

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, June 26, 2019/Ashadha 5, 1941 (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

Resource transfer to urban centres

*46. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no clear-cut mechanism or regular resource transfers to urban centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the light of the absence of clear-cut mechanism Government would go ahead with creation of Smart Cities project and if so, in what manner; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Human trafficking

*47. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding trends in incidents of human trafficking in recent years;

(b) whether State-wise details of incidents of human trafficking are available;

(c) if so, the details in respect of Rajasthan;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details regarding steps being taken to combat human trafficking?

Sales point of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited at Jharkhand

*48. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has closed its sales point in Jharkhand after the year 2012;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to open sales point for RINL in Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Building of small airports at district headquarters

*49. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to build small airports at district headquarters of various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the names of the districts selected for this purpose along with the details of the current status thereof; and

(d) the time by when these airports are likely to be set up?

Expansion of airports in Andhra Pradesh

*50. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken note that air travel has considerably increased in the State of Andhra Pradesh as per the data in the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is taking up the expansion of airports in the State on priority basis, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the airports being expanded along with the funds allocated and released so far; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to speed up the expansion work?

Female labour force participation rate

†*51. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that female labour force participation rate is continuously declining in the country, if so, the details for the last three years thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the fall in female labour force participation rate is highest in rural areas, if so, the details for the last three years thereof; and

(c) the details of the reasons behind the fall in female labour force participation rate and the measures taken by Government and the details of achievements thereon?

Minimum wages to workers at CCL Piparwar in Jharkhand

†*52. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that labourers, operators and associated workers working in mining areas of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) Piparwar (Ashoka, Piparwar, RCM Siding) are paid only eight thousand rupees for upto 12 hours duty daily instead of the minimum wages set by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that these labourers, operators and associated workers are not even provided with Coal Mines Provident Fund (CMPF) passbook, I-card, Medical-card adequate safety devices, shoes, caps, etc; and

(c) whether it is fact that gross negligence of Government rules is taking place due to the collusion of private companies and officials?

Increase in production of biofuel

*53. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up biofuel plants to produce more biofuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard;

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(c) whether Government proposes to allow ethanol blending in petrol at a large scale;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the plan outlay in this regard; and

(e) the time by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Notification of charter of passenger rights of air travellers

*54. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has notified the charter of passenger rights of air travellers to increase the protection and compensation amounts for passengers for deficient services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the charter would be notified; and

(d) the measures proposed to protect the interests of passengers who are being fleeced by private airlines by overcharging cancellation fees, change of travel data, etc.?

Increasing international flights at Madurai airport

*55. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the Madurai airport in Tamil Nadu being named an international airport, many routes are not established to Arab countries and Europe;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken to introduce more international flights to and from Madurai airport;

(c) whether the recently opened Kozhikode airport has been allotted many flights to Arab countries; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Petrochemical complex under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act

*56. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up of petrochemical complex as mandated by Schedule XIII of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(b) the reasons for Ministry insisting Government of Andhra Pradesh to pay ₹ 5,000 crores as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) in spite of knowing that financial position of Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation is precarious;

(c) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to reduce Internal Rate of Return to 10 per cent on the lines of HPCL's Barmer refinery in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has considered the above proposal, if not, reasons therefor?

Infrastructure expansion of airports

*57. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of parking bays required at airports in the country to accommodate aircraft induction, the details thereof;

(b) the capital expenditure earmarked and the initiatives taken by Government for infrastructure expansion for airports across the country, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unserved and underserved airports and airstrips in the country and the initiatives taken by Government to ensure operations, the details thereof?

Unemployment rate

†*58. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current rate of unemployment in the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of unemployment in the country is continuously increasing particularly the rate of women unemployment has increased more;

(c) the female and male unemployment rate during the last three years along with the number of employment opportunities provided by Government during the said period; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that women unemployment rate is highest in urban areas compared to rural areas?

Increasing unemployment rate

*59. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate in the country has increased by 6 per cent which is at a 45 year high;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the number of those employed in rural and urban areas has dropped significantly in the past few years, if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by Government in this regard?

Debt of Air India

*60. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan to bring out Air India from debt problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
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