RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017/Shravana 4, 1939 (Saka)

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 15

ITDAs in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

- *106. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the total tribal population of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States, respectively, as on 31 May, 2017;
- (b) how many districts have Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) operating in each of the two States, respectively;
- (c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the outbreak of diseases in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh, leading to many deaths of tribal people in June, 2017;
- (d) whether Government has sent an expert team to East Godavari district to enquire into causes of deaths of tribals; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Directions to tackle racial attacks and hate crimes

- *107. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Supreme Court has given directions to tackle racial attacks and hate crimes in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the progress in setting up of a three member panel as recommended by the said directions;
- (d) what is the status of implementation of recommendations made in the M.P. Bezbaruah Committee Report; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has undertaken enumeration of hate crimes and racially induced crimes in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development works in Haryana

- †*108. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for development works from Government of Haryana during the last three years along with the scheme-wise details of their amount and the action taken thereon;
- (b) the reasons for pendency of proposals received from the State Government;
- (c) whether any time-limit has been prescribed to dispose of these proposals; and
- (d) whether due to long delay in disposing of the proposals, there occur problems regarding development works and the manner in which the amount of escalated cost is adjusted and the details thereof?

Guidelines to States on crimes

- †*109. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of crimes in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttarakhand is on the rise day-by-day;
- (b) if so, whether Government has issued guidelines to States to bring down the crimes;
- (c) if so, the dates on which such guidelines were issued and whether this has yielded positive outcomes; and
- (d) if so, the details of crimes committed during the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and till April, 2017?

Credit Guarantee Fund to facilitate 'Start-ups'

- *110. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to approve and allocate ₹ 2000 crore Credit Guarantee Fund to facilitate 'Start-up' business in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the financial support is restricted to Indian entrepreneurs and/ or foreign joint ventures also thereof;
- (c) the proposal details of 'Start-up' project with foreign countries and the funding norms therein; and
- (d) which other projects/businesses come under the 'Start-ups' thereof apart from bio-technology and eco-friendly technology?

Increase in domestic LPG sales

- *111. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the domestic LPG sales have jumped by 9.8 per cent in the fiscal year which ended on March 31, 2017, after Government gave a record number of cooking gas connections, most of them to poor households;
- (b) whether Public Sector fuel retailers sold 18.9 million tonnes of packed domestic LPG in year 2016-17;
- (c) whether the packed LPG growth in year 2015-16 was 7.1 per cent;
- (d) whether the growth rate assumes significance considering that petroleum products' sales have stagnated at 4-6 per cent; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Price of imported steel and Indian steel

- †*112. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) the total quantum of steel being produced in the country, how less or more is it in comparison to its demand, the details thereof:
- (b) whether it is a fact that steel products are being imported in huge quantities from China, if so, the percentage thereof out of the country's total imports, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) the difference in the price of imported steel and Indian steel; and
- (d) whether 'Make in India' has succeeded in protecting the Indian steel producers, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in losses of PSUs

- *113. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether SAIL's revenue declined by ₹ 7,064.61 crores or on an average ₹ 19 crores every single day of last fiscal, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the reasons for BHEL's revenue loss of ₹ 4,382.52 crores in last fiscal;
- (c) whether losses of loss making CPSEs have increased by 4.75 per cent in 2015-16 as compared to 2014-15, if so, details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has considered National Institute of Public Finance and Policy's 10 year plan to divest at least 50 per cent PSU assets, if so, details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has chalked out any plans to help ailing PSUs?

Implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014

- *114. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has embarked upon implementation of promises made in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise and institution-wise:
- (c) the details of the funds released during the past three years to each institution;
- (d) the status of the work of each institution; and
- (e) the estimated period of completion of the same and the steps being taken by Government for early completion of works?

Promotion of khadi products

- *115. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the annual turnover of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for last three years and current year;
- (b) whether KVIC has written to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to use the traditional fabric in its field operations and camps;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and objective behind the move;
- (d) the response of UNHCR to the proposal;

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- (e) whether KVIC will provide khadi products at a cost as per the UN agency's operational requirements;
 - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps taken by Government to promote use of khadi and achieve slogan 'khadi for nation khadi for fashion'?

Action plan for Ajanta and Ellora

- *116. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has prepared any action plan for attracting more foreign tourists to Ajanta and Ellora caves in Maharashtra; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Powers of Lt. Governor of Union Territory

- *117. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Lt. Governor of a Union Territory enjoys more powers than a Governor of a State and can act without the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers: and
- (b) if so, what is the Constitutional position in this regard?

Multiple entry medical visa

- †*118. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether the number of patients

- coming from foreign countries to hospitals run by Indian corporates has increased massively, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether corporate hospitals have urged Government to issue multiple entry medical visa for follow-up treatment of patients; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure easy availability of medical visa for follow-up treatment?

Development of places under Ramayana Circuit scheme

- †*119. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Government has approved a scheme named Ramayana Circuit under which fifteen cities of Ramayana era have to be developed as international tourist spots by connecting all of them:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether work is in progress under the target set for the Ramayana Circuit scheme and if so, by when the work will be completed; and
- (d) whether Sitamarhi in Bihar has also been included in Ramayana Circuit scheme and if so, the names of the places of Ramayana era situated at Sitamarhi which have been identified to be developed as international tourist spots?

Priority under PMEGP

- †*120. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether provision has been made for giving priority to youth committees,

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self-help groups, farmers' producer organisations for providing assistance under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme; and

(b) if not, the view of Government to accord priority to aforesaid groups in future?

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