

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019/Pausha 12, 1940 (Saka)*

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**(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**

#### **Grenade attack on religious congregation in Punjab**

\*211. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has  
investigated the grenade attack on a religious  
congregation in Punjab recently, killing three  
persons and injuring more than a dozen  
persons;

(b) if so, whether involvement of any  
terrorist organisation was found;

(c) how many persons were arrested and  
what is the progress of investigation; and

(d) the preventive and security  
measures taken to defeat such attacks in  
future, especially on religious  
congregations?

#### **Steps to improve working conditions of Beedi workers**

\*212. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-  
SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that  
majority of the Beedi workers are suffering  
from multiple illnesses due to continuous  
exposure to tobacco and other hazardous  
substances, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any  
concrete measures to improve the working  
conditions of the employees particularly  
women associated with the Beedi  
industries, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is  
implementing/proposes to implement any  
scheme for providing alternative livelihood  
for such women and children, if so, the  
details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds allocated to States  
for providing alternate livelihood for Beedi  
workers during last two years?

#### **Red Corner Notice against Indians**

\*213. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH  
NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Red Corner Notice by INTERPOL and international warrants have been issued by German authorities against Indians for alleged frauds committed by Indians in Germany;

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

(c) whether action has been taken against the offenders;

(d) if so, the details thereof, case-wise with particular reference to INTERPOL's Red Corner Notice Nos. 453/1990 and 459/1998, so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons for protecting the offenders?

#### **Air routes introduced since 2014**

†\*214. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new sectors in which private and public sector service providers have been given permission by Central Government to provide air services in order to promote air travel since 2014 till now;

(b) the details of travel routes for which this permission has been given;

(c) the increase in number of air passengers recorded during last four years; and

(d) the expected increase in this number by the year, 2020?

#### **Special package for Kerala**

\*215. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the memorandum for special

package for Kerala submitted by the Chief Minister of Kerala, for post disaster (flood) recovery, reconstruction and rebuilding of the damaged infrastructure and stimulating the broader economy, is under consideration;

(b) if so, whether concrete steps are being taken to consider the requirements of Kerala as mentioned in the memorandum; and

(c) if so, the status of the appeal of Kerala made through the memorandum?

#### **Show cause notices to NGOs**

\*216. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued show cause notices to a large number of NGOs for not filing annual income and expenditure statement for foreign funding and if so, the details thereof, particularly the NGOs located in Assam and other North-Eastern States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of licences have been cancelled by Government during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details of such NGOs of Assam and other North-Eastern States along with the names and the names of organisations from where they have been receiving the foreign contributions?

#### **Setting up of world's largest refinery in Maharashtra**

\*217. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is investing Rupees three lakh crores for linking gas grid in western India;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up world's largest refinery in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how much amount Government has invested for setting up of the world's largest refinery in Maharashtra?

#### **Revision of freedom fighters' pension**

\*218. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freedom fighters' pension is under revision, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of pensioners and dependants separately getting pension under the freedom fighter category, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government on this account?

#### **Construction of airport in Chakulia, Jamshedpur**

†\*219. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new airport in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand is proposed to be constructed at Chakulia, which is 70 kilometers away from the city;

(b) whether a techno-commercial feasibility report has been prepared for this purpose, if so, the details of the feedback received;

(c) whether it is a fact that desired expansion of airport is possible by means of acquiring land available near existing airport; and

(d) if so, whether Government would prefer to extend the existing airport instead of constructing a new airport which is 70 kilometers away from the city, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Growth of startups in India**

\*220. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that startups in India have seen a 108 per cent growth in funding in 2018;

(b) whether Government is aware that the NASSCOM president has remarked about startups not receiving much support in India barring a few exceptions; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Import deals for supply of pulses**

\*221. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soaring price of pulses during the year, 2016 resulted in the increase of acreage on the back of incentivisation by a higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) with technical intervention to ensure higher domestic production;

(b) whether those statistics pointing to over supply were completely ignored by Government and signed long-term import deals with other countries;

(c) whether for the first time this year, Government has allowed the miller, as opposed to the traders, to import pulses; and

(d) if so, what was the reason that necessitated Government to take such a decision for the first time?

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**Vulnerability of younger generation to cyber crimes**

\*222. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that younger generation are more vulnerable to cyber crimes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to include cyber crime awareness as part of curriculum of the students apart from making stringent laws to control the crime?

**Implementation of procedural safeguards for arrest**

\*223. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to ensure implementation of procedural safeguards for arrests contained in Section 41A, 41B, 41C and 41D of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 across the country, including details of monitoring of the implementation of these Sections;

(b) total number of persons who were issued notice under Section 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 during last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the total number of persons who were allowed to meet an advocate during interrogation at the police station under Section 41D of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 during the last three years, State-wise?

**Creation of jobs**

\*224. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs created in the country annually since 2014, sector-wise;

(b) the details of the increase/decrease in number of jobs created annually in the country during the last three years and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of jobs lost after demonetisation and levying of GST since 2016 till now, sector-wise and the steps taken by Government to enhance job availability in the country; and

(d) whether Government has taken note of report of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) wherein it has been stated that 1.5 million jobs were lost during January to April, 2017?

**Incidents of police brutality**

\*225. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note that incidents of police brutality, which includes beating suspects and caste based discrimination etc. are on the rise in the country;

(b) the number of such incidents reported and action taken against guilty police officials during last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that common people are afraid that police officials would misuse their power, act with brutality, beat suspects and indulge in other types of discrimination;

(d) if so, whether Government has conducted any investigation in this regard including such complaints against police officials; and

(e) the action taken against errant police officials?

NEW DELHI;  
The 27th December, 2018  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
Secretary-General.

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