

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 12, 2018/Agrahayana 21, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 15

New Agricultural Export Policy

*16. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a new Agricultural Export Policy in order to contribute to doubling farmers' income by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India's agricultural goods exports have remained trapped in the US dollars 35-40 billion range while the share of exports too has been almost rigid, at 12.5-13 per cent; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is taking to improve in terms of its export promotion efforts?

Unemployment rate

*17. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's unemployment rate is now at 6.9 per cent, the highest in two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the informal sector of labour is yet to recover from demonetisation effect and employment has fallen since demonetisation?

Fall in export of textiles and allied products

*18. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textiles and allied products export has fallen, if so, year-wise details from 2014 till date along with the reasons therefor;

(b) details of the exports of readymade garments from 2014 till date along with reasons for fall or rise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government fixed a target of export for textile and garment sectors for \$45 billion for Financial Year 2017-18, year-wise details of targets fixed and achieved; and

(d) whether Government is planning any scheme to enhance exports, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Incentives/credit rewards to service providers

*19. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government offers incentives/credit rewards to service providers on the basis of their performances in net foreign exchange earnings;

(b) whether Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) provides 3-5 per cent credit rewards to certain service providers that meet certain eligibility criteria on net foreign exchange earnings of accounting, auditing and book-keeping services;

(c) if so, the details thereof and data of total incentives provided and benefits thereunder; and

(d) what other steps Government has taken to service outsourcing activities?

Failure of PMEGP in achieving target

*20. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has failed to meet the target during the year 2017-18;

(b) whether it also a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has reduced the target by 50 per cent for the year 2018-19;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the banks have not approved new applications under the said programme; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation and skill development of bonded labour

*21. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified regions in the country where bonded labour is still rampant;

(b) whether Government has taken measures for the rehabilitation of the bonded labour in these regions, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any initiative to connect skill development initiative with the rehabilitation of rescued bonded labourers to ensure that they find suitable employment and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in terrorist incidents in J&K

†*22. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an increase has been registered in terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, if so, year-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of terrorists killed and number of civilians and security personnel martyred during this period;

(c) whether laxity and lack of co-ordination are seen from time-to-time in the mechanism meant for receiving terrorist linked information due to which anti-social elements succeed in executing the incidents; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some anti-social elements are permeating in some other States?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Disinvestment of Air India

*23. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding disinvestment of Air India is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the roadmap for revival of Air India, if any; and

(d) the details of total outstanding of Air India dues and its payment plan?

Modernisation of police infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

*24. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated funds for the development and modernisation of police infrastructure in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken any efforts to create more coastal police stations in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu from Chennai to Kanyakumari; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's comments on this?

Policy for development of SSIs

*25. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) in creating employment opportunities and revenue earnings;

(b) details of the status of policy formulated for the development of Small Scale Industries; and

(c) the details of funds released and utilised under various schemes in the country including Uttar Pradesh during the last two years?

Devastation caused by Titli cyclone in Andhra Pradesh

*26. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the recent devastation caused by Titli cyclone in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sent any team to assess the loss of property and crops caused in the areas to announce the financial assistance, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has already announced any interim financial assistance to the affected areas in Srikakulam district, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any report has been received from State Government requesting for sanction of financial assistance, if so, the details thereof?

Action against stone pelters

†*27. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stone pelters gather in large numbers at certain places in Jammu and Kashmir and start pelting stones at the Army and thereby creating a

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lot of difficulties for the Army to fight against terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against stone pelters till date?

Passenger aircrafts flying beyond their flying life

*28. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many passenger aircrafts engaged by different domestic airlines in the country which are flying beyond their flying life, if so, the details thereof, airlines-wise; and

(b) what action Government proposes to take on these airlines keeping in view the safety of the passengers, the details thereof and if no action is taken, the reasons therefor?

Rise in price of petrol and diesel

*29. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that despite the general decrease in global oil prices, the price of fuel (petrol and diesel in particular) in the country has increased?

Privatisation of Airports Authority of India

*30. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to privatise the Airports Authority of India (AAI) by adopting the Public Private Partnership (PPP) route;

(b) if so, justification for the same;

(c) whether national security clearance for this proposal has been taken from the Ministry of Home Affairs, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the recognised AAI Employees Union has opposed the proposal; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to deal with these objections?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
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