Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021/ 10 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries: Cooperation; Education; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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Globalization in higher education sector under NEP

31 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that special attention has not been paid to globalization in higher education sector in the provisions of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 of the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the new education policy is deviating from its set target by not giving any special focus to globalization in the field of higher education;
- (c) whether Government plans to prepare an ambitious roadmap for higher education sector of the country in its new education policy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of implementation of SVAMITVA scheme

32 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of *Panchayati Raj* be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Survey of Villages Abadi & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme, the details thereof and how many villages have been mapped, State-wise, especially in Jharkhand;
- (b) the number of Continuous Operating Reference System (CORS) that have been established under this scheme till date, the details thereof; and
- (c) how much dedicated fund for this year has been utilized, in particular reference to the State of Jharkhand, the details thereof?

Deaths of pedestrians in road accidents

33 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of *Road Transport and Highways* be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of death of pedestrians out of all the deaths which occured due to road accidents during the last three years;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons of death of pedestrians despite the existence of footpaths;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the concrete steps being taken to save the pedestrians from accidents?

Completion of NH projects

34 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of Road Transport and Highways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many National Highway (NH) projects have been identified for completion by 2021;
- (b) if so, the number of such pending projects in the country including in Belgaum district of Karnataka:
- (c) the States where problem of land acquisition is coming in the way of non-completion of these NH projects;
- (d) whether Government is regularly monitoring with the concerned State officials for better implementation and expedition of the projects in various parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the number of such meetings held during the last year, State-wise?

Construction of overbridge on Ganga river at Sahibgani

35 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of *Road Transport and Highways* be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of work related to the overbridge being constructed on river Ganga at Sahibganj; and
- (b) by when it is likely to be completed?

Enhancement of powers of BSF

36 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the States had been consulted before extending the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) in areas adjoining the international border of India;
- (b) whether the apprehension of increase in the interference of Centre in the law and order of the States and also confrontation between BSF and the State police administration is being expressed by the experts due to extension of the jurisdiction of BSF:
- (c) the reasons why rights of BSF were increased; and
- (d) the States along with such areas enlisted into the States where the rights of BSF has been increased?

Welfare of socially isolated and economically weaker women

37 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by Government for the welfare of socially isolated and economically weaker women;
- (b) whether the women who are victims of prostitution and human trafficking have been covered under the Swadhar Greh Scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details of the facilities and assistance being provided to women victims?

Conversion of SHs into NHs in West Bengal

38 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of *Road Transport and Highways* be pleased to state:

- (a) the detail of number of State Highways (SHs) that have been converted into National Highways (NHs) in the State of West Bengal during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Ministry has received any proposal/requests from the State Government for conversion of SHs into NHs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Ministry thereof?

Impact of enhancement of powers of BSF

39 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the States in which the 'arrest, search and seize' powers of BSF has been enhanced by a recent notification of Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (b) the Acts under which jurisdiction has been extended and the Acts under which jurisdiction has not been extended;
- (c) the reason for enhancement in some States and reduction in the State of Gujarat; and
- (d) how will it impact the State police jurisdiction?

Care and protection of destitute and street children

40 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether data related to destitute and street children is maintained;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme exists for care and protection of children living on the streets; and
- (d) the measures undertaken for the care and protection of destitute and street children during and post COVID-19 pandemic?

Implementation of e-Governance in Panchayats

41 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of *Panchayati Raj* be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the implementation of e-Governance in Panchayats;
- (b) whether Government has given any financial assistance to the State Governments in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the work of laying of optical fibre to network Panchayats has been started and if so, the details thereof?

Transport and medical facilities in tribal villages of Meghalaya

42 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is no road connectivity in tribal villages like Sadar, Mawmang and Mawsohmad in Khasi Hills of Meghalaya;
- (b) whether Government would ensure road connectivity and medical facilities to these villages;
- (c) the population of these three afore-mentioned villages; and
- (d) whether there is any hospital or sub-hospital or health centre functioning there?

Implementation of CRIF

43 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

Will the Minister of *Road Transport and Highways* be pleased to state:

- (a) the implementation status of the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) Act, 2000 during the last three years;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries under this fund in State of Maharashtra and Thane District in particular during last three years;
- (c) the number of safety crossings on highways and near railways, and railways crossings developed from this fund during the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has established any framework for monitoring the utilization of this fund, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Inner Line Permit for Meghalaya

44 Dr. Wanweiroy Kharlukhi:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to implement Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Meghalaya;
- (b) if so, the status of such a proposal with an estimated time of completion;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the methodology/parameters used by Government to decide whether a State should be covered under ILP or not?

Threat of displacement of tribals due to coal mining

45 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of *Tribal Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that over 20,000 families, mostly Adivasis/tribals are in threat of displacement, as a result of commercial licenses given for coal mining in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details of proposal of Government to safeguard the rights of almost 12 million tribes of the country thereto; and
- (c) the COVID and post-COVID rehabilitation process that have been taken by Government thereto?

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P. C. Mody, Secretary-General.

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