

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 15, 2021/ 24 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Cooperation; Education; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions -- 15

Payment of MGNREGA dues to Andhra Pradesh

181 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly ₹5,000 crores of second tranche of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) dues are pending with the Ministry to Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent request for early release of above dues so as to enable it to pay to workers; and
- (c) if so, what steps Ministry has taken to release the amount?

Development of roads in Himachal Pradesh

182 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has increased the Central Road Fund (CRF) for development of roads in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate a special programme for tourism development around National Highways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the schemes Government presently have for the maintenance and safety of the roads in other hilly States of the country, including Himachal Pradesh?

Status of National Highways across the country

183 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) a comparative chart of National Highways across the country in 2014 and that in 2021;
- (b) the steps taken to improve the quality of roads;
- (c) the number of projects of National Highways which were completed during the last seven years which were pending or incomplete for many years; and
- (d) the critical road link projects that have been undertaken during the last seven years?

Construction of ring road around Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh

184 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to construct 189 km long ring road around Amaravati, the proposed capital for the new State of Andhra Pradesh before the announcement of three capital cities by the incumbent Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has pursued the matter of construction of ring road around Amaravati in spite of the uncertainty prevailing in declaration of that city as a new capital for the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Challenges faced in education system

185 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether there is tremendous pressure on the education system to provide quality education at affordable price and improve the literacy rate and fill the infrastructure gaps faced by the country in view of the population growth rate of 1.5 per cent; and
- (b) whether the main challenges faced in the progress of education and its system in the country are lack of capital, mass illiteracy, brain drain, wastage of resources, outdated syllabus, etc; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Ministry towards betterment of education system in the country?

Decline in enrolment of students during COVID pandemic

186 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) whether ASER 2021 suggests an 8 per cent decline in private school enrollment in comparison to Government schools as COVID pandemic saw movement of children from private to Government schools across the country;
- (b) the Ministry's estimate of extent of change in enrolment in private and Government schools during this period;
- (c) whether any additional funds have been allocated to States for enhancing infrastructure and filling vacancies of teachers and officials, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any requests have been received from States asking for increased funding to meet rising enrolment in Government schools, if so, details thereof?

Reform in rural India through DAY-NRLM

187 # Shri Ram Shakal:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government aims to bring about reforms in rural India through Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of bridge at Ganga Sagar and widening of NH-35

188 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering the proposal of the West Bengal Government to construct a bridge at Muri Ganga for smooth journey to Ganga Sagar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is considering widening of National Highway No. 35 which leads to India-Bangladesh border at Petrapole;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Teaching staff at higher educational institutions

189 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:

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

- (a) the total vacancies for positions of full-time teaching roles in Central Universities, IIMs and IITs in the country; and
- (b) the total number of professors, assistant professors and associate professors belonging to ST, SC and OBC communities who are appointed as full-time faculty in Central Universities, IIMs and IITs?

Poor representation of reserved quota candidates in higher educational institutions

190 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether there is criticism of poor representation of reserved quota candidates in IITs and other higher educational institutions;
- (b) if so, whether any survey was done to find out the data and if so, the vacant positions, institution-wise;
- (c) whether Government gave directive to higher educational institutions like IITs to start advertising quota based posts for recruitment in senior positions;
- (d) if so, the response thereof; and
- (e) by when all the vacant posts in the reserved quota would be filled by these institutions?

New Central Universities in Punjab

191 Shri Shwait Malik:

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to open new Central Universities in Punjab in view of the area and geographical conditions of the State;
- (b) if so, the number of Universities and the names of places and the time by when these Universities are likely to be established;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has worked out any action plan to open new Central Universities in Punjab; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of PMAY-G in West Bengal

192 **Smt. Mausam Noor:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Grameen (PMAY-G) in West Bengal;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said scheme has been running behind its target, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any initiatives are being taken to address the said reasons; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that all the stakeholders get houses in time?

Sedition cases

193 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) how many people have got arrested under sedition charges during last three years;
- (b) in how many cases the accused got punished;
- (c) in how many cases the court has revoked the sedition charges during last three years;
- (d) in how many cases the accused have been in jail for a period of more than one year, the details thereof based on period they have been in jail; and
- (e) how many people, arrested under sedition charges, are currently in jail or custody and details of the punished and the cases under investigation, based on what period they have been in?

KVs and JNVs in Andhra Pradesh

194 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the list of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) functioning in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the provision of establishing 'One JNV per district' is unfavorable to States with fewer districts but high population, like Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether Andhra Pradesh would become eligible for establishment of more JNVs if number of districts is increased to 25 as proposed;
- (d) the proposals which have been received for establishment of new KVs in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the approval status of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Rompicherla mandal in Narasaraopet in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh?

Human trafficking through technology

195 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of human trafficking cases, especially trafficking of women and children registered in the country in 2019-20;
- (b) the number of victims who were rescued by Government from among the cases registered and the number of victims who were foreign nationals out of the same;
- (c) whether Government concurs with the fact that even though technology has made human life easier, it is also becoming the main source of human trafficking at present; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to curb the human trafficking which is happening through technology?

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