

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, November 29, 2021/ 8 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Coal; Defence; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti;
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs;
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Planning; Statistics and Programme Implementation;
Steel)

Total number of questions -- 15

**Implementation of Gazette Notifications on projects in Godavari and Krishna river
basins**

1 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) status of implementation of two Gazette Notifications issued on July 15, 2021 for administration, regulation, maintenance and operation of projects in Godavari and Krishna river basins in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (b) the obstacles in implementation of these Gazette Notifications;
- (c) the punitive steps Government had initiated to compel both States to handover all projects to Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) immediately;
- (d) the reasons Government has not initiated such punitive actions so far; and
- (e) whether withholding implementation of these Gazette Notifications for a new Krishna Tribunal or a new award amounts to injustice to Andhra Pradesh?

Shortage of drinking water

2 # Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and names of less populated and highly populated cities in the country with special reference to Uttar Pradesh, which have extreme shortage of drinking water at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that over-extraction of ground water, increasing population in cities and inefficient use of available water are the main reasons for drinking water shortage in cities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for shortage of water in the said cities despite implementation of drinking water related schemes by Government, and the steps taken by Government for solution to this problem?

Change in kerosene consumption

3 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of year-on-year percentage change in consumption of kerosene, in last three years i.e. from 2019 to 2021; and
- (b) the details of percentage of households falling 'Above Poverty Line' and the percentage of households falling 'Below Poverty Line' that still use Kerosene?

Funds allocated under Har Ghar Nal ka Jal

4 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated under Har Ghar Nal ka Jal, in the current financial year; and
- (b) whether any time limit has been set to make tap water available for every household where people are facing drinking water scarcity in different States, specifically in villages and, if so, the details thereof?

Effect of rain on coal production

5 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal production is affected by rain;
- (b) if so, the extent of effect it had on current year's production; and
- (c) whether it had any effect on power plants, if so, the details thereof?

Scheme to keep fuel prices in check

6 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the scheme of Government to keep a check on increase in petrol and diesel prices; and
- (b) the status for increasing production of petrol and diesel?

Auto Fuel Vision and Policy-2025

7 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan and roadmap of Auto Fuel Vision and Policy-2025, and the action being taken by Government at present in this regard;
- (b) the details of the achievements made under the previous Auto Fuel Policy; and
- (c) the plan being formulated by Government to improve fuel quality along with the engine technology of the vehicle?

Shortage of coal in the thermal power plants

8 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the coal shortage being experienced by the thermal power plants in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for making available sufficient coal to run the power industries in the State;
- (d) if so, the response of Government thereto; and
- (e) the remedial measures being taken by Government to alleviate the coal shortage and meet the demand in the country?

Roadmap to overcome coal shortage in thermal power plants

9 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether stock of coal held by the country's thermal power plants has hit critically low levels;
- (b) whether the country is likely to face a power crisis because of coal shortage in the near future; and
- (c) whether Government has a roadmap to deal with the crisis?

Plan to review travel bubble policy

10 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to review its travel bubble policy keeping in view the difficulties being faced by people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for dragging it too long?

People having access to improved water and sanitation

11 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the level of investment in water and sanitation in the country;
- (b) the total percentage of population having access to improved water and sanitation in the country by the end of October, 2021;
- (c) whether number of innovative approaches to improve water supply and sanitation have yielded desired results;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cash reserves with CIL

12 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) the cash reserves available with Coal India Limited (CIL) currently;
- (b) whether Government has a formalised plan to utilise the said funds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to modernise and update the infrastructure of CIL; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Hike in LPG prices

13 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has hiked LPG prices over fifty percent in last six months;
- (b) if so, the details of LPG prices since January 2020, month-wise;
- (c) whether Government is aware that increase in the prices of LPG is directly going to affect the household budget and that too at a time when many people are struggling to make both ends meet during the pandemic time with no jobs or salary cut therein; and
- (d) if so, the details of action Government is going to take in this regard and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Credit growth of MSMEs

14 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

Will the Minister of **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that as per RBI's data, credit growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) decelerated to 0.5 percent in March 2021 from 1.7 percent a year ago, if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government thereon;
- (b) whether Government has ensured priority lending to MSMEs from banks by including small enterprises in the earmarked priority sector, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any collateral-free and MUDRA small loans have been given to encourage self-employment?

Kozhikode-Thiruvananthapuram light metro project

15 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the Kerala Government's proposal for Kozhikode-Thiruvananthapuram light metro project;
- (b) whether this project is in the active consideration of Government for approval or whether Government is not considering the same;
- (c) the inferences in the preliminary observations by Government on this project and the actions taken by Government after this preliminary observation; and
- (d) whether any other light metro projects in any States is pending for approval in front of Government, if so, the details thereof?

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