

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016/Phalguna 12, 1937 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;  
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **EPF claims**

\*61. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to bring in more employees from Public and Private sector as well as from unorganized sectors into the ambit of EPF, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the zone-wise total number of EPF accounts and the amount accumulated in their accounts as on 31st March, 2015;

(c) the number of EPF accounts not updated and undistributed interest lying in Interest Suspense Account and closing balance as per consolidated Annual Accounts of the EPFO till 31st March 2015; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of EPF claims of the EPF subscribers?

#### **Supply of gas in urban areas in Bihar**

†\*62. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of

PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plan regarding supply of gas in urban areas in Bihar;

(b) whether the Ministry has formulated any roadmap for supply of pipeline gas in certain cities of Bihar;

(c) if so, the names of those cities and by when the said plan would be implemented there; and

(d) whether Government would accord priority to the backward States like Bihar by including the supply of pipeline gas as a basic facility in cities?

#### **Not passing full benefits of fall in petroleum prices to consumers**

†\*63. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the full benefits of fall in the prices of petroleum products in international market are not

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reaching the consumers in the country, due to imposition of various taxes from time to time;

(b) the quantum of increase in excise and other taxes on petrol and diesel during the last three years;

(c) the original price of petroleum products and the State-wise prices thereof after imposition of various taxes; and

(d) the year-wise details of fluctuations in price of crude petroleum products per barrel, in international market during the last three years?

#### **Domestic LPG coverage**

\*64. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise present percentage of coverage of domestic LPG in the country;

(b) what efforts are being made to increase 100 per cent coverage, at least, at the block level in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to high cost attached to get an LPG connection, BPL families are not able to afford the same;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider giving some subsidy or grant to BPL families; and

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

#### **Fake letters about planting of bombs at public places**

\*65. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken

cognizance of the fact that fake letters about planting of bombs at public places/trains/airports etc. not only creates severe panic among public but also puts various agencies to undue pressure and stress;

(b) if so, the action taken/contemplated by the Ministry to prevent this and/or to act as deterrent for such anti-social elements; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up this matter with Department of Posts and States as there is no provision for compulsory registration of postal services, due to which anti-social elements are regularly misusing the same for this purpose?

#### **Child Labour**

\*66. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Child Labour" still exists in our country;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Ministry to completely do away with such a menace; and

(c) whether the Ministry will also consider creating a flying squad to apprehend those involved in such acts in addition to the steps already being taken?

#### **Census of Baiga tribe**

†\*67. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national level census of the Baiga tribe has been undertaken in the country, if so, the State-wise/Union Territory-wise details thereof;

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(b) the State-wise and work-wise details of the amount provided for development of Baiga tribe during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has prepared any new action plan for upliftment and development of Baiga tribe; and

(d) if so, the details of amount earmarked and the work to be done under this scheme for the development?

#### **Financial assistance to NSDF**

†\*68. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of institutions which have contributed by means of financial assistance to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) till date along with the details of contribution made by them; and

(b) the details of policy formulated in this regard and the status of its implementation?

#### **Funds allocated to industrial clusters**

†\*69. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the funds allocated for established/proposed to be established industrial clusters in the country during the financial year 2014 to 2015;

(b) the share of small and medium industries in these groups;

(c) the details of modern technology

being provided by Government to above units with their names in the country to accelerate their development; and

(d) if no technology is provided by Government, the reasons therefor?

#### **Financial support to States for strengthening fire and emergency services**

\*70. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is extending any financial support to States in strengthening the fire and emergency services;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of financial assistance given to States in strengthening the fire and emergency services during last five years; and

(c) if no such assistance has been extended by Government, the reasons therefor?

#### **Corruption in sports bodies**

\*71. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many sports bodies and Federations are ridden with corruption and nepotism;

(b) if so, what has been done by Government to ensure transparency in these Federations;

(c) what is being done by Government to pass Prevention of Sporting Fraud Bill, 2013; and

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(d) whether some sporting bodies have opposed this Bill, if so, what are the areas which have been opposed by such bodies?

**Kangaroo courts in naxal affected areas**

\*72. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of *Kangaroo* courts are functioning in various parts of the country especially in naxal affected areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to contain this menace?

**Steps taken by Government to stop infiltration**

\*73. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to stop infiltration; and

(b) what is the number of infiltrations that have taken place during last six months?

**Upgradation of existing pilgrimage and tourist places**

\*74. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in consultation with State Governments proposes to upgrade existing pilgrimage and important tourist places in the country to international standard; and

(b) if so, the State-wise number of pilgrimage and tourist places identified for overall upgradation?

**Tamils living as refugees or repatriates from Sri Lanka in India**

\*75. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of Stateless Tamils living either as refugees or repatriates from Sri Lanka in various refugee camps in India for the past forty years and being denied their human rights; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stand of Government of India and Sri Lanka in giving citizenship to them?

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