

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, February 10, 2021/ 21 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

Normalcy in domestic air traffic

91 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any estimate about getting the domestic air traffic back to normal i.e. at pre COVID-19 stage; and
- (b) whether Government would consider extending the period of floor and ceiling prices of air tickets in order to facilitate passengers to purchase tickets and get refunds till the situation gets back to normal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cross-border infiltration

92 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

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

- (a) whether it is fact that cross-border infiltration has increased during the last five years from India-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken initiative to take punitive actions against the responsible security personnel for illegal cross-border infiltration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prices of petrol/diesel

93 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) the details of monthly price of crude oil and selling price of petrol during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the price of petrol and diesel by reducing taxes/excise duty or by other means; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

New air services from Tirupati airport

94 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the reasons for delay in commencement of international flights from Tirupati airport and by when, Government proposes to commence international flights from Tirupati;
- (b) whether Government has assessed potential to operate international flights to UAE/Gulf region from Tirupati;
- (c) the reasons for delay in commencement of domestic freight operations at Tirupati airport and by when Government proposes to commence domestic cargo operations at Tirupati; and
- (d) the status of implementation of the project for extension and strengthening of runway at Tirupati airport for operation of wide bodied aircrafts?

Smart Cities Mission in Andhra Pradesh

95 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) the status of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the aims and objectives and physical targets set and achieved so far, city-wise;
- (c) whether there is time and cost overrun and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) by when, all projects in the above cities are going to be completed; and
- (e) the impact of COVID-19 on smart city projects in Andhra Pradesh and how Government is planning to overcome the same?

Age relaxation under EWS quota

96 # Shri Vivek Thakur:

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

- (a) whether there is a provision for age relaxation in Government jobs and education under EWS quota for the economically weaker sections of the general category;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has any such provision under its consideration?

Employment generation in rural areas

97 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of employment generation in rural areas during the period 2019-20 and 2020-21 to till date, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of employment generation in rural areas in organised and unorganised sectors during 2020-21 to till date, sector-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of new employment provided to women work force in rural areas during the last three years in organised and unorganised sectors during 2020-21 to till date, sector-wise and State-wise?

Bengaluru metro project

98 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Bengaluru Metro lanes is delayed;
- (b) if so, the increase in the expenditure compared to the estimation; and
- (c) the amount spent from the time of initiation of the project till date?

Welfare schemes for migrant labourers

99 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes started/ implemented by Government for welfare of unskilled and skilled migrant labourers in the country;
- (b) whether Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study/survey regarding the condition of workers at work places in the wake of COVID-19;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/ being taken by Government to improve the overall conditions of the workers including their safety and health?

CSS for labourers in Rajasthan

100 Shri P. Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) the details of Central assistance given to Rajasthan under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for labour during the last two years, year-wise, scheme-wise;
- (b) the number of labourers who got benefited from the above schemes during the said period;
- (c) whether the State Government had requested for supplementing its efforts through financial help for schemes/programmes that it is implementing for the labourers; and
- (d) if so, the details of help extended by Central Government for the above?

Information about abrogation of Article 370

101 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that civilians not the employee of the Central Government including a journalist were privy to knowledge about the abrogation of Article 370 prior to this information being shared with Parliament on August 5, 2019;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of all civilians given access to this information and the rationale for providing them the information instead of sharing with Parliament first; and
- (c) the details thereof, including the official responsible for supplying the information and the reasons therefor?

Highest taxes on petrol

102 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest taxes on petrol in the world;
- (b) the reasons for such high taxes which is beyond almost any other country in the world especially in the time when the common man earning is already hit by coronavirus pandemic and unplanned lockdown;
- (c) whether Government is planning to reduce the taxes on petrol and diesel;
- (d) if so, by when and how much; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fixed term employment

103 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that fixed-term employment proposed by Government will be at par with permanent work, and salaries must be paid within seven days of a wage period;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that trade unions have been against it, claiming that it goes against the concept of job security; and
- (c) if so, the steps being proposed to address the concerns in this regard?

Naxal affected districts

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

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

- (a) the details of Naxalism affected districts in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of surrenders made by the Naxalites in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of Naxal activities in the country during the last three years, district-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the reason behind the problem of Naxalites; and
- (e) if so, the factual position thereof?

Political prisoners in the country

105 **Shri Kapil Sibal:**

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

- (a) the number of political prisoners currently in custody in the country, State-wise list thereof;
- (b) the number of prisoners who were released from prison during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) the number of political prisoners who have died in custody since March, 2019?

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