

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, December 2, 2021/ 11 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Space; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions -- 15

**Auction of gifts and mementos**

**46 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that auction (both physical and online) of the gifts and mementos received by the Prime Minister took place this year;
- (b) the number of people who participated in auction;
- (c) the number of gifts and mementos that have been auctioned and the amount of money received from it;
- (d) the manner in which Government is using the money received through auction; and
- (e) the amount of money Government earned through auctioning gifts and mementos received by Prime Minister since 2014 ?

**Strengthening voluntary Buddhist organisations**

**47 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government for the purpose of strengthening the voluntary Buddhist/ Tibetan organisations including the monasteries engaged in propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/ Tibetan culture and tradition and research in related fields; and
- (b) whether separate financial provisions have been made in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

**Action to control pollution**

**48 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is one of the top polluted countries in the world;
- (b) if so, Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government is aware that citizens are subjected to poor air quality and are

inhaling very hazardous levels of polluted air in many metropolitan cities, especially in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government to control pollution?

### **Power generation capacity of NPCIL**

**49 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electricity being generated in the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) units of Kudankulam and Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of units distributed to the State of Tamil Nadu by Government during the last three years;

(c) the percentage of share of the State Government of Tamil Nadu and the Union Government in this distribution;

(d) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for more allocation; and

(e) if so, action taken by Government on this request?

### **Reduced budgetary allocation for atomic energy projects**

**50 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reduced capital expenditure for the Atomic Energy sector during 2021-22 is likely to affect a number of ongoing important projects;

(b) if so, the details of projects likely to get affected; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that the ongoing projects do not get adversely affected due to shortfall in budgetary allocation?

### **Charge sheets against officers**

**51 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of charge sheets filed in various courts with regard to corruption or other crimes committed by the higher officers under the jurisdiction of the Union Government and the officers/employees selected by Union Public Service Commission during the last three years;

(b) the number of such officers/employees;

(c) the number of such officers who are still in service despite charge sheets filed against them; and

(d) whether Government is likely to take any concrete steps against such officers/employees?

### **Stimulus packages to assist artists of Odisha**

**52 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified the number of artists in Odisha who have been unemployed due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce stimulus packages to assist artists of Odisha who have suffered financial loss due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Jharkhand**

**53 # Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether the State of Jharkhand has been included in Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Vacant posts in various Departments**

**54 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of posts vacant in various Departments in the country at present;
- (b) the number of vacant posts filled and the number of posts abolished during the last 5 years; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that almost 9 lakh posts are lying vacant in various subordinate departments of the Central Government which the Government is not serious to fill?

### **Current rate of unemployment**

**55 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current rate of unemployment in the country and details of steps taken by Government to bring down the rate of unemployment; and
- (b) the year-wise details of increase taking place in the rate of unemployment in the country during last one decade?

### **Development of Sports and Youth Affairs in the country**

**56 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the manner in which the sports and youth affairs in the country is being developed by different States; and
- (b) the best practices being undertaken by the various States with the help of the Ministry in this regard and notable achievements thereon?

### **Global Methane Pledge**

**57 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is not a signatory to the Global Methane Pledge, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government is aware that India is the 3rd largest emitter of Methane in the world; and
- (c) Whether Government is planning to implement any programme to harness energy from the large amount of Methane released from its animal husbandry related activities, if so, the details thereof?

### Promotion of eco-tourism in the Country

58 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal/sanctioned projects to promote eco-tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the status of projects and the steps taken by Government in various States/UTs to promote eco-tourism including Karnataka;
- (c) the Central Financial Assistance released to various States/UTs during the last three years along with the details of funds spent in this regard, State/UT and year-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has received proposals from various State Governments for development and promotion of eco-tourism and if so, the details thereof and the status of such proposals?

### Development of tourism infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh

59 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed any schemes and financial assistance to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of projects being selected and considered for development;
- (d) the details of the financial assistance sanctioned/being sanctioned for each project; and
- (e) the details of the projects identified particularly in the district of Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh?

### Protection of Indian languages

60 **Dr. K. Keshava Rao:**

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

- (a) whether Government has created a database of Indian languages that are on the verge of extinction, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has taken any measures for protection of such endangered languages, if so, the details, thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total amount of funding directed towards the protection of endangered Indian languages, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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