHAL scheme, out of the total fund allocated for PAHAL scheme for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 and the details thereof?

### Supply of piped gas

2058 # **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on any plan to provide piped gas in all the cities across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of proposed gas pipeline projects in the country, State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the cities and industries in Rajasthan to be supplied piped gas under the said plan, and the details thereof?

### Ethanol production

2059 # **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) the reason Government chose to use the Central food grain stock for ethanol production instead of using it in schemes like PM Gareeb Kalyan Yojana;
- (b) the measures Government has taken to ensure that ethanol production does not result in a reliance on crops like sugarcane and paddy which are water-intensive crops, especially in drought-ridden states; and
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that maize possibly becoming a major source of ethanol production could affect the poultry industry heavily and if so, the details thereof?

### Crude oil price

2060 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to combat the rising price of crude oil and its effect on the economy; and
- (b) the reasons as to why Government has chosen not to reduce or entirely remove the 20 per cent ad valorem oil industry development cess, despite repeated pleas to do so by the industry, as it prevents them from being competitive with global producers?

### Mining of shale oil

2061 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the areas where shale oil is currently being mined in India and the production from such sites in the last three years;
- (b) the environmental damage caused due to such mining in the aforementioned areas;
- (c) the details of the blocks identified by ONGC having the potential to mine shale oil; and
- (d) whether Government intends to see further exploration of shale oil, and whether any foreign companies have expressed an interest to mine shale oil?

### Supply of domestic gas

2062 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the policy formulated by Government to create infrastructure for domestic gas supply of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) in major metro cities of the country and in cities of Uttar Pradesh in particular;
- (b) the distance in thousand kilometres in which domestic pipeline has been laid in Uttar Pradesh presently;
- (c) whether Government proposes to supply domestic gas in rural areas also alongwith the metro cities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Recruitment of employees by GAIL

2063 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of employees recruited in the Vijaypur, Madhya Pradesh unit by GAIL from the year 2015 till date; and
- (b) the details of the number of employees recruited by the company who belong to Guna District and other districts of Madhya Pradesh respectively and who do not hail from Madhya Pradesh?

### Import costs of petroleum products

2064 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

**Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) the reasons for the increase in import costs of petroleum products by 39.6 per cent between 2016-17 and 2020-2021;
- (b) the details of the volume of natural gas imported from 2016 till date, year-wise, along with the import bills for the respective years; and
- (c) in light of recent data which revealed that India's natural gas import bill increased by 61 per cent between April and December 2021, how this will impact Government's plan to reduce crude oil imports by 10 per cent by 2022?

### Adulteration in petroleum products

2065 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the number of cases of adulteration in various petroleum products being reported during the last three years, product-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the numbers of samples of petrol and diesel found adulterated alongwith the number of such samples collected for quality check, during said period including Bihar and whether surprise checks are being conducted by Government for quality check of various petroleum products, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the action taken against the oil marketing companies/persons/officials having been found guilty in this regard?

### Petrol pumps

2066 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that total number of petrol pumps grew barely 2.8 per cent after growing 6.5 per cent and 9.5 per cent in previous two years, respectively;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of private refiners in the retail oil market- their names and number of petrol pumps against each, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any plan to liberalize oil retail market to encourage private companies with subsidy support; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Payment of PRP and business expenses

2067 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 153 and 618 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2021 and 7th February, 2022, respectively, and to state:

- (a) the reason for variation in the answers;
- (b) the policy in place for the payment of Performance Related Pay (PRP) and business expenses;
- (c) whether it is a fact that officers of various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of the Ministry have been paid under the head of 'Business Expenses' during the lockdown 2020; and
- (d) the amount paid to each officer separately?

### Improvement in performance of aspirational districts

2068 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the number of districts covered under aspirational districts programme, State-wise;
- (b) the details of district-wise performance (overall) since inception for aspirational districts from Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many aspirational districts from Uttar Pradesh are among the best performing districts in overall performance since inception and on themes of education and health and nutrition;
- (d) if so, the names of the districts where improvements are observed;
- (e) the factors contributed to improvement of performance in the identified districts;
- (f) the details of the performance of aspirational districts in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (g) the reasons for low performance in Andhra Pradesh as compared to Uttar Pradesh and other better performing States?

### India Innovation Index Report

2069 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether Government has published a progress report of the Innovation Index,

assessing the efficacy of the programmes undertaken after the release of the second edition of the India Innovation Index Report, if so the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to improve State rankings and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Aspirational districts**

2070 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

(a) the number of the 'Aspirational Districts' in the country including in the State of Rajasthan, State-wise;

(b) the details of the works undertaken and the schemes implemented in the districts of the State of Rajasthan under the said scheme during the last three years, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said scheme in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise and whether Government proposes to include other backward districts of Rajasthan also in the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

### **Committee on definition of criteria of poverty**

2071 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

(a) whether a Committee/task force was constituted for making changes in the definition and criteria of poverty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date on which the said task force was constituted along with the date on which the task force submitted its report; and

(d) the reasons for delay in considering the said report?

### **Proposal to increase MPLADs fund**

2072 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

(a) whether Government has any plans/proposal to increase the funds allocated per MP under the MPLADS scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government may be able to allocate at least ₹2 crore per assembly constituency that falls inside a parliamentary constituency; and

(d) if not, the reasons behind this?

### **Fall in GDP in 2020**

2073 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the fall in GDP during 2020 was highest for the country among all G20 countries;

(b) if so, what could have been done better to keep the country at par with the other G20 countries and why was it not done;

(c) the details of the methodology of calculating the GDP and all the parameters which are considered;

- (d) whether the condition of the unorganised sector is considered in calculating the GDP figures; and
- (e) if so, the details of the methodology followed to incorporate the impact of the informal sector in GDP calculations?

#### **Use of plastic waste in iron and steel production**

2074 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether any plan is being mulled over using plastic waste in iron and steel production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when, this schemes is proposal to be implemented and the details thereof?

#### **Profit of SAIL**

2075 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) what is the profit of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) what is the return on capital for the said period; and
- (c) whether Government is happy with the rate of return?

#### **Modernisation of SAIL units**

2076 # **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the respective units of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) set to be modernized in the next phase of the vision-2030 of Government;
- (b) the current production capacity of each unit of SAIL with reference to hot metal, crude steel and saleable steel and the extent of production capacity, in terms of percentage, achieved during current nine months period;
- (c) the projected production capacity of each SAIL unit after proposed modernization; and
- (d) the delay which occurred in the last round of modernization of each SAIL unit and direct or indirect financial loss incurred thereon by SAIL?

#### **Provident Fund Trusts in all units of SAIL**

2077 # **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of Provident Fund Trusts (PFTs) working in all the units of steel Public Sector Undertakings (PSU), i.e Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL); the name of each trust and number of members registered therewith;
- (b) the rate of interest paid by each PFT of SAIL to its members during the last five years, the details thereof, trust-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the rationale behind having its own independent PFT by each unit of SAIL instead of having an integrated PFT and the reasons for not reducing the operational cost by integrating said trusts?

### **Improvement and performance of domestic players in steel sector**

2078 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that domestic players in the steel sector improve their performance and become more competitive globally;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **National Steel Policy, 2017**

2079 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the steps being undertaken by Government for the Indian steel industry to fulfil the vision outlined in the National Steel Policy, 2017;
- (b) the details of how Government is handling in reaching the target of financing, capacity addition of 100–150 million tonnes being the biggest challenge in near future; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the policy document acknowledges that additional investment of INR 10 lakh crore will be required and financing it is the primary challenge in steel industry in the country and, if so, the details thereof?

### **PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for steel sector**

2080 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) the manner in which "Make in India" and "PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan" are playing an important role in accelerating the pace of growth in the steel sector; and
- (b) the development which has happened in Karnataka under this initiative, if any?

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