

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 11, 2021/ 22 Magha, 1942 (Saka)

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Education; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions -- 15

Inclusion of additional Minor Forest Produces under MSP

106 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government had included 23 additional Minor Forest Produce commodities for Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the COVID-19 lockdown period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether consultation with the concerned departments of State Governments were held;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the financial allocation for the above programme and utilisation in past one year?

Assessment of progress made under Poshan Abhiyaan

107 **Dr. Ameer Jaynik:**

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

- (a) whether an assessment of progress made towards achieving targets by 2022 set out under the Poshan Abhiyaan has been carried out;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the progress made under each indicator; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mechanism to deal with cases of corruption against Judges

108 **Shri K.T.S. Tulsi:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to put in place an effective and transparent mechanism to deal with cases of corruption against the Judges of the constitutional courts in the country including the Supreme Court; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Collision of Indian fishing boat with Sri Lankan naval craft

109 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the number of fishermen who died in Sri Lankan waters recently due to collision between their vessel and Sri Lankan naval craft;
- (b) the response of the Indian Government, including any strong protest, condemnation lodged with the Sri Lankan authorities;
- (c) whether any compensation or damage has been sought from Sri Lanka due to their deliberate act, resulting in death of fishermen;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken to ensure that such incidents does not happen in future, including arrest and harassment of Indian fishermen by Sri Lanka, the details thereof?

e-Waste Management

110 Shri Dinesh Trivedi:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a majority of India's e-waste is recycled in the informal sector;
- (b) the steps undertaken by Government to ensure the safety of e-waste workers;
- (c) the steps undertaken by Government to develop solutions for e-waste management; and
- (d) whether Government has invested in developing product design that is not hazardous?

Eligibility in reserved constituencies

111 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Scheduled Caste voters who have converted to Christianity or Islam religion are eligible to contest from reserved assembly and Parliamentary constituencies, if not, legal basis for this position;
- (b) the provisions in the election laws or rules which ensure that converted Scheduled Caste voters do not contest from SC reserved seats;
- (c) whether Government is considering amending Representation of People's Act and election rules expressly stating that Dalits converting to Christianity or Islam are ineligible to contest from SC reserved constituencies; and
- (d) if so, details of likely amendments to RP Act or election rules and if not, the reasons therefor?

Memorandum of Understanding with Japan

112 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Japan by India;
- (b) the specific ways in which the MoU will contribute towards the extension of broadband and internet connectivity in remote areas;
- (c) the specific ways in which the MoU will bolster Government's Smart Cities project; and
- (d) the details of funding-related aspects, if any, under the MoU with Japan?

Report on media manipulation survey

113 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report about media manipulation survey from University of Oxford Institute stating that social media manipulation of public opinion is a growing threat to democracies, including that of India;
- (b) the steps that are being taken to ensure that people are able to rely on trustworthy information about Government policies and activities; and
- (c) the steps being taken to save people from becoming target of disinformation and misinformation campaigns launched by some of the neighbouring countries?

Funds for various schemes in Andhra Pradesh

114 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/granted under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of funds released under such schemes to the State during the last three years;
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released/ due to the State; and
- (d) the fixed time-frame by which these funds would be released to the State?

Rise in crimes against women

115 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that over the last few years, crimes against women have been consistently rising in the country including Uttar Pradesh, including the horrific Hathras case;
- (b) if so, the reasons for huge rise in crimes against women in the country including UP;
- (c) whether the Central Government has sought an explanation as to why the State administration has failed to create a safe environment for women;
- (d) whether any specific measure has been taken to address the issue of women safety across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Release of Civil Services Examination, 2019 result

116 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the result of the Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission is released only once in a year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the result of Civil Services Examination, 2019, was released twice; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Closure of schools due to COVID-19 pandemic

117 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the schools in the country were closed due to COVID-19 pandemic and studies of the students were affected for 10 months; and
 (b) if so, whether Government is considering to compensate for the loss of study hours of the students?

Launching of new Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS)

118 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has approved the launching of a new Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) to establish four to six brownfield projects and three to five greenfield projects addressing the environmental issues faced by textile processing units;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the details of the facilities and incentives being offered to the projects under this scheme?

Hostels for tribal students in Andhra Pradesh

119 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 59 hostels for tribal students were sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh during 2002-03 to 2015-16;
 (b) if so, whether all the hostels have been completed and provided with all the infrastructure and other facilities;
 (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
 (d) the reasons for allocation to hostel projects coming down from ₹2178 lakhs in 2016-17 to ₹900 lakhs in 2018-19 and the status of sanctions in 2019-20 and 2020-21?

Reservation for tribals of Jharkhand in Delhi

120 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the tribals of Jharkhand are not in the list of STs in Delhi and are not getting the benefit of reservation;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the remedial steps taken/ being taken by Government in this regard?

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Desh Deepak Verma,
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