

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 6, 2021/ 15 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Coal; Defence; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti;
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs;
Petroleum and Natural Gas; Planning; Statistics and Programme Implementation;
Steel)

Total number of questions -- 15

Iron ore mining at Surjagad forest area

76 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) whether iron ore mining at Surjagad forest area of Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra was implemented considering the social, environmental, economic and cultural impact assessment in that region;
- (b) whether the mining project report was placed for public notice as per Maharashtra Gram Panchayat Act, 1959 and other various local Acts;
- (c) whether any objection was faced from the locals or Grama Sabha or any local tribal communities;
- (d) whether the lease agreement is in violation of Mines and Minerals Act, 1957 or Forest Conservation Act, 1986; and
- (e) whether any objection or sit-in agitation by the Madiya tribal people and Gram Sabhas is being made?

LPG connections under PMUY in Meerut district

77 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

- (a) the number of households who were provided LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) so far;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to expedite the scheme in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) by when Government is likely to provide LPG connections to all rural households in Meerut district?

Depletion of groundwater

78 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the groundwater level is predicted to reduce by fifty

percent by 2030;

(b) if so, the various measures adopted to prevent this depletion;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any studies to formulate an Urban Drought Policy, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has adopted any measures to reduce the dependence of agriculture and household use on ground water, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the percentage of coverage achieved by Jal Jeevan Mission in different States;

and (f) the different measures adopted to fast-track the implementation of the program to achieve its target by 2024?

Setting up of petrochemical complex at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

79 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the petrochemical complex to be jointly set up by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh has been pending for seven years due to lack of Viability Gap Funding (VGF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has explored other options through which the project can be made viable without any VGF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of new helipads

80 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to construct new helipads in some important places in different States/UTs in the country;

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

(c) whether any existing helipads have been upgraded and renovated during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Provisioning of drinking water under JJM

81 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses in which drinking water connections have been provided under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in various States including Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of drinking water connections to be covered during the next two years under the said Mission; and

(c) the details of funds allocated under the said Mission, including Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

PM Ujjwala 2.0

82 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

(a) the details of the second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana or PM Ujjwala 2.0 launched by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the PM Ujjwala 2.0, migrant workers can obtain domestic

LPG gas connection without submitting any residential proof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to propagate this benefit to migrant workers as many of them are not aware of the scheme?

Conducting survey under FPAP

83 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct any survey under the Flood Prone Area Programme (FPAP) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the districts identified as flood prone in the country including Karnataka, State/UT wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for development of such areas in north Karnataka region?

Problems of urban flooding

84 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

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

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to mitigate the problems of urban flooding; and

(b) the manner in which information and communication technology is being used for urban planning and the details thereof?

Setting up of greenfield airports

85 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

(a) the number of greenfield airports which have been setup by Government in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has given any priority to such States where this type of projects are essentially required; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy on usage of coal dust

86 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

(a) whether Government can give guidelines to make any policy regarding the usage of coal dust; and

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

Maintenance tender for M.P. flats

87 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

(a) whether the tender is invited only for period of three months for casual workers responsible for electrical maintenance and lift operations in newly constructed M. P. flats namely Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati whereas tender for civil works is invited for a period of three years;

- (b) if so, whether it is not jeopardizing the security as in such a short period the entire maintenance setup is being changed;
- (c) whether the remuneration given to them is according to standards determined by Government; and
- (d) whether Government would arrange for the payment of their remuneration according to their work by redressing these discrepancies?

Smart City Mission

88 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether Government has addressed issues of climate change, disaster preparedness, mitigation and adaptation in the Smart City Mission;
- (b) if so, the details of the Smart City Mission proposals that addresses these issues; and
- (c) the details of Smart City Mission projects in the selected smart cities that are aimed at issues of climate change, disaster preparedness, mitigation and adaptation, as on date?

Dismantling of SAIL's Raw Material Division (RMD) in Kolkata

89 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether the Raw Material Division (RMD) of SAIL, headquartered in Kolkata is being dismantled;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the Durgapur and Burnpur Integrated Steel Plants would be crippled due to dismantling of RMD of SAIL; and
- (d) the details of total number of contractual and permanent employees working in the Integrated Steel Plants of Durgapur and Burnpur?

Shia schools and colleges

90 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) the total number of educational institutions characterised as minority institutions and run by the management belonging to the Muslim community;
- (b) the total number of institutions among them run by Shia sect of the Muslim community;
- (c) the number of such institutions run by Ahmadia sect;
- (d) the number of such institutions run by hierarchically lower sections of Muslim community; and
- (e) the ratio of Shia and Sunni students as well as Shia and Sunni teachers in these institutions?

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