

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, January 3, 2018/Pausha 13, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and
Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel;
Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

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Establishment of National Social Security Board

*166. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a National Social Security Board;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any measures are being taken to set up Social Security Boards in all the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Kokborok language in Eighth Schedule

*167. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura Government has recommended for the inclusion of Kokborok language in the

Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, what is the status of inclusion of Kokborok language under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India; and

(c) by when the process of inclusion of Kokborok language under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India would be completed?

Focus on district level schemes for skill training

*168. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data for Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) until first week of July, 2017 reveals that out of a total 30.67 lakh candidates who had been trained or were undergoing training across the country, less than a tenth i.e. 2.9 lakh candidates had received placement offers; and

(b) whether Government is now planning to shift focus to district level schemes to yield better results in the short term for its skill imparting initiative?

Meeting of Joint Economic Group of India and China

*169. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Joint Economic Group (JEG) of India and China is going to meet to discuss about trade and commerce between the two countries;

(b) the reasons for which no JEG meeting has taken place after 2015; and

(c) the decisions taken in 2015 JEG meeting and status of implementation of each of the decisions taken in 2015?

Violations of Oil Industry Safety Directorate standards

*170. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) standards are being followed for laying of pipelines of natural gas;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that these standards are being complied with;

(c) whether Government maintains a record of violations of these standards;

(d) if so, the details thereof including action taken against the violators;

(e) whether these standards are periodically reviewed and updated; and

(f) if so, the frequency of such review and the last update of those standards?

Women employed in unorganized sector

*171. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women employed in the unorganized sector during the last three years;

(b) whether women employed in the unorganized sector face wage and other forms of discrimination;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check this; and

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to shift women employed in the unorganized sector to the organized sector?

Overarching body for regulation of labour welfare matters

*172. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make an overarching body for various matters relating to labour welfare such as Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details regarding steps being contemplated/taken by Government to remove the inconveniences caused by multiplicity of Government agencies in the regulation of labour welfare?

Development of Buddhist Circuit in Andhra Pradesh

*173. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has taken a decision to develop Buddhist Circuit in the State of Andhra Pradesh connecting five Buddhist centres viz. Amaravati, Nagarjuna Sagar, Bavikonda, Thotlakonda and Dantapuri, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of funds earmarked and released so far for the same;

(c) whether Government has considered any other projects to be taken up under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme?

MIP for Natural Rubber

*174. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether indiscriminate import of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country has led to fall in Natural Rubber prices, depriving the rubber cultivators a remunerative price for their produce;

(b) if so, the details of rubber imports in all forms and grades during April, 2017 to November, 2017 along with month-wise quantity and average price thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to fix a Minimum Import Price (MIP) for Natural Rubber as in the case of arecanut, cardamom and pepper to save the rubber cultivators in their hour of distress?

Labour reforms

*175. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to experts, Government needs to move fast for labour reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the experts have suggested lowering the cost of investment, which will in turn ensure a pickup in job creation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attacks on journalists

*176. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has investigated the recent killing of journalists across the country;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to form any committee to investigate the recent killings of journalists across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

MoU with South Asian countries on skilled manpower

*177. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any training module/course content under the 'Skill India Programme' which can cater to the needs of the foreign countries

particularly South Asian countries where manpower from India is in big demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any of the South Asian countries under the 'Skill India Programme' to recognize and accept the trainees/apprentices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of important historical places in Karnataka

*178. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of two important historical places in Karnataka which are Pampa Sarovar (Ramayana period) and Anjanadri Parvatha (birth place of Lord Hanuman); and

(b) what steps have been taken by the State and Central Governments for development of those places for tourists' convenience, the details and status thereof?

Financial assistance to entrepreneurs

*179. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is providing financial assistance to the entrepreneurs opening and using new technology in the country;

(b) if so, what is the maximum amount available per project;

(c) what is the criteria to avail the incentive scheme;

(d) for how many years, the scheme has been in force; and

(e) how many entrepreneurs have benefited from the scheme and its total amount paid to them?

Dialogue in Jammu and Kashmir

*180. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the purpose of appointing Shri Dineshwar Sharma as a representative of Government to initiate a dialogue in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is the nature and scope of this engagement;

(c) whether Government has set a timeline and end goal for this engagement and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what plan of action has been put in place to facilitate dialogue between different organisations, elected representatives and Shri Dineshwar Sharma?

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