

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, November 21, 2019/Kartika 30, 1941 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

#### 100 day action plan for education

†\*46. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 100 day action plan comprising various topics along with the New Education Policy was prepared by the Ministry after the formation of new Government in May, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above mentioned action plan has been finally implemented in due course of time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Unsuccessful Chandrayaan mission

\*47. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken a

step to launch Chandrayaan for a special mission to moon, if so, the details of the plan;

(b) what was the position; and

(c) what problems made the plan and mission incomplete and unsuccessful?

#### Rejection of H-1B visa requests by the US

\*48. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly a fourth of all fresh H-1B visa requests have been rejected by the US which has hit hard the IT companies of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Internet and WiFi facilities to villages**

\*49. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided internet and WiFi facilities to all the villages of the country for the benefit of the farmers to increase their knowledge about the agriculture sector and keep them informed about the new developments in the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the measures/action being taken by Government under this issue; and

(c) if not, by when this target would be completed to provide internet and Wifi facilities to all the villages across the country?

**Appointment of experts directly through advertisement**

†\*50. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is directly appointing experts in different Ministries/Departments through advertisement;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such appointments, department-wise and post-wise;

(c) whether reservation policy is being implemented in these appointments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that reservation policy has been ignored by giving priority to certain castes in such appointments; and

(e) the number of candidates appointed

from General Category, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in such appointments?

**Jobs created in textile sector under SITP**

\*51. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs created under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the revenue generated from exports under the special package for textile and apparel sector since its inception;

(c) the number of fixed term jobs created since the inception of the package; and

(d) the amount of incentives disbursed under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) during the last three years, State-wise and sector-wise?

**Foreign training of officials**

\*52. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials from the Joint Secretary and above rank who were sent for capacity building/training courses abroad during the last three years;

(b) the details of officials who were sent abroad for training and the institutions where they were sent; and

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(c) whether any written reports were sought from these trainee officials in the form of a feedback, if so, what was the overall feedback and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Training under key-flagship textiles programmes**

\*53. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has trained people under the key-flagship textiles programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all the persons who were trained by Government under the said programme have been provided job?

**Status of India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement**

\*54. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement since it was signed in 2008;

(b) the challenges and obstacles still being faced in operationalisation of this Agreement;

(c) the budgetary allocation and actual expenditure incurred towards operationalising this Agreement over the past three years in a year-wise manner; and

(d) what impact has it had on country's relations with other member countries barring United States?

**Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme - DHRUV**

\*55. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme-DHRUV recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the major aims and objectives of the scheme and whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Global Hunger Index of 119 countries**

†\*56. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) India's ranking in the Global Hunger Index of 117 countries in the latest Global Hunger Report and along with India's ranking in the Hunger Index in the study of 119 countries in the year 2018;

(b) the decrease in hunger and malnutrition in India during the last decade and the percentage of population that is still not getting enough food; and

(c) the details of malnourished children during the last three years in the country and the number of children who died due to malnutrition during the same period?

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### **Uniform Civil Code**

\*57. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the steps Government has taken so far to bring a Uniform Civil Code which is one of the Directive Principles of the State policy?

### **Status of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act**

\*58. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013; and

(b) the details of States where this Act has not been fully implemented yet?

### **Survey to evaluate quality of education**

\*59. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey/study has been carried out recently to evaluate the quality

of primary, secondary and higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the critical thinking of students in primary and secondary education in the prevailing global scenario; and

(d) the details of specific programmes in this regard being implemented, State-wise?

### **Recovery of dues from telecom companies**

\*60. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recovered all dues from telecom companies as licence fee and penalty alongwith interest based on the revenue sharing model for the gross revenue of ₹ 14,98,181 crore earned by them during 2004-2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any telecom companies have given any proposal to Government for the dues/recovery thereon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

## **I N D E X**

**(Ministry-wise)**

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| <b>Prime Minister</b>                            | : | —           |
| <b>Atomic Energy</b>                             | : | 54,         |
| <b>Communications</b>                            | : | 60,         |
| <b>Development of North Eastern Region</b>       | : | —           |
| <b>Electronics and Information Technology</b>    | : | 49, 52,     |
| <b>External Affairs</b>                          | : | 48,         |
| <b>Human Resource Development</b>                | : | 46, 55, 59, |
| <b>Law and Justice</b>                           | : | 57,         |
| <b>Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions</b> | : | 50,         |
| <b>Planning</b>                                  | : | 56,         |
| <b>Space</b>                                     | : | 47,         |
| <b>Statistics and Programme Implementation</b>   | : | —           |
| <b>Textiles</b>                                  | : | 53,         |
| <b>Tribal Affairs</b>                            | : | 51,         |
| <b>Women and Child Development</b>               | : | 58.         |