

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019/Magha 17, 1940 (Saka)*

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**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Employment created in formal and non-formal sectors**

\*31. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs created by Government in both formal and non-formal sectors during the last three years;

(b) the details of the new jobs created in both formal and non-formal sectors during the last three years, sector-wise;

(c) the latest source of data which supports Government's claim that it had created new employment;

(d) whether Government has officially discontinued to publish any annual data related to employment, unemployment and market situation during the last four and half years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Sedition charges against JNU student leaders**

\*32. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police has recently filed chargesheet against JNU student leaders for sedition;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the specific reasons for filing chargesheets after the expiry of three years of the incident?

#### **Replacing petrol with alternative fuels by 2025**

\*33. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the retail petrol pumps across the country run by State-owned Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(b) whether there is any policy of Government regarding closure of petrol pumps in the country and replacing petrol with alternative fuels by 2025; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Iron rods failing in lab sample test**

†\*34. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that samples of

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iron rods manufactured by both public and private sector companies have failed in the lab sample test;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the survey report of 'First Construction Council' according to which though these companies maintain the quality of those iron rods that are tested in the lab, but then dangerously adulterate the rest of the products of the brand;

(c) if so, the action taken against the guilty companies so far;

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of iron rods; and

(e) if no action is taken, the reasons therefor?

#### **CMIE report on job-loss**

\*35. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), 11 million individuals have lost their jobs in 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and month-wise;

(c) the details of job-loss during January, 2019, State-wise;

(d) the response of Government to above said report;

(e) whether 3.7 million salaried employees have lost their jobs in 2018;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(g) the details of action proposed in this regard?

#### **Huge loss in global civil aviation**

\*36. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is 3rd largest global flyer with 16.15 crore people travelled in 2017 in comparison to 13.1 crore in 2016;

(b) if so, whether world's 3rd largest global air market is in huge loss with cash crunch and facing severe financial instability;

(c) if so, whether Government has made any review/survey of the reasons for the bad debt in the sector inspite of boom performances for years; and

(d) the proposal of Government to revive and strengthen aviation sector?

#### **Duty Free Tariff Preference Scheme to African countries**

\*37. DR. BANDAPRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has accorded Duty Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) Scheme to 38 African countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recent signing of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement is likely to further boost the ties with Africa; and

(d) if so, why Government has not finalised the Free Trade Agreement with the European Union and by when it would be signed and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Loss of life by gas cylinder blasts in the country**

\*38. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of LPG gas

cylinder blasts in various States of the country during the last three years, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) details of people killed by gas cylinder blasts in the country during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has given any compensation to people who were killed by gas cylinder blasts in the country; and

(d) if so, the amount given to them?

#### **Tax exemption to Startups**

\*39. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on easing the norms for providing tax exemption to the Startup companies on investments made by the Angel Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that large number of startup companies have requested Government to provide tax exemptions, if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Foreigners languishing in prisons across the country**

\*40. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3,908 foreigners are languishing in prisons across the country; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 222 out of 3,908 foreign nationals in jails have received consular access?

#### **Implementation of PMUY**

\*41. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries since launch of PMUY, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) the average number of refills taken by an Ujjwala beneficiary, year-wise details thereof;

(c) the average number of refills taken by a non-Ujjwala beneficiary, year-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government has conducted any impact analysis or survey to assess the impact of Ujjwala scheme;

(e) whether Government is aware of reports that some of the families that have benefited from Ujjwala scheme still use traditional methods of cooking due to the cost of the LPG cylinders; and

(f) the measures taken to rectify this situation, the details thereof?

#### **Refills under PMUY**

\*42. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of gas cylinders have increased under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has the record of second time refilling of gas cylinders by beneficiaries;

(d) if so, the State-wise details of beneficiaries for 2017-18; and

(e) the details of total gas cylinders refilled by Ujjwala beneficiaries in 2017-18?

### **Modernisation of police forces**

†\*43. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether modernisation of police forces has remained top priority in Central Government's agenda during the last three years and whether sufficient and effective steps have been taken in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in this direction an emergency response support system has been initiated under which a single digit all India emergency phone number has been introduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **India's capacity to generate power from gas**

\*44. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 31 gas based high capacity power plants are stranded due to non-availability of domestic gas and high cost of gas imports;

(b) whether average domestic gas supplied to power projects during 2017-18 was only 25.71 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metre per Day (MMSCMD) against a total allocation of 87.12 MMSCMD; and

(c) if so, measures taken by Government to de-stress the natural gas sector for combating such issues?

### **Detention of individuals by Foreigners Tribunals**

\*45. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of people referred to the Foreigners Tribunals during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of people kept in detention camps after decision of the Foreigners Tribunals during the last three years; and

(c) the details of people released from the detention camps during the last three years along with the reasons therefor?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
Secretary-General.

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