# Rajya Sabha

#### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, December 13, 2021/ 22 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)

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# Allocation of funds for supply of drinking water

# 151 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated to supply drinking water in backward areas of the country during the last three years, State-wise:
- (b) whether some schemes related to drinking water are under consideration/pending for some States, particularly for Rajasthan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

# Roadmap of JJM in Jharkhand

# 152 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status and roadmap of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM); and
- (b) the steps which have been taken for the State of Jharkhand under the JJM scheme?

#### Loans disbursed to MSME

## 153 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of *Micro*, *Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of assistance provided to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector during the pandemic;
- (b) the number of units which have benefited from this:
- (c) whether there is any plan to provide them further assistance; and
- (e) the total loans disbursed to MSME sector during the pandemic?

# Online building permission system

#### 154 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to ensure that the online building permission system

is implemented across all cities at the earliest:

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps being taken to facilitate ease of doing business in the real estate sector?

# International status to airports in Madhya Pradesh

# 155 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports run by Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh:
- (b) out of these, the number of airports proposed to be upgraded to international standards and the action taken in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the airports which have been upgraded and developed as per international standards?

# Safety audit of old functional dams

## 156 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functioning dams in the country at present which were built during pre-Independence period, along with the names thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the amount spent on the Second Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP-2) till date, State-wise, and the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of safety audits which have been conducted of these dams during the last three years and the details thereof?

# Coal mining in Goa

## 157 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has records of the coal mining that took place in the State of Goa between 2007 and 2021:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the area that was mined between 2007 and 2021; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

# Women engaged in MSMEs

## 158 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of *Micro*, *Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women who own Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, State/UT-wise, including Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of women employed in MSMEs in the country, State/UT-wise, including Maharashtra:
- (c) whether Government has launched any scheme for women engaged in MSMEs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, rural and urban area-wise?

# Status of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Belagavi, Karnataka

#### 159 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Karnataka, particularly Belagavi;
- (b) the number of houses constructed in Karnataka, particularly Belagavi under this Yojana;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to extend the timeline given for this Yojana;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the targets fixed for the State under the Yojana, particularly for Belagavi and other districts along with achievements made thereunder so far?

# Amendment of gazette notification of KRMB

# 160 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to amend the gazette notification of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to include Veligonda project in the list of approved projects;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps in this regard; and
- (c) the estimated time to be taken for inclusion of Veligonda project in the list of approved projects?

## Increase in FDI limit in defence sector

# 161 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether there is any planning of Government for further increase in the FDI limit in the defence industry sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of FDI inflow recorded in this sector following the increasing of the FDI limit; and
- (c) whether Government has proposed any plan to intensify domestic production in the field of defence industry?

# Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on mining sector

# 162 # Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:

Will the Minister of Mines be pleased to state:

- (a) the impact on mining industry and its production capacity during COVID-19 Pandemic period;
- (b) the extent of economic and commercial losses incurred on the export of residual products of the processing of products received from the mining industry during this period; and
- (c) the number of persons engaged in this sector during this period who lost their jobs and the number of companies who have dismissed employees during this period and the number of employees who were dismissed and the details thereof?

# Jurisdiction over dam safety

# 163 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale for departing from the procedure of State Governments having jurisdiction

over dam safety, water being a State subject:

- (b) the rationale for all 21 members of the Dam Safety Committee, including the State appointees, being chosen by the Central Government;
- (c) the details of the procedure being followed regarding the compensation for people affected by dam activities; and
- (d) whether there is any independent regulating body deciding on compensation?

# Reduction in prices of petrol and diesel

## 164 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the prices of petrol and diesel in various States after reduction of excise duty by Government, State-wise;
- (b) the States which have reduced the State's VAT on petrol and diesel to reduce the price of petrol for the common people;
- (c) the reasons for not further reducing the price in many States; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to bring petrol and diesel under the GST regime in the interest of the common people, in consultation with the States, if so, the details thereof?

#### Petrol bonds issued under UPA Government

## 165 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:

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

- (a) the total amount of petrol bonds issued by the UPA Government;
- (b) the total amount of interest accrued over the petrol bonds till 2021;
- (c) the total number of bonds and amount which matured between 2014 to 2020;
- (d) the total amount of interest on petrol bonds that has been paid by Government in the year 2021;
- (e) the total amount of interest on petrol bonds that has been paid by Government from the year 2014 to 2021; and
- (f) the total amount received by Government in the form of Central excise duty on petroleum products between 2014 to 2021?

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P. C. Mody, Secretary-General.

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