

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, February 3, 2021/ 14 Magha, 1942 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel)**

Total number of questions -- 15

Cargo airport in Chennai

16 Shri P. Wilson:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to establish new airport for handling bulk and large cargos internationally at Chennai, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of regional/small airports developed under the UDAN scheme in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent under the scheme so far;
- (d) whether airlines have not started to operate in many regional air connectivity routes in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not operating flights?

Social security schemes for poor

17 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in spite of various existing social security schemes, poor people in the country continue to suffer from medical, social and financial problems;
- (b) if so, the reasons for social insecurity of poor people; and
- (c) the details of steps Government proposes to take to help the poor people living in the country?

Increase in crimes against SCs/STs

18 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that crimes against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities have increased by 7.3 per cent and 26.5 per cent respectively in 2019, according to the latest 'Crime in India-2019' report by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to address the growing concern of atrocities against SCs and STs across the country?

Sea Water Reverse Osmosis Plant in Andhra Pradesh

19 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction works of Sea Water Reverse Osmosis Plant (SWRO II WITH LLPH Facilities) in the State of Andhra Pradesh is yet to be completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Prices of petroleum products in international market

20 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of petroleum products are decreasing in the international market;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to store more crude oil in the country;
- (c) whether Government is considering to give benefit of decreasing trend of petroleum products prices to consumers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Seizure of drugs

21 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of drugs have been seized during the last one year in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether smuggling of drugs, arms and other contraband is taking place frequently in the North-Eastern region across the borders, especially from Myanmar; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Scholarship schemes for SC students

22 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes being run by Government for granting scholarship to the students from Scheduled Caste category to study abroad, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of students from Scheduled Caste category sent abroad for studying during last five years; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for such schemes, during the last five years?

Forced evictions and demolitions of homes

23 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report documented by Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) at least 83 incidents of forced eviction and home demolition which affected over 54,000 people in 22 States and Union Territories were observed under Central and State Governments across urban and rural India during the lockdown imposed for COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) if so, the measures taken to end forced evictions and demolitions of homes of the urban poor, especially during the coronavirus emergency?

Unemployment rate

24 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is continuously rising in the country;
- (b) the details of rise in unemployment during the last three years;
- (c) the current unemployment rate in the country; and
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to find out the cause of rising unemployment in the country?

Deportation of Rohingya migrants

25 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to deport Rohingya migrants back to the country of their origin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether some Rohingya migrants can be deported to the country of their origin, if so, the details thereof?

Operationalisation of domestic air services to pre-COVID level

26 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic air traffic in the country has almost been normalised;
- (b) if so, the month-wise details of passenger traffic data, after November 2020 in relation to pre-COVID level;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to lift the cap imposed by Government on the operation of flights; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Data on transport and professional sector employment

27 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that all-India surveys are being conducted to collect data regarding transport and professional sector employment, as well as migrant and domestic labour;
- (b) if so, the tentative schedule, data collection and processing mechanisms, and objectives of this survey;
- (c) whether open-source data collection will be used for these surveys;
- (d) whether Government plans to develop data collection initiatives of this sort into dynamic all-India databases of labour and employment in the future; and
- (e) whether the results of these surveys will be made public?

New international airports

28 # **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of international airports in the country before 2014 along with the number of international airports built during the last five years;
- (b) the number of new international airports constructed/proposed to be constructed during

last five years, especially in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of countries for which air services have been started from these airports?

Comprehensive disability guidelines

29 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued comprehensive disability inclusive guidelines to States and Union Territories for protection and safety of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in light of COVID-19;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plan for separate special helplines for the elderly and transgender community members; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment issue in implementation of SCM

30 Shri Anil Desai:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) since its inception;

(b) whether encroachment on Government land and water bodies is also a major component to declare a city as smart city;

(c) if so, the name of cities infested with encroachment on Government land; and

(d) whether State Governments have taken immediate action to remove such illegal possession of land by unscrupulous elements?

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