

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, December 9, 2021/ 18 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Space; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions -- 15

Development work in centres of pilgrimage in Chhattisgarh

121 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) the details of development work being done regarding the centres of pilgrimage like temples and ancient monuments in the State of Chattisgarh;
- (b) whether any steps are being taken for beautification of these places; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds allocated along with the funds spent out of that for the development of these temples and centres of pilgrimage during the last three years and the current year?

Implementation of National Child Labour Project

122 Shri Ramkumar Verma:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts in which the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) is being implemented, State-wise, especially in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) the extent to which the implementation of NCLP has been successful during the last five years; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to provide education to the children of the families engaged in various industries near the place of their residences?

Reforms in labour laws

123 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of employees in the organized sector and unorganized sector;
- (b) whether the Prime Minister has said that high level of unorganized employment is due to rigid labour laws;
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to reform labour laws including the Contract Labour Act;

- (d) the current labour and contract workers and their growth during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken to prevent exploitation of contract workers by the employers?

Creation of National Judicial Infrastructure Authority

124 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note that courts in the country are not having proper facilities like washrooms, waiting rooms and own buildings which has an adverse impact on dispensation of qualitative justice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from the Chief Justice of India urging to modernise and strengthen the judicial infrastructure by creating a separate National Judicial Infrastructure Authority to take care of these matters from time to time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of Government to this proposal?

Gaganyaan Mission

125 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government is running various types of programmes through Gaganyaan Mission; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of infrastructure projects on environment

126 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the environmental impact in respect of infrastructure projects like highways, hydro projects, etc. in view of the recent Tapovan disaster;
- (b) whether large scale dynamite blasting of mountains makes the fragile Himalayan mountains vulnerable to landslides and loss of vegetation;
- (c) the details of environmental safeguards to keep flora and fauna intact and whether these guidelines are followed to minimise the loss of biodiversity network; and
- (d) whether Government propose to use best global practices to minimize the environmental loss while implementing the infrastructure projects?

National Task Force for improving air quality

127 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about millions of people in the country die annually due to air pollution, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Green Tribunal has formed National Task Force (NTF) to monitor remedial steps to improve air quality and if so, the details thereof and the measures suggested by the NTF for the same; and
- (d) the names of the cities where air quality does not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, State-wise?

Promotion of art, culture and heritage of various tribal communities

128 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

the steps that have been taken by Government to preserve and promote the art, culture and heritage of various tribal communities across the country?

Regulation of news on private channels and social media

129 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

(a) whether news bulletins are being telecasted, apart from Doordarshan, by private TV channels, YouTube channel, Facebook, Instagram, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to regulate these news channels; and

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

Employment generation

130 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employment generation during the year 2021 till date, State and sector-wise;

(b) the details of employment generation in rural areas during the year 2021 till date, State and sector-wise;

(c) whether Government has identified some sectors in rural areas for increasing rural employment generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Registration of workers on e-Shram portal

131 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of gig, platform and other unorganised workers registered on the e-Shram portal;

(b) whether Government has announced any special schemes to encourage such workers to register themselves on the portal;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to allow driver-based apps to use driving license as a sufficient document to register on the portal;

(e) whether there is any grievance redressal mechanism, such as a toll-free number to ease the process of registration; and

(f) whether Government is setting up physical e-Shram registration centres, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for gig workers in the country

132 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of gig workers in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated and finalized a scheme for gig workers;

(c) if so, the details of social security benefits the gig workers would get under the scheme;

- (d) the contention of online platform companies with regard to the definition of 'turnover' to be used for computing their social security contributions to a fund proposed for gig workers;
- (e) whether the issue has been resolved; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Diversion of forest land for development purposes

133 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) number and details of proposals that have been approved for the diversion of forest land during last three years, State-wise;
- (b) number and details of current or pending proposals before Government for diversion or use of forest land for non-forestry purpose, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken any action for the recovery of illegal possession of forest land during the last three years;
- (d) if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has taken any steps for the clearance of encroachment and unauthorized structures on forest land; and
- (f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Steps to improve conviction rate

134 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether the CBI has drawn any strategy to improve the conviction rate;
- (b) the conviction rate in 2020 and 2021;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken for a comprehensive review of the system; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Candidates selected for lateral entry

135 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) the total number of candidates selected for lateral entry to administrative services till now, the details thereof;
- (b) of all the candidates selected, the members who were from SC, ST and OBC communities, the details thereof; and
- (c) the caste-wise details of the candidates selected?

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