

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 17, 2021/ 26 Phalgun, 1942 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel)**

Total number of questions -- 15

Schemes for upliftment of Scheduled Caste

226 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any new policy/scheme for the economic upliftment of Scheduled Caste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by when the said policy/scheme is likely to be implemented?

Crimes against underprivileged

227 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether crimes of rape against girls of the underprivileged classes of the society and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe women are increasing recently in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, for the last two years;
- (c) whether Government has done any study/enquiry on this growing menace of cruelty where the culprits often escape the arms of the law; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Arrests made under Section 124A of IPC

228 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

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

- (a) the details of arrests made under section 124 'A' of Indian Penal Code during last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of persons acquitted and punished with respect to the arrests made in last five years;
- (c) whether it is a fact that about 90 per cent of the accused arrested under this section get acquitted from courts;
- (d) the date when Indian Penal Code was enacted along with the timeline of its amendments; and
- (e) whether Government propose to amend this section of IPC, in view of the figures of arrests and acquittals made under the section?

Oil and gas infrastructure

229 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working to reduce import dependence and proposes to increase the share of renewable sources in the energy basket to 40 per cent by year 2030 and to work towards clean and green sources of energy and reduce energy dependence and increasing focus on clean and green energy sources and ethanol, and planning to spend around ₹7.5 trillion in creating oil and gas infrastructure over five years; and
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, as on date?

Poshan Abhiyan for elderly

230 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning a Poshan Abhiyan for Elderly which will provide cooked meals to elderly and if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of elderly persons who are likely to be covered;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to implement this Abhiyan in a time bound manner for the welfare of elderly persons whose population is growing fast; and
- (c) whether Government has decided to set up an employment exchange for senior citizens and if so, the details thereof and the time by when the said exchange will start functioning?

Welfare of Transgenders

231 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to reduce or minimize the social stigmas about Transgender and Sexuality;
- (b) whether there is any plan to give ID Cards to transgenders as is done in Bhopal district and whether Government is planning to have some schemes for welfare of transgenders;
- (c) the impact of the above mentioned scheme, (ID Cards to Transgenders); and
- (d) how the Ministry is planning to support the Transgenders to earn respect and their livelihood?

Incentives for use of biofuels

232 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps or has any plans to grant incentive for use of biofuels across various industries, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has a National Biofuel Policy, the details thereof;
- (c) the prominent features of the policy;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to revise the policy considering the increased levels of pollution-related problems in major cities, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has any plans of focused implementation of the policy in the most polluted cities or geographical areas in the country, the details thereof?

Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme

233 # Shri Kailash Soni:

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

- (a) whether the age limit of widows would be reduced from 40 to 18 years under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether abandoned and unmarried females of over 50 years would be included in Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme, if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Central Vista Project model

234 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing building to be remodelled and demolished under Central Vista Project in Delhi;
- (b) the number of steps taken to complete Central Vista as per planned completion dates;
- (c) whether Government will construct Central Vista Project model in other metro cities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Concern over 'Cyber Crime Volunteers Concept'

235 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that cyber crime experts have expressed deep concerns over the Ministry's 'Cyber Crime Volunteers Concept' and a similar earlier initiative called the 'Social Media Communication Hub' has been taken down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that under this scheme, no prior verification will be carried out for volunteers who want to sign up under the Cyber Volunteer Unlawful Content Flagger category; and
- (d) if so, measures taken by Government to ensure that this does not leave too much discretion in the hands of a volunteer?

AMRUT in Tamil Nadu

236 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) in the country with special reference to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of cities selected under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu along with cities taken up and implemented under this scheme, till date; and
- (c) the funds allocated and spent under this scheme during the last three years and the current year, city-wise?

Steps to eradicate Naxalism

237 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the details of arrangement made by Government at State level in order to prevent Naxal

activities during the last three years;

(b) the number of Naxal affected districts and States before 2014; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government at present to prevent or eradicate Naxalism in all the Naxal affected districts and States?

Air services from Samastipur under UDAN scheme

238 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would conduct any feasibility study with regard to include Samastipur of Bihar under 'UDAN' scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that aviation related infrastructure is already available in Samastipur and aircrafts used to land there after taking off from state owned hangers; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to start air services, by including Samastipur under 'UDAN' scheme?

Measures taken to control price of LPG

239 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which Government had hiked the price of the LPG gas by almost ₹200 during the last three months when there is an economic crisis due to the pandemic COVID-19 all over India;

(b) whether any measures have been taken by Government to control or reduce the hiked LPG Price; and

(c) if so, the measures undertaken and by when will they be executed?

Reforms in Civil Aviation Sector

240 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to invite private investment into India's civil aviation infrastructure including Uttar Pradesh, in order to bring reforms in Civil Aviation Sector;

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made so that the private sector, including foreign investors, participate in the operation, management and development of Indian airports through various public-private partnership (PPP) models, with substantial state support in terms of financing, concessionary land allotments, tax, and other incentives which will help to produce world-class airports in various cities in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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