

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 7, 2016/Agrahayana 16, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 15

Cess collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996

*226. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of cess collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 from the date of commencement of the Acts and till date;

(b) whether amount collected till date has been utilized for workers' welfare, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there has been dereliction of duty/obligation on part of Union/State Governments during the implementation of the Acts in utilising the funds collected for welfare of workers?

New policy of allotment of LPG distribution license

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

(a) the details of existing policy of allotment of LPG distribution license;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has unveiled a new policy in this regard;

(c) if so, salient features of the new policy and how it is different from the existing one; and

(d) how the new policy paves the way to have at least one distributorship in every block?

Peace talks with Naga insurgent groups

*228. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps Government has

taken for talks with Naga insurgent groups for lasting peace in the region;

(b) what is the current status of the peace talks with the insurgent outfits;

(c) whether the 'Greater Nagaland' issue has been excluded in the peace talks;

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

(e) whether the Naga tribes in the neighbouring States of Nagaland have been included in the peace negotiation?

ONGC to carry out 2D seismic API

*229. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC proposes to carry out Acquisition, Processing and Interpretation (API) of 40,835 Line Kilometres (LKMs) of 2D seismic data in 24 land areas situated in 18 States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that another 7804 Line Kilometres (LKMs) of 2D data in the North-Eastern States would be carried out by Oil India Limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cooking gas for poor women under PMUY

†*230. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has been initiated to provide cooking gas to poor women and needy people bearing expenditure of ₹ 1600 for new connection, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of poor women in the country including Maharashtra aimed to be included in this scheme and the State-wise details of the number of women provided gas connection so far, under this scheme; and

(c) whether Government also proposes to provide subsidised cooking gas to people who are using unsafe small cylinders due to lack of any document?

Passing benefit of fall in crude oil prices to consumers

†*231. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite sharp fall in the price of crude oil in international market, the benefit has not been passed on to the people of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of times when price drop was recorded in the last two years in international market and how many times Government reduced the rates of petrol and diesel in that ratio?

Production and import of gas for cooking purpose

†*232. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of gas used for cooking purpose which is produced in the country;

(b) the total annual requirement of gas in the country in cubic metres; and

(c) the total amount of gas being imported from foreign countries in cubic metres?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Check on deaths of tribals due to malnutrition

†*233. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to put a check on the deaths of tribals due to malnutrition and other health related problems in the tribal dominated States;

(b) the names of States where the average number is coming down in the last ten years and the States where this number is increasing;

(c) whether Government has constituted any committee to take notice of such type of cases; and

(d) the reasons due to which it could not be checked despite policy decisions taken by Governments earlier, the details thereof?

Logistics challenges to boost exports

*234. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on addressing key problems of exporters related to logistics, cost and taxation to boost the country's outbound shipments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has started the review of the Foreign Trade Policy with an aim to do mid-course corrections in the export schemes, if required;

(c) whether logistics is one of the biggest issues and it makes the cost competitiveness produced by an efficient exporter, unviable; and

(d) whether priority of Government has been to cut down on the logistics challenges?

Restructuring of EPFO

*235. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to restructure the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) by creating certain new zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to bring the rural, semi-urban unorganised and contract workers in the fold of EPFO social security and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to increase the EPFO subscriber base?

Probe into inaction by officials on gas flowing into RIL field

*236. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched a probe into the role played by ONGC executives and officials in the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) for their alleged inaction on information about gas from the State run block in the Krishna-Godavari Basin flowing into an adjacent field of Reliance Industries (RIL); and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken against the officials who are found

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responsible for any lapse or lapses, the details thereof?

Industrial development of States

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

(a) whether Government allocates funds to the newly formed States including Uttarakhand for industrial development, as special package;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the assistance provided to the States as special package from financial years, 2013-14 to 2016-17;

(c) whether Government would consider extending to 15 years the special package being given to these States for industrial development; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy of OMCs for permanent COCOs

*238. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy on Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for the running of permanent Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) Retail Outlets; and

(b) whether there is any change in its policy from that dated 6th September, 2006, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to check fall in exports

†*239. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to stop steadily decreasing exports and the results achieved;

(b) the kind of losses India is likely to incur due to exit of Britain from European Union; and

(c) the strategy of Government to deal with recession in world market and the problems coming in the way of growth of the manufacturing sector?

Illegal allotment of permanent COCO in village Gumjal, Punjab

*240. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether permanent Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) Indian Oil dealership, village Gumjal, Punjab, NH 15 was given to private dealer illegally in gross violation of policy guidelines of the Ministry dated 6th September, 2006;

(b) whether this permanent COCO was being run by officer of OMC with labour contract for last ten years and in January, 2016 it was given to private dealer with connivance of officer in-charge of IOC, Bhatinda; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Ministry?

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