

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, July 18, 2018/Ashadha 27, 1940 (Saka)*

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**(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**

#### **Decline in employment growth rate**

†\*1. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decline is being recorded in the employment growth rate in the country due to which workers of unorganised sectors along with educated people are getting lesser employment opportunities;

(b) the details of different sectors in which employment opportunities have increased during last five years and the sectors in which employment opportunities have decreased during the same period; and

(c) whether it is a fact that substantial increase has been recorded in the number of unemployed people since November, 2016?

#### **Selling of seats by airline companies**

†\*2. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether aviation companies are selling each seat at the time of boarding after booking journey tickets;

(b) whether middle seats which are considered as uncomfortable are allotted to passengers without charging extra amount whereas the comfortable seats are kept vacant during journey, if there are no passengers for them; and

(c) if bidding is carried out for each seat and ticket holders are not able to buy it, in such condition, the manner in which passengers would be allowed boarding inspite of having tickets and whether they will have to wait in the boarding queue till the last bidding is completed?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Crimes against SCs/STs**

\*3. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether crimes against persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have increased during the last four years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of cases of crimes that were reported and registered against persons who committed such crimes; and
- (d) whether legal protection is provided to victims and families of these communities?

### **Hurdles faced by WTO**

\*4. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the trade Ministers from various countries feel that World Trade Organisation is facing significant hurdles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that fundamental reflections are required at the political level on major issues of divergence;
- (d) whether the Ministers expressed their willingness to pursue their active engagements towards preserving and further developing the multilateral trading system; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Skill development in textile sector**

\*5. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering policy reforms to undertake skilling and

re-skilling of textile workers for more employment generation in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of programmes currently being implemented by Government for skill Development in various sectors of textile industry; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated to various educational institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), etc. for the skill development programmes in Maharashtra State during the last two years?

### **Introduction of ethanol blended petrol as fuel**

\*6. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRA-PATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to introduce ethanol blended petrol in the country soon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what shall be the advantages of ethanol blended petrol in the country; and
- (d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for introduction of the blended fuel in the country?

### **Privatisation of 'Air India'**

\*7. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the privatisation plan of the National Carrier 'Air India' has found no takers till the last date of the bid/FDI;
- (b) what would be the plan of action of the Government after the failure of the efforts of FDI; and
- (c) what decision has the Government taken about the employees of Air India?

**Districts affected by Left Wing  
Extremism**

\*8. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reduction in the number of deaths caused by naxal activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with State-wise data thereof;

(c) whether Government has included new districts in the list of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether certain districts have been removed from the list of LWE affected districts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Bringing of petrol and diesel under  
ambit of GST**

\*9. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the rise in prices of petrol and diesel in the country, Government proposes to bring it within the ambit of GST;

(b) whether Government has initiated any action to that effect in consultation with various stake holders, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has initiated in the meantime to control the prices of petrol and diesel?

**Pilgrims registered for  
Amarnath Yatra**

\*10. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims who have been registered for Amarnath Yatra this year;

(b) whether Government is aware that the route covered under the Amarnath Yatra is in difficult terrain and is accident prone;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of accidents reported along with the number of persons died/injured in those accidents during the last three years and the details of compensation paid to the victims; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government for the safety and security of the pilgrims visiting the holy shrine of Amarnath?

**India unsafe country for women**

\*11. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent survey, India is the most dangerous and unsafe country for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the same; and

(d) the details of cases of rapes, murders and molestation of women registered during the last year and current year, till date, State-wise?

**Setting up of Handloom Clusters under NHDP in Andhra Pradesh**

\*12. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up block level Handloom Clusters under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is concentrating/focusing on promoting products which are specific to particular geographical area of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of police personnel in the country**

\*13. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has ever been made about the shortage of police personnel in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that the country is short of 5 lakh police personnel;

(c) if so, the details of such shortage, State-wise;

(d) whether as per Bureau of Police Research and Development, there are three policemen for each VIP and one policeman for every 663 citizens;

(e) whether it is a fact that more than

threat perception, having a police officer around for security has become a status symbol for many; and

(f) if so, how Government is planning to address this issue?

**Problems faced by fishermen due to laying of pipeline by oil PSUs**

\*14. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fishermen have been facing umpteen problems as they are unable to catch fish since fish are going back to sea and not coming to shore/nearby shore due to laying of pipeline under sea/dredging of sea in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh by ONGC, GAIL, OIL and other PSUs;

(b) whether Government is aware that due to pipelines, mechanized boats are severely damaging;

(c) whether this issue has been brought to notice of companies by fishermen time and again and requested for paying compensation on monthly basis; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government?

**Identification of routes under Regional Connectivity Scheme**

\*15. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified new regional connectivity spots in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), how many routes will connect these States and from which States;

(c) the details of Government proposal to develop airbase in the new spots; and

(d) under RCS, the details of the proposal of civil aviation connectivity with the States having no airports therein?

NEW DELHI;  
The 12th July, 2018  
Ashadha 21, 1940 (*Saka*)

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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**(Ministry-wise)**

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