

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 19, 2018/Agrahayana 28, 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

Air connectivity in West Bengal under UDAN scheme

*91. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR
RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities/towns in West
Bengal have been included in the UDAN
scheme to facilitate air connectivity;

(b) what steps Government have
initiated to connect Cooch Behar,
Balurghat and Malda by air, where
functional airstrips already exist, the details
thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan
to introduce direct round trip Air India
flights from International Airport, Kolkata
to the capitals of island countries like
Singapore, Maldives, Indonesia, Malaysia,
Philippines, Sri Lanka etc. for promoting
tourism in Eastern India; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons
therefor?

Underpaid jobs under skill development

*92. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will
the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even 50
per cent of the total number of trained
persons under skill development in various
Ministries got jobs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private
employees and job seekers are getting
underpaid jobs, which is the burning issue
in the unemployment sector; and

(c) the status of promise made by the
Prime Minister to give one crore good jobs?

MSME Conclave in Guwahati

*93. SHRI BHUBANESWAR
KALITA: Will the Minister of MICRO,
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether North East Micro, Small
and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

Conclave was held in January, 2018 in Guwahati and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether MSME sector is a critical component to India's growth story;

(c) whether Government would also agree that MSME sector is also making significant contribution to GDP, employment and exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken by Government to strengthen the sector in Assam?

Central funding for projects in naxalite affected areas

*94. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for broad co-ordinated operations aimed at dealing with the naxalite problem in all the affected States including West Bengal have borne positive results;

(b) if so, the details of Central funding for grassroot economic development projects in naxalite affected areas; and

(c) whether there has been an increased special police funding for better containment and reduction of naxalite influence?

Industrial Park Rating System

*95. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria that was used by Government in the recently released 'Industrial Park Rating System' to assess the quality of infrastructure in industrial parks, the details thereof;

(b) the number of industrial parks that were assessed in this exercise and their distribution, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether this system will help India in entering into the top 50 countries in the Ease of Doing Business Index; and

(d) further steps, if any, proposed to be taken to make it easier for policy makers and investors to gauge the infrastructure services at an industrial park?

Setting up of large scale PNG network

*96. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network on a large scale in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details about the plan outlay and nodal agencies regarding the aforementioned plan?

Attacks on RTI workers, whistle blowers and social workers

*97. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of attacks that took place on RTI workers, whistle blowers and social workers during the last three years, the details thereof;

(b) whether NCRB classify these attacks in a different head, if so, the details of the attacks during the last three years as reported by NCRB, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in how many cases FIRs have been registered, chargesheets filed, trials and

convictions/acquittals from 2015 onwards, the data thereof?

Cardamom imports from Sri Lanka

*98. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the imports of cardamom from Sri Lanka to India is increasing;

(b) if so, the month-wise details of such cardamom imports from Sri Lanka during the last six months;

(c) whether Government is in receipt of any complaints about the dubious financial dealings involved in such increased imports of cardamom;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any inquiry is being done into such complaints?

Increasing the number of seats in Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh

*99. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of the successor State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Policy on Domestic Workers

*100. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when will the National Policy on Domestic Workers be finalised;

(b) whether in the process of drafting the policy, Government has undertaken a survey to determine the number of people/ children engaged in domestic work;

(c) if so, the State-wise total number of children and people engaged in domestic work; and

(d) the plan of Government to ensure safeguards for these people, particularly children, so as to protect them from all forms of abuse and exploitation?

Twelfth Schedule of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act

*101. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has settled matters relating to coal, oil and natural gas, power generation, transmission and distribution as mandated in the Twelfth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 between the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

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

Action taken for blocking objectionable content on social media

*102. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been noticed that action taken by social media platform for removing/blocking of objectionable/unlawful content has been slow in some cases and compliance for removal of unlawful content has been only about 60 per cent even where orders have been issued by the competent authorities after following due process of law;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked them to ensure 24x7 mechanism for disposal of requisition of law enforcement agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance provided as flood relief

*103. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of loss of lives and damage to property and crops due to floods;

(b) the details of funds for flood relief requested by States and funds announced by Government over the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of financial assistance provided by Government under SDRF/ NDRF in the wake of floods over the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of funds released by Government for flood relief and compensation of loss suffered/claimed, year-wise and State-wise, excluding SDRF/ NDRF financial assistance during the above period?

Mid-air collision at the border of India and Bangladesh

*104. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two private

airlines came too close for comfort before averting a mid-air collision at the border air space of India and Bangladesh recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the collision was averted after the Air Traffic Control in Kolkata instructed one plane to move away from the other aircraft that had come at the same level;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many such incidents had been reported in the past; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Foreign national in restricted area in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*105. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign national had attempted to land in the out of bounds Sentinel Island in the Andamans for the purpose of illegal religious conversion of the native Sentinelese tribe which is an endangered community living in Andaman Island;

(b) if so, what laws had been violated by the person and those that aided and abetted him and what is the status of prosecution of these people; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to ensure enforcement of these areas prohibited to foreigners and to ensure strong action against those who violate rules?

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