

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 29, 2021/ 07 Sravana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Education; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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Relationship with the US

106 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether India's relations with the last two US Governments have been cordial;
- (b) whether Government has shared any views with the new US Government to reduce China's influence in the Asia Pacific region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Variation in budget estimate and expenditure

107 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

Will the Minister of *Textiles* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the difference between estimated budget of ₹485.00 Cr. for handlooms and the actual expenditure of ₹344.87 Cr. made on handlooms for the year 2020-21; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Tribal migration

108 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the number of tribal population migrating from one State to another every year;
- (b) the States from where regular migration takes place and their percentage of the total tribal population of that State; and
- (c) the basic reasons for such migration and the steps taken to prevent it?

Malnutrition in the country

109 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of *Women and Child Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that 16 States reported an increase in underweight children and 12 States reported severely wasted children according to the National Family Health Survey-5 Phase 1 report;
- (b) if so, the reasons for Mission Poshan 2.0 targeting only 112 aspirational districts while undernutrition and malnutrition related issues are not limited to only these districts;
- (c) whether Government is aware that there is a 18.5 per cent reduction in the budget for Mission Poshan 2.0 in 2021-22 compared to the budget in 2020-21 for erstwhile schemes which it merged; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Interaction with overseas Indians

110 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the details of new initiatives taken by Government for interaction of overseas Indians with India in the fields of culture, education and trade;
- (b) the details of recent developments in communication and marketing strategies for ensuring strong links with overseas Indian community; and
- (c) the details of major instances of successful cooperation and guidance provided by Government with States in matters of overseas Indians during last three years?

Loans for tribal women in Chhattisgarh

111 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the scheme-wise details of the proposals received and approved under various loan schemes for the development of tribal women of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under the said loan scheme, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of the amount of loan granted by Government for setting up industries after providing training to the tribal women alongwith the number of said women in Balrampur-Ramanujanj district of Chhattisgarh, year-wise?

Provision of creamy layer for general category

112 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the *PRIME MINISTER* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to make provision of creamy layer in general category for Government services on the lines of provision of creamy layer for the candidates in Other Backward Classes so that only weaker sections get Government services;
- (b) whether a dual policy is being implemented on the candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes by implementing the provision of creamy layer only on Other Backward Classes; and
- (c) the details of income criteria set for creamy layer at present and when was it increased and whether it is being increased from time to time?

Social media platforms in the country

113 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of *Electronics and Information Technology* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of significant social media platforms which are there in country, their name and the number of users of each;
- (b) the number of significant platforms which have published their monthly compliance reports, the number of complaints received and content removed, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there are any platforms which have not complied with the rules, the reasons therefor and action Government has taken against such platforms?

Opinion on DISHA Bill

114 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received DISHA Bill from the Ministry of Home Affairs for submitting its opinion;
- (b) if so, when was the Bill received in the Ministry;
- (c) whether the Ministry has formulated its opinion on the above Bill; and
- (d) if so, by when the Ministry is going to submit its views on the Bill to the Ministry of Home Affairs?

Impact of COVID-19 on tribal communities

115 Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:

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

- (a) whether Government has made an assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on tribal communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the tribal population and districts affected by COVID-19 in the State of Jharkhand;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures undertaken by the Ministry to address problems faced by tribal communities because of COVID-19 in Jharkhand?

EMRS in Rajasthan

116 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the details of the scheme prepared by Government for the extension of the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Scheme in rural areas during year 2020-21;
- (b) whether it is proposed to set up EMRS in tribal areas across the country, if so, whether it is proposed to be opened at Nangal Rajawatan, district Dausa, Rajasthan, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the budget allocation made for said scheme and the State-wise details thereof?

Rural areas selected for JanWiFi

117 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rural areas selected for JanWiFi under National Broadband Mission, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has included tribal areas of the country for JanWiFi under this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of rural areas where JanWiFi project work has been completed; and

(e) the outcome of JanWiFi hotspot in rural areas, the details thereof?

Departmental examination in Kendriya Vidyalayas

118 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan conducted a departmental examination through CBSE on 22 July 2018 for teachers appointed to the posts of PRT and TGT, if so, time by when the result will be declared;
- (b) the number of teachers promoted by Sangathan from the posts of PRT to TGT and from TGT to PGT respectively before December 2019 by issuing order of promotion;
- (c) whether the Sangathan issued the order of promotion before the result of the examination, if so, rules under which it was done; and
- (d) in case promotion has been granted against the rules, names of the persons responsible and actions taken against them?

Reduction of interest in Post Office Saving Scheme

119 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is constantly reducing the interest rate in the Post Office Saving Scheme and has reduced more than over 13 per cent on the scheme during 15 months in comparison to the interest rates of March, 2020;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and effect on the people during the Covid situation therein; and
- (c) the reasons behind not continuing the same interest rate of March, 2020 with all Post Office savings therefor?

Establishment of IT hubs in major cities

120 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working on establishing IT hubs in major cities of States to provide employment to youngsters in the IT sector at local level;
- (b) if so, the details of achievements made till date and further action plans proposed;
- (c) whether Government is also working on a plan of opening BPO centres in small cities to provide employment to youngsters in the field of IT sector at local level; and
- (d) if not, the details of BPO centers opened during the last three years till date, State-wise and further action plan proposed in this regard?

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