

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 22, 2021/ 1 Pausa, 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

Normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir

256 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) whether Government announced at the time of the enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 downgrading the erstwhile State into two Union Territories and imposing President's rule that it would facilitate normalcy;
- (b) how many Kashmiri Pandit families have applied for and settled in the valley after 9th August, 2019;
- (c) the percentage of rise in industry, business, trade and employment index post 9th August, 2019; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Status of SAGY

257 Dr. Subramanian Swamy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has implemented a scheme known as Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and directed each Member of Parliament to adopt villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of such villages selected for SAGY in the last five years;
- (d) whether it is a fact that MPs have expressed reservation on the low pace of progress on these projects; and
- (e) whether there is any monitoring agencies to monitor developments in these villages?

Funding to research institutes by ICSSR

258 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

- (a) the Indian Council of Social Science Research's (ICSSR) annual budget during the last three years and how much is utilized by it;
- (b) the funding given by ICSSR to its supported institutes, the institute-wise details during last three years;

- (c) when are the institutes likely to be accorded Seventh Pay Commission benefits and how much is the expected annual budgetary burden; and
- (d) whether ICSSR is using its powers of grant and approval of posts, recruitment and clearances to subjugate the autonomy of these institutions?

Objectives and status of PMKVY

259 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and the present status of its implementation;
- (b) the details of the targets set under the said scheme along with the likely beneficiaries, funds allocated and amount spent, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of youth who got employment under the scheme so far along with the State-wise/UT-wise details; and
- (d) the number of centres set up to provide training to people from different sections including workers and people who left study midway in Karnataka under the said scheme?

Steps taken to improve girls' education

260 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to improve girls' access to education and ensuring that girls complete their school education up to Class XII;
- (b) the steps being undertaken to universalize school education by extension of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 up to Class XII; and
- (c) whether there is a timeline and roadmap for achieving 6 per cent of GDP allocation for education?

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

261 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) in the State of Maharashtra and other States for the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of the scheme, State-wise and the steps Government has taken to create awareness regarding the scheme; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Efforts to expedite faculty recruitment in Universities

262 # Shri Hardwar Dubey:

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

- (a) the efforts being made by the Ministry to ensure the expeditious appointment of the faculty in the Universities which are facing shortage of teachers;
- (b) the names of University where there is delay in recruitment of faculties; and
- (c) the policy of the Ministry to bring transparency in the recruitment process as irregularities are noticed in recruitment process of the faculty in Universities?

CISF security to private owned airports

263 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is providing security to the private owned/operated airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government considers to provide CISF security to the other private sector companies especially to the electronics and information technology industry in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Patents by IITs

264 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) the number of patents which have been registered by IITs in the country over the last three years;
- (b) how many of these patents have been converted into products and processes which have benefitted the country;
- (c) the commercial value of these patents which have become commercially viable; and
- (d) whether Government is satisfied with the performance of these institutions?

Arrests and acquittals under UAPA

265 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) the number of people arrested and convicted under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), year-wise, during last three years;
- (b) whether Government plans to amend the existing Act in light of the recent evidence about large number of acquittals and how the law is being misused;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government intends to amend the UAPA law to prevent the harassment of innocent persons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of Anganwadi Centres

266 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has nearly 56,000 Anganwadi Centres;
- (b) if so, the reasons that the Ministry has taken only 600 Anganwadis for upgradation;
- (c) how much time will the Ministry take, at this pace, to upgrade all the Anganwadis Centres in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether Ministry thinks that ₹ 2 lakhs for upgradation of every Anganwadi building is sufficient;
- (e) whether there are any plans to increase the amount; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Maintenance of data on vulnerable prisoners

267 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) whether Government has developed a common Government source/digital platform to provide State-wise information about the current strength of vulnerable prisoners, age-wise, disease/health-wise, pregnancy related etc., if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any data as to how many prisoners vulnerable to COVID-19 are still lodged in jails, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Six lane roads in Kerala

268 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has planned two 6 lane roads in Kerala, including Panvel-Kanyakumari National Highway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the cost of the projects, project-wise;
- (c) the status of the project including the time by when the said construction is likely to be started and completed;
- (d) whether Government proposes to construct new National Highways in Kerala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Uniform norms for quality of roads under PMGSY

269 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the absence of uniform rules in the construction of roads in villages under State schemes and maintenance of the same under Centre's Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is creating problems since quality differs from State to State, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are any plans to have a National Rural Road Policy to ensure uniform norms for construction and maintenance of rural roads, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any funds have been sought from the 15th Finance Commission, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tribal goods as a part of the Vocal for Local Campaign

270 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) the steps undertaken by Government to promote tribal goods as a part of the Vocal for Local campaign to expand their market;
- (b) whether any awareness campaigns have been organized by the Ministry to provide knowledge of tradable tribal goods to the tribal communities of various States so far, in this financial year; and
- (c) whether any financial aid is being provided by Government to the tribal communities of Odisha to encourage production and collection of tribal goods so far, since the COVID-19 outbreak?

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