

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, July 25, 2018/Shravana 3, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 15

Children forcibly recruited into anti-social armed groups

*76. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the United Nations' recent report that children in certain States are being forcibly recruited into anti-social armed groups and are being used to create civil unrest in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any strategy with Government to contain such abuse of children?

National Policy on Bio-fuels

*77. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved a National Policy on Bio-fuels for using foodgrains to produce ethanol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to evaluate chain of foodgrains in the country *vis-a-vis* benefits likely to be accrued in terms of saving foreign exchange, production of crude oil, cutting carbon dioxide emission in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Job opportunities for women

*78. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether job opportunities for women, particularly for girls are enough to protect them from exploitation;

(b) if not, the details of specific steps taken by Government to increase job opportunities for women in the country; and

(c) the details of measures taken to create job opportunities in the most backward districts of the country?

Criminals in jails involved in criminal activities

†*79. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that criminals lodged in various jails in the country have been found involved in criminal activities;

(b) the details of incidents of scuffle, violent clashes and murders occurred in the jails of the country, including Uttar Pradesh during last three years;

(c) the capacity of all the jails in the country and the number of prisoners lodged in these jails at present; and

(d) whether due to the over crowding, undertrials and convicts are being lodged in the same barracks?

Maintenance of data on employment in the unorganised sector

*80. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any accurate mechanism to maintain data on employment generation under the unorganised sector;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and why a beginning should not be made at least now; and

(c) whether Government has any concrete plan to bring workmen of the unorganised sector under Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees' State Insurance (ESI) by initiating some suitable measures?

Restriction on check-in baggage

*81. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private airline has restricted the number of pieces of check-in baggage to one weighing 15 kilograms or less for economy class passengers;

(b) whether Government would intervene and direct the airline to revert to the earlier system of restricting the check-in baggage to 15 kilograms irrespective of the number of pieces for the benefit of the economy class passengers; and

(c) what is the current status of Government's directions in this regard?

Illegal migrants from Bangladesh

*82. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has agreed to take back a number of infiltrators who are in various detention camps of North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the number of deported illegal foreign migrants in such camps;

(c) the details of proposal from Bangladesh to take back illegal migrants; and

(d) the timeline by which the migrants would return to Bangladesh?

Wages of contractual employees

*83. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

lakhs of contractual employees working in Government Departments and agencies who are getting lesser wages than permanent employees;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Supreme Court in its judgement, in the year 2016, has ordered that temporary workers are entitled to get wages at par with permanent employees;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether the Ministry of Law and Justice has advised the various Ministries and Departments to abide by the SC judgement?

Death penalty for drug smugglers and peddlers

*84. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government recently recommended to the Ministry of Home Affairs to award death penalty for drug smugglers and peddlers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto;

(c) how many persons were arrested and how many were convicted in the country, State-wise, in the last two years, with special reference to Punjab; and

(d) whether any review of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act would be made to make it more stringent and to plug all loopholes to fight the drug menace in the country?

Employment opportunities for unemployed persons

*85. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR

AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of unemployed persons including educated, uneducated, rural and urban youth registered with Employment Exchanges in the country including Kerala during each of last three years, State-wise;

(b) details of schemes chalked out/proposed for creating additional employment opportunities along with target set/achieved during last three years;

(c) whether educated and skilled youths are reportedly underemployed, if so, the reasons therefor along with corrective steps taken thereon; and

(d) other measures taken/being taken by Government to create more employment opportunities in various sectors and provide employment to all registered unemployed youth in the country?

Deaths in police encounters

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

(a) whether DGPs of all States are submitting six-monthly statements to NHRC providing details of deaths in police encounters as per guidelines laid down in PUCL vs. State of Maharashtra (2014) 10 SCC 635;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise data for last three years regarding number of police encounters, deaths caused and people injured in such encounters; the number of people arrested; and number of cases in which investigation started, completed, charge sheet filed, trial instituted against police officers, acquittals or convictions achieved; and

(c) the details of cases in which investigation was transferred to CBI/CID?

Higher air fares inspite of increasing air travellers

*87. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of air travellers has increased in recent years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that air fares have also shown increasing trend in recent years; and

(c) if so, the reasons for increased number of passengers not resulting in decrease in air fares?

Facilities for international air cargo operations at Visakhapatnam

*88. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when international air cargo operations began at Visakhapatnam International Airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that facilities at the cargo terminal at par with international standards are yet to be provided;

(c) whether there are proper infrastructure facilities to handle bulk cargo;

(d) the time to be taken to upgrade/streamline cargo handling and other infrastructure facilities at Vizag Airport; and

(e) what plans the Ministry has to connect cargo services to other destinations, apart from Dubai, Singapore, Colombo, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok?

Increase in rape cases in the country

*89. SHRI ANIL DESAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the increased number of rape cases in the country after the Nirbhaya case of Delhi;

(b) what are the initiatives taken by Government to decrease the rape cases and its effect visualised on the ground; and

(c) the cases registered from January, 2016, till date and the rate of conviction thereof?

Impact of Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017

*90. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media report;

(c) if so, how Government is planning to stop the same and whether some official study has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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