

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 -- 160

Outstanding dues of domestic airlines to AAI

801 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether some of the domestic airlines have not cleared the dues to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the facilities availed;
- (b) if so, the details of the dues outstanding against each of the domestic airlines; and
- (c) whether any mechanism has been worked out between AAI and the respective airlines to clear the dues and, if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of aviation universities in India

802 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the list of the total registered aviation universities in India;
- (b) whether Government has considered the role of public-private partnership in establishing more universities in cities which do not even have an airport;
- (c) out of the total registered pilots, how many are women; and
- (d) what kind of interventions have been implemented to increase the share of women pilots?

Development of new air strips/airports in Odisha

803 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

the details of development work being undertaken in Odisha for new air strips/ airports?

Measures to encourage growth in the aviation sector

804 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) what were the losses incurred by the aviation sector in the wake of the pandemic, and

the details thereof;

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to revive the sector, and the details thereof;

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to encourage small scale charter flights to operate in tough terrains, and how much funds have been dedicated for this purpose, and the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to encourage seaplane services across the country, including private participation, and the details thereof?

Privatisation of airports

805 Shri K. Somaprasad:

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

(a) the details and number of airports in the country privatized so far;

(b) the number of airports in the country run by Adani Airport Limited at present; and

(c) whether the operation of Trivandrum airport has been initiated fully by Adani Trivandrum International Airport Limited (ATIAL), if so, the details thereof?

Delay in central infrastructure projects

806 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

(a) the list of central infrastructure projects that have reported delays (single and multiple) in its completion in the current financial year;

(b) the amount of financial loss incurred due to these delays;

(c) whether Government has adopted any measures to fast track the projects that have reported delays; and

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

Modernization and expansion of airports in Tamil Nadu

807 Shri P. Wilson:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal for modernization and expansion of airports in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to upgrade the Chennai airport to international standards and establishment of a second airport in Chennai, if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal for Madurai airport as an international airport, if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government in this regard?

Deployment of drones in Minority Areas of Jammu & Kashmir

808 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

(a) the details of the kind of activities the drones will be monitoring in the assigned zones;

(b) the parameters under which minority areas were finalized as the target areas; and

(c) whether Government has formalized regulations to ensure the privacy of the citizens of said areas?

Expansion plan of Bihta and Patna airports

809 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the cost of expansion plan of Patna and Bihta airports;
- (b) the works to be undertaken in said expansion;
- (c) the current status of physical progress and expenditure made so far;
- (d) current capacity of both the airports and the capacity likely to be after expansion;
- (e) the area of land required for the expansion of both the airports and status of availability of land; and
- (f) time frame of the expansion work of Patna and Bihta airports and by when this work would be completed?

Medicines from the sky project

810 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched the medicines from the sky project recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is planning to utilise the drone in different services specially in remote and hilly areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-core assets of Air India

811 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that non-core assets of Air India will also be taken over by Tata Group;
- (b) if so, details of properties of Air India as on 31st October 2021, property-wise estimated cost of each property;
- (c) whether the prestigious Air India Building at Nariman Point Mumbai will also be handed over to new buyer of Air India; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Foreign aviation companies

812 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) the number of foreign aviation companies applied to start their business in the country during last three years;
- (b) the total number of domestic and foreign aviation companies presently engaged in civil and cargo sectors;
- (c) whether all the domestic and foreign aviation companies presently doing their business have appointed their general sales agents, the details thereof; and
- (d) the Ministries from where, the aviation companies are required to get permission to appoint their sales agents, the details thereof?

Technology advancement in ATC

813 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of technological advancement done in the current Air Traffic Management regarding "The Unmanned Aircraft System";
- (b) whether Government has formulated any integration strategy between the Unmanned Aircraft Traffic Management and pre-existing Air Traffic Management as per safety and security concerns; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services

814 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has entered into contract with other service providers to make India a global hub for Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has established any facility to make India a global hub for Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services, if so, the details thereof?

Reason for leasing out of the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport

815 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the reasons for which the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport was leased to a private player after utilizing taxpayer money for its construction and upgradation;
- (b) whether Government intends to recover the money spent on upgradation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has maintained data on the revenue generated by the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport; and
- (e) if so, the details of revenue generated between 2017 and 2021, separately indicating the profits and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Operational Airports across India

816 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) how many airports were operative in India in 2014;
- (b) how many new airports have been made operational in the last five years; and
- (c) how much expansion in airports and flights has taken place in the UDAN scheme?

RT-PCR Tests at the airports

817 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) whether the RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 facility is available at all the airports across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) what is the criteria with which RT-PCR testing agencies are empanelled at the airports, details thereof;

- (c) whether Government has formulated a framework to monitor the prices of RT-PCR testing at the airports, if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor; and
 (d) whether Government has sought any actions to put a cap on the RT-PCR testing charges at the airports across the country, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Renovation of Lokpriya Gopi Nath Bardoloi (LGNB) Airport, Guwahati

818 Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:

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

- (a) the component-wise progress made and target set for improvement as well as renovation of Lokpriya Gopi Nath Bardoloi (LGNB) Airport, Guwahati including the taxi parking, approach road as well as construction of additional aero bridge within the current financial year;
 (b) the details of plan finalized, if any, for further strengthening and improvement of this airport; and
 (c) the additional facilities created and proposed to be created to upgrade it to international standard as to make it a functional regional hub of North Eastern Region (NER)?

Increase in domestic air passengers

819 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) whether the number of domestic air passengers has increased; and
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to make air travel affordable?

Delay in handing over of airports to Adani Group

820 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether six airports have been handed over from Airports Authority of India (AAI) to Adani Group under PPP model and if so, the details thereof including the economic advantage of it for the country;
 (b) whether Adani Group had requested AAI to invoke force majeure to delay take-over of these airports due to COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the loss suffered by AAI due to the delay in handing over of airports to Adani Group?

Coal shortage in October

821 Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:

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

- (a) whether there was any coal shortage in first and second week of October 2021 in the country, if so, the reasons therefor;
 (b) the steps taken by Government to address the situation; and
 (c) the current status of coal reserves in the country?

Phasing out of coal subsidies

822 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any timeline for a planned commitment to reduce or phase out coal subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the clean energy cess on coal collected from its inception, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has spent any portion of such amount collected, on promoting alternative energy projects;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of the expenditure from funds collected under the National Clean Energy Fund, State/UT/year-wise?

Steps taken to increase coal gasification in the country

823 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) whether the first indigeneous coal gasification plant was recently set up in Hyderabad;
- (b) whether Government proposes similar plants in the State of Jharkhand which sits on huge coal reserves;
- (c) the details of the status of methanol extraction from coal in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government proposes more reforms to reduce dependence on foreign import of fuel, if so, the details thereof?

Coal production and domestic consumption

824 Smt. Ambika Soni:

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

- (a) the total production of coal in the country vis a vis domestic consumption of coal during last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the total quantity of coal imported by the country during last three years year-wise;
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to boost coal production in order to reduce dependence on imported coal; and
- (d) the reasons for declining domestic coal production of the country particularly coal mines of Coal India Limited?

Domestic exploration of coal

825 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the domestic exploration and production of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to bridge any gap that exists between demand and supply of coal in the country;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the production of coking coal in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Displacement of adivasi community

826 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) whether any adivasi communities have been displaced due to the expansion of coal

mine plans;

(b) if so, whether they have been provided compensation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Social security for workers

827 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

whether Government will provide social security to the persons involved in coal mining and production as the country has pledged to reduce carbon emissions from coal?

Workers health working in coal mines

828 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

(a) the diseases which are commonly found among workers working in coal mines;

(b) the medical facilities given to them;

(c) the difference between medical facilities given to permanent workers and contract workers;

(d) whether there is any arrangement for regular medical checkups for the coal workers;

(e) whether Government is aware of medical facilities given to coal workers working in non-Government owned coal mines; and

(f) whether coal workers mostly suffer from lungs disease and tuberculosis?

Shortfall of coal production

829 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

(a) the shortfall of coal production and the amount which needed to be imported, the details of the import in last three years;

(b) the steps taken to ensure sufficient coal stock for coal linked power plants and reduce import dependency;

(c) the update on coal fields auctioned for commercial mining, details of the money raised, and increase in the capacity achieved; and

(d) the progress of completion of the CIL's 34 projects sanctioned in 2020;

the expenditures already incurred and reasons for any delays in projects, the measures taken by Government to achieve CIL's targeted 1 Billion tonne coal production by 2023-24?

Skill development in coal sector

830 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

(a) the number and details of projects undertaken by Government in the last three years for skill development in the coal sector, State-wise;

(b) the number of candidates trained in the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for skill development in coal sector with other countries, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Removal of distinction between captive and non-captive mines

831 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to remove distinction between captive and non-captive mines;
- (b) if so, to what extent this helps in transferring mines from one leaseholder to another leaseholder;
- (c) the status of mineral index initiated by Government;
- (d) whether States are demanding for enhancing royalty on minerals; and
- (e) if so, the steps Government has taken to fulfill genuine demand from mineral-rich States?

Meeting of GoM on coal shortage

832 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have raised concerns regarding shortage of coal for power plants, some having stock of one or two days in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Group of Ministers (GoM) had to call an urgent meeting to speed up the supply of coal to power plants; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for calling this meeting despite the fact that there is no shortage of coal?

Jal Jeevan Mission for Urban and in Rural areas

833 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans for installations of taps in the Urban areas and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) details of funds released under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) rural area scheme for last four years and the number of tap connections have been installed during the last four years, district wise;
- (c) with just one perennial river and dependence on neighbouring States for drinking water in Tamil Nadu what steps Government has taken for source of supply of water in JJM scheme in rural areas; and
- (d) whether there is any plan to augment source of supply of water?

Auction of coal mines

834 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the number of mines auctioned under the commercial coal mine auction during the year 2020-21 and the companies which participated in this ; and
- (b) the details of the companies which were awarded the mines, State-wise ?

Allocation of coal mines

835 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) the details of process followed for coal mines allocation to private entities;
- (b) the details of allocation to different stakeholders;
- (c) whether the allocation has been equal and fair to all the stakeholders; and
- (d) the details of present day allocation of coal mines in the country?

Coal shortage of thermal power plants

836 # Shri Digvijaya Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the thermal power plants were on the verge of closing due to shortage of coal;
- (b) the reasons for shortage of coal, the quantum of coal imported along with the details of the countries and the rates at which it was imported during the current financial year; and
- (c) the plan of Government to avoid the situation of closure of thermal power plants due to shortage of coal in future?

Downfall in power generation due to shortage of coal

837 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there was acute shortage of coal in the month of October, 2021 due to which there was significant reduction in power generation by thermal power plants across the country including those thermal power plants that were situated in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government undertook any review regarding that situation and initiated any remedial measures;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal mining of coal

838 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of illegal coal mining in the coal belt;
- (b) the number of cases of illegal mining which came to notice of Government and actions taken against them;
- (c) the estimated loss due to illegal coal mining during the last five years;
- (d) whether Government is aware of nexus between contractors and bureaucrats in the coal belt which encourages illegal mining and also theft from Government owned coal blocks; and
- (e) whether Government will appoint a Committee or Commission to end such nexus and illegal mining?

Coal production targets of CIL

839 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to meet the target of one billion tons of coal production by Coal India Limited (CIL) by the year 2024-25;
- (b) the required growth rate necessary to meet such a target;

- (c) the average growth rate of coal production in the preceding five years;
- (d) whether the production target for the year 2020-21 was achieved;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of present coal stock in power plants in the month of February?

Recruitment of officers

840 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that no recruitment of officers and soldiers has been done in Indian Army/Armed Forces during the last year;
- (b) if so, whether our Government plans to conduct immediate fresh recruitment in Indian Army/Armed forces in view of the nature of our neighbouring countries at present;
- (c) whether Government has constituted any Committee to look into the shortage of officers and soldiers in Indian Army/Armed forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Private sector participation in defence manufacturing facilities

841 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether Government has announced plans for private sector participation in defence manufacturing facilities;
- (b) the status of development of first Private sector manufacturing facility in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to establish such a facility in other States, if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in Cantonment Board, Agra

842 Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2270 answered in Rajya Sabha on 9th August 2021 and state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that due to corruption in Cantonment Board Agra, quarters of Shakti Nagar colony, Agra are not being getting vacated from unauthorised occupants and simply a formality of giving notices to unauthorised occupants has been done;
- (b) the total unauthorised occupants in the colony at present;
- (c) the details of total quarters vacated after 9th August, 2021;
- (d) the name and designation of officials responsible for getting such quarters vacated;
- (e) the action Government propose to take against negligence of such officials; and
- (f) time by when such quarters will get vacated?

Defence land management

843 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the State-wise details of vacant defence land that has been encroached in the past five years;
- (b) the progress that has been made on digitizing defence land records;

- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to overcome the shortcomings in management of defence land as revealed in CAG audit; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Defense industrial corridors in Tamil Nadu

844 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government had received the proposals from the Tamil Nadu Government seeking to support Tamil Nadu defense industrial corridor projects, if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government in this regard; and
 (b) the status of defense industrial corridor projects in Tamil Nadu, the investment made for the last three years and the decision taken by Government in this regard?

Trials of a commercial aircraft

845 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd had carried out a successful ground run and low speed taxi trials of a commercial aircraft;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether this aircraft will be considered for UDAN scheme that is attempting to improve regional connectivity; and
 (d) if so, the amount of funds sanctioned and released for this project?

Anomalies in salary and pension of senior defence officials

846 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are anomalies in salary and pension of senior ranks of defence services officials;
 (b) whether it is also a fact that many Generals are being paid lower pension than their juniors; and
 (c) if so, the anomalies noticed by Government in salary and pension of defence services staff and the steps proposed to rectify these anomalies without any delay?

Installation of oxygen plants by DRDO

847 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

the details of the number of oxygen plants installed during the COVID-19 pandemic period between 2019-2021 by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), State-wise?

Defence food specification

848 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) the number of instances where contracts of suppliers, supplying food items, have been terminated for not meeting the defence food specification in the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

- (b) whether any contractor whose contract was once terminated for not meeting the defence food specification was again given the contract for the supply of food items or any other contract; and
 (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi scheme

849 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the total beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi scheme who availed the working capital from the start of the scheme;
 (b) whether there is any data on the quantum of street vendors whose loans have been sanctioned but not yet disbursed;
 (c) if so, the details thereof;
 (d) the number of accounts where this delay is more than three months; and
 (e) the reasons therefor?

Reduction in stamp duty on property transaction

850 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Government has recommended the State Governments and UT Administration to reduce stamp duty on property transaction to push real estate activities, generate more revenue and aid economic growth;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the States and UTs which responded to the recommendation with the percentage of stamp duty reduction?

Street vendors in cities

851 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether Government has amended the master plans of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as per the mandate of the Street Vendors Act 2014 for the inclusion of street vendors in cities;
 (b) whether Government has carried out survey of street vendors and issued certificate of vending, and licenses as per the mandate of the Street Vendors Act 2014 in ULBs; and
 (c) the amount spent in carrying out the survey for the street vendors under the Street Vendors Act 2014 in ULBs, State-wise, as on date?

Delays in sanctioning of home loans

852 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U), there have been delays in sanctioning of home loans by banks and housing finance companies for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Low Income Groups (LIG);
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such delays;
 (c) whether Government has taken any remedial measures in this regard; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Houses constructed under PMAY (Urban)

853 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the total number of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) houses constructed in India since the inception of the programme across the States, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (b) the total allocation and expenditure incurred by Government on this account, State-wise and year-wise?

Low carbon cities

854 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether there is any Governmental policy to check if buildings follow Energy Building Code norms, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether Government has adopted measures to replace urban landfills with sustainable alternatives, if so, the details thereof, including timeline and budget allocation and number of cities covered;
- (c) whether there is any data on urban forest cover in different States over the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Smart City mission has been modified to be consistent with our climate goals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Model Builder Buyer Agreement

855 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any Model Builder Buyer Agreement (BBA) and Agent Buyer Agreement (ABA) under RERA 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to protect home buyers from real estate developers?

Adoption status of eco-friendly technologies in coal plants

856 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether the Uttam portal for Coal which monitors adoption of eco-friendly technologies has been adopted by coal production units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) State/UT-wise details of coal plants utilising coal-washeries to produce environmentally friendly coal;
- (d) whether it is mandatory for coal plants to utilise sprinklers for dust suppression systems, and if so, State/UT-wise details of coal plants complying with this and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) steps taken to promote non-road dispatch of coal to reduce the increased pollution associated with road transport of coal and if not, reasons therefor?

Disposal of municipal waste

857 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the details of cities practising scientific disposal of the municipal solid waste;
- (b) the State-wise details of the quantity of treated and untreated waste in the country;
- (c) the kind of infrastructure being developed to treat solid waste in the country; and
- (d) the details of funds and support given to municipal corporations for solid waste management?

Housing for All

858 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has announced Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) under Housing for All scheme in 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of applications recieved and the number of beneficiaries form 2017 till date;
- (c) whether Government has been unsuccessful in providing assistance equivalent to its target under PMAY;
- (d) if so, the estimated targets under it and State-wise achievements thereof with special reference to Rajasthan; and
- (e) the details of Government's scheme to ensure hundred per cent housing for all by 2055?

Funds for urban schemes in Uttar Pradesh

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

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

- (a) the total amount sanctioned, released and utilised under different schemes of the Ministry to Uttar Pradesh(UP) during the last five years, year-wise including present year, so far;
- (b) the amount sanctioned and released under different schemes to different cities/towns of UP during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the numbers of houses already constructed and proposed to be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Urban (PMAY-U), city/town-wise in UP;
- (d) the list of projects under Smart Cities Mission in UP, city-wise ; and
- (e) the number of households with tap water connections provided under Jal Jeevan Mission or AMRUT scheme in UP, town-wise ?

Making Government buildings accessible to persons with disabilities

860 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether the target of getting fifty per cent of all Government buildings fully accessible to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), by June 2022, can be met, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether all Government buildings of the national capital and other States' capitals have been made accessible for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether all railway stations across the nation have been made accessible for PwDs, if

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

Installation of environmental sensors

861 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the number of of environmental sensors installed in the FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 under Smart Cities Mission, State-wise;
- (b) the number of smart waste water projects completed in the FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 under Smart Cities Mission, project-wise;
- (c) the number of solar energy related projects grounded/completed in the FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 under Smart Cities Mission, project-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has studied the requirement of environmental sensors required across Smart Cities and, if so, the details thereof?

Credit rating for cities

862 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government has completed credit rating work for cities in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and
- (c) the number of cities which have received Investible Grade Rating (IGR), of A- and above?

Shortage of affordable houses

863 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to increase affordable housing units in urban areas where shortage is expected to touch around ten million units by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance based challenge fund

864 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) the status of performance based challenge fund of ₹ 8,000 crore created by Government;
- (b) whether an Expert Committee has been set up by the Ministry to draw eligibility conditions for creating new cities;
- (c) whether only eight States out of twenty nine States would be benefited from the fund;
- (d) if so, whether there is any thinking going on in the Ministry to Finance to increase the fund to ₹ 15,000 crore so that half of States would be benefited; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of additional funds for completion of AMRUT 1.0 projects.

865 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

whether Government will consider release of additional requirement of projects fund under AMRUT 1.0 as requested by the Government of Odisha for financial closure of AMRUT 1.0 projects?

Augmentation of City Bus Services scheme

866 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the provisions in the Augmentation of City Bus Services scheme; and
- (b) the progress of the scheme with reference to the letter no. A4/79/2021/Trans. by the Kerala Government?

Metro projects in Kerala

867 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether Government of Kerala has been requesting Government to accord sanction for the phase II of Kochi Metro project;
- (b) if so, the response thereto;
- (c) whether Thiruvananthapuram Light Metro and Kozhikode Light Metro projects are pending with Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Provisions of Metro train services

868 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering a plan to start metro train services in various cities of the country as per the project requirement, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government also proposes to operate metro train in other cities of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether proposed cities have been identified , if so, the details thereof?

Providing houses to homeless

869 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number of houses planned to be provided to the homeless people in the urban areas of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; and
- (b) the number of houses currently constructed/financial assistance provided for the construction alongwith the number of houses pending for construction, State-wise details thereof?

Pending subsidy installments under PMAY

870 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the second installment of the subsidy to be provided to the beneficiaries in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is pending till date; and
- (b) if so, the number of such pending cases and the time by when these beneficiaries will

be provided with their second installment?

Urban infrastructure development in karnataka

871 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and released by Government to implement the scheme of urban infrastructure development in Karnataka during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the funds utilized out of the allocated funds during the said period; and
- (c) the details of the works undertaken by using the said funds along with the time by which such works are likely to be completed, location/project-wise?

Deep crisis in construction industry

872 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the construction industry is in a deep crisis due to steep rise in prices of cement, sand and steel; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Ministry to persuade the Ministry of Finance to take some positive steps in this regard?

Returning of DDA flats

873 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of DDA flats which were offered to public have been returned to DDA due to various reasons; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard with regard to the failure of DDA to sell its properties?

Smart cities declared under SMART CITY MISSION

874 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) the details of cities selected/declared smart cities so far under Smart City Mission, phase-wise, year-wise and State-wise and the criteria followed for selection of cities;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the Smart City Mission, city-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the status of projects completed under the mission in selected cities;
- (d) the status of projects completed/pending in various selected/declared smart cities of West Bengal; and
- (e) the details of expenditure on advertisement for Smart City Mission since the inception of the scheme, year-wise?

Development projects in Rajasthan

875 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

- (a) the total funds allocated for the development projects of the Ministry in Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the actual details of funds allocated that have been released till July 31st, 2021 and the

actual funds which have been utilised; and
(c) the reasons for non allocation/non utilisation, if any?

Water conservation

876 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is organising a competition to make people aware regarding water conservation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether competition would be organised for water conservation and sustainable development of water resources along with increasing the significance of water; and
- (d) whether this competition will be organised in all major cities of the country?

Revised Cost Estimates of PIP

877 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite the approval of 2nd Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) for the Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) Government has not released any funds;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in release of these funds;
- (c) the estimated timeline for release of these funds;
- (d) the details of districts identified in Andhra Pradesh for implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan;
- (e) details of water conservation and water resource management efforts being taken up by Government, experts and scientists to achieve the targeted interventions; and
- (f) details of outcome of above interventions, with a particular reference to identified districts in Andhra Pradesh?

Tap water connection in every rural households

878 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether Government has plans to seek contributions from individuals, institutions, corporates, philanthropists in India/abroad so as to help provide tap water connections to every rural household, schools, Anganwadi centers etc, through Jal Jeevan Mission App; and
- (b) Government is requested to provide the details of the contributions received in the Rastriya Jal Jeevan Kosh till date and State wise breakup for the above purpose?

Allcoation of funds for Arsenic free tap water

879 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized during 2021-22 till 20th November, 2021 for provision of Arsenic free tapped water in rural areas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of rural households in Arsenic affected areas targeted to be covered under Arsenic free potable tapped water during financial year 2021-22, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of rural households which have been provided Arsenic free tapped and potable water during 2021-22 till 20th November, 2021, State-wise?

Financial assistance to State Governments by PMKSY

880 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Government provides financial assistance to State Government for canal irrigation through various schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof for 2020-21 and 2021-22, year-wise, scheme-wise and State-wise with particular reference to the State of Uttar Pradesh?

Government schools and anganwadi lacking to functional toilets

881 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of Government schools and anganwadi centres lacking access to functional toilets and basic hand wash facilities on the premises State/UT/district/rural/urban-wise;
- (b) the details of the source of drinking and toilet-water used in schools State/UT/district/urban/rural-wise;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any testing of the quality of water against measurable standards in Government schools and Anganwadis, and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to improve the water, sanitation and hygiene standards of Government schools and anganwadis in the country?

Management of urban water bodies

882 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to introduce water zoning (hydrological zoning) regulations to protect urban water bodies and groundwater sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that only 10 per cent of the total wastewater collected are treated before releasing to water bodies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there are any water body conservation programs with a focus on water recharge activities targeting aquifers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Provisioning of drinking water under JJM

883 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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?

New irrigation techniques launched by Government

884 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government is working to launch new irrigation technique to ensure optimum use of water and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the farmers still do not have proper irrigation tools available with them in many parts of the country and, if so, the details of irrigation and water conservation related schemes being run by Government; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government in the field of irrigation during the last three years, the achievements thereof and the role of States in it?

NAQUIM Programme

885 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to rejuvenate groundwater; and
- (b) whether the said targets under the National Aquifer Mapping Programme (NAQUIM) have been achieved so far?

Jal Jeevan Mission App

886 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government seeks to tap individual, institution, corporate, or philanthropists, in the country or abroad, to contribute to help provide tap water connection in every rural household, school, anganwadi centre, ashramshala, panchayat, primary healthcare centre through the Jal Jeevan Mission app;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the contribution received in the Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh till date for the above purpose, State-wise break up thereof?

Economic loss due to flood in Assam

887 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Assam faces heavy flooding every year;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the economic loss from flooding has increased year on year;
- (c) what steps Government has taken under the Flood Management Border Areas Programme(FMBAP) to reduce the damage of flood in Assam;
- (d) the details of the work done in Assam under the FMBAP; and
- (e) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned and utilized in the country under the FMBAP State-wise?

Supply of safe drinking water to citizens

888 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) what safety measures Government has taken to provide safe drinking water to the citizens; and
- (b) the details of the quality of the water in terms of value, minerals and bacteria free, etc.

supplied to the people?

Pollution level of water

889 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the pollution level of surface water in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the childhood exposure to nitrogen based polluted water in the country beyond safe limits leads to stunting in children and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes any policy to deal with water pollution in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to keep check on water pollution in the country?

Interlinking of small and big rivers

890 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to interlink the small and big rivers of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the river Luni flowing in the western Rajasthan has also been included in this plan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantity of water that will be available for drinking and irrigation to Rajasthan by connecting these rivers?

Godavari - Cauvery Link project

891 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

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

- (a) whether Government Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Godavari-Cauvery link project has been completed by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for providing 200 TMC of water for meeting their water requirements in the Phase-I of the project and if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this regard;
- (c) whether Government has completed Final Reports of Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link and Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and the total amount allocated for the same?

Polavaram Multi-Purpose Irrigation project

892 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pace of work of the Polavaram Multi-Purpose Irrigation Project, which is a national project, as per the AP State Reorganisation Act, is very slow and due to that there is cost and time escalation;
- (b) whether the project was inspected recently by experts, on the advice of Polavaram Project Authority about the works carried out and the remaining works to be done;

- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by what time, the project is expected to be completed?

Development of small water bodies

893 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop small water bodies in villages, i.e. ponds, ahars, wells etc in order to reduce dependency of agriculture on rain water;
- (b) whether Government would focus on developing these water sources so that the farmers in adverse conditions and in the times of need are able to utilize water from these water source for irrigation and they save the crop; and
- (c) if so, any special scheme would be implemented for this so that work can be done on comprehensive level?

Progress in Polavaram Irrigation Project

894 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government had found any substantial progress in the construction of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh?;
- (b) if so, details of the progress in the status of the project from 2019 to till now (as on 15.11.2021);
- (c) whether Government has find any lagging behind in the progress of the construction of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP);
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Drinking tap water connections under JJM

895 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri P. Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) the number of houses in which drinking tap water connections have been provided under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM) in various States in the country including Haryana, district-wise;
- (b) the number of drinking water connections are still to be covered during the next two years under the said mission; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated under the said mission, including Haryana, district-wise?

Measures for development of R&D capacity

896 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any measures for development of R&D capacity of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any impact analysis of such measures; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Grievances of delayed payments to MSMEs

897 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the total number of delayed payment grievances filed by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during the past three years;
- (b) the total amount payable to MSMEs from such cases during the said period;
- (c) the total number of such cases that are still pending, from the past three years;
- (d) the total amount involved in such cases that have been disposed; and
- (e) the total number of delayed payment grievance cases filed via the SAMADHAAN portal?

Allocation of funds for CDP

898 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) under Cluster Development Programme (CDP) the number of maritime clusters received from Puducherry and the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any funds allocated for development of infrastructures in Puducherry; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for infrastructure development under CDP?

CFC and ESDP

899 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) the number of Common Facilitation Centres (CFCs) that have been established and funds allocated under Cluster Development Programme in Puducherry;
- (b) the number of awareness and sensitization programme conducted for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sectors in Puducherry; and
- (c) the number of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) that have been conducted for the last three years and number of youths participated and benefited in Puducherry?

Relief to MSMEs

900 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to provide relief to MSMEs from increased prices of raw materials;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to make arrangements for the easy availability of raw materials on credit basis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to apply zero import duty on all steel material; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Rising LPG cooking gas prices

901 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) why are the LPG cooking gas prices increasing in India;

- (b) how are the prices determined; and
- (c) what is Government doing to curb reduce these prices?

MSMEs infrastructure and MSMEs Parks

902 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) the reasons behind Government emphasis only on development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the North Eastern Region alone;
- (b) the number of new robust infrastructure, MSMEs parks, tool rooms etc established in the year 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, data segregating them year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the number of exclusive policies concentrating a specific region being brought for growth and prosperity of the MSMEs sector, such policies specifying the States?

Implementation of energy efficiency measures by MSMEs

903 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to compel industries and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to go for energy audit and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to compel industries and the MSMEs to implement the Energy Efficiency (EE) measures and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ECLGS beneficiaries

904 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the details of various categories of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) beneficiaries of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), State-wise including Punjab since the inception of the Scheme till date;
- (b) the details and data of MSMEs that opted-out of the Scheme in Punjab since the inception of the Scheme till date; and
- (c) whether Government has studied the reasons for MSMEs beneficiaries to opt out of the scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shutdown of MSMEs units-Odisha

905 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Micro, Small and Midium Enterprises (MSMEs) units were shut down after the advent of Coronavirus and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total MSMEs units registered in the country, State-wise, as on date; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to prevent insolvency among MSMEs and measures to avoid layoffs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fund sanctioned and utilized under ESDP

906 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

- (a) the detail of the number of beneficiaries of Industrial motivation campaign,

Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP), Entrepreneurship-cum Skill Development Programme (E-SDPs) and management development programme that has been conducted under the entrepreneurship skill development programme since its inception till date, State-wise;

(b) what percentage of the beneficiaries of EAP and E-SDPs are women;

(c) the details of total amount of fund sanctioned and utilized in Assam and West Bengal under the entrepreneurship skill development programme, district-wise; and

(d) the details of the number of specific tailor made programmes for skill development of socially disadvantaged groups which have been organised in Assam district-wise?

Make in India in micro industries

907 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to push Make in India in micro industries and enterprises;

(b) the manner in which Government is planning to empower small-scale enterprises and aspiring entrepreneurs to reduce dependency on imports;

(c) whether there is any scheme under which Government infuses/utilizes local talent and using the same in creating locally produced goods to push Vocal for local;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any impact assessment has been made on the above scheme during the last five years and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken towards export of knowledge-based industries?

Employment opportunities in MSMEs

908 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

a) the details of employment opportunities created in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during the last six years from 2014-15 to 2020-21, year-wise;

b) whether MSMEs sector saw downfall in employment in 2019-20 as compared to 2014-2015;

c) if so, the details and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

d) the steps being taken by Government to increase employment opportunities in MSMEs?

Closer of agriculture and rural industries

909 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of agriculture and rural industries were closed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the provisions made regarding opening and closing of agriculture and rural industries?

Agro industries under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

910 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

(a) whether Government plans to start agro-industries under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in view of the number of students graduating in agriculture every year;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plans to set-up an agro industry in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when the said industry would probably be set-up in Uttar Pradesh and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Contribution of manufacturing of MSMEs

911 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the contribution of manufacturing output of Micro Small, Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector to the GDP during the last three years, and the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the percentage of the manufacturing output of the MSMEs sector that is exported abroad, and the details thereof?

Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries

912 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) the types of industries considered as the Traditional Industries by Government and details of the criteria thereof;
- (b) the total number of approved clusters proposals during the last two years under SFURTI and the details thereof; and
- (c) the status of functioning of the approved clusters and details thereof, the State of Maharashtra in particular?

Central Vista Redevelopment Project

913 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether construction at the Central Vista Redevelopment Project continued from 17th November, 2021 to 21st November, 2021; and
- (b) if so, details of the parameters under which the construction is permitted in light of the Commission for Air Quality Management's ban on construction?

AMRUT 2.0

914 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched second phase of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT 2.0); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move?

Enlisted MSMEs in Karnataka

915 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:**

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

- (a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) enlisted in Karnataka amid 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021;
- (b) whether there are cancellations of MSMEs amid during the said period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of MSMEs cancelled thereof?

SCLCSS for SC/ST

916 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for services sector especially for SC-ST and, if so, the details thereof; and
- b) whether Government has any data with regard to the SC/ST Entrepreneurs who established their business with the Government Schemes during the last five years and if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor, State and UT-wise?

Suicide of traders and businessman in MSMEs

917 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the crisis involved in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as consequence of the pandemic resulted in the suicide of 4,226 vendors, 4,356 tradesmen, and 3,134 other businessmen; and
- (b) if so, what measures has been taken by Government to support the families of these businessmen?

Setting up agro industries

918 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set up/planned to set up any agro industries in rural areas of the country particularly in North Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount allocated for the said industries during the last three years and the current year, State UT and year-wise; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to encourage the agro based industries in rural areas?

Impact of COVID-19 lockdown on the MSMEs Sector

919 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) the impact of COVID-19 on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector, especially the number of people who have been rendered unemployed;
- (b) the total number of MSMEs that have closed down in the past two years;
- (c) the total number of MSMEs that are either breaking even or incurring losses by staying functional during the above said period; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to redress the issue?

Vacancies in armed forces

920 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the member of vacancies in armed forces (Army, Air Force and Navy) at both levels, jawans and officers ;
- (b) the efforts being made to fulfil these vacancies ;
- (c) whether Government will consider to create Birsas Munda regiment on the occasion of

Amrit Mahotsav of our independence to encourage tribal youths to join Armed Forces; and
(d) the regiments which faces maximum vacancies ?

Action taken to curb illegal mining

921 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the kind of mining monitoring system which is currently being successfully used by Government to curb illegal mining;
- (b) the provision of legal action against people found guilty of illegal mining;
- (c) the number of cases of illegal mining which have been noticed during the last three years and action taken thereon; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Private investment in the exploration and discovery of mineral deposits

922 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of private investment in the exploration and discovery of mineral deposits, including critical minerals since the launch of the National Mineral Exploration Policy, 2016;
- (b) the names of the blocks identified by GSI in Odisha for the purposes of regional exploration under the policy;
- (c) whether Government has reduced import dependency since the inception of the scheme; and
- (d) if not, the steps Government is taking to reduce such dependency, especially from countries like China?

Computerization and digitization of Wakf records

923 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the funds provided by Government to different State Governments/Wakf Boards for the computerization and digitization of Wakf records during the last five years till date, State-wise/Wakf Board-wise, year- wise;
- (b) the details of amounts utilized by different State Governments/Wakf Boards, State-wise, Wakf Board-wise;
- (c) whether expected progress has not been made in the computerization and digitization of Wakf records in various States; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken in the matter?

Welfare scheme utilization by various States

924 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

- (a) the reason for some States not availing the benefits of the various welfare schemes that benefits the minorities;
- (b) the data on various schemes in which annual fund is being allocated to various States for which no fund is being utilized;
- (c) the steps which has been taken by Government to communicate to various States who are not availing the welfare schemes for the past four years; and
- (d) the fund allocation and fund utilization of Equity to National Minorities Development and

Finance Corporation and State-wises beneficiaries during the past four years, year-wise?

Functional tap connections in households under JJM

925 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) the percentage of coverage of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) in of Puducherry under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM);
- (b) the list of villages covered under this mission and number of beneficiaries; and
- (c) quantum of grant released during the last two years under this scheme?

Tap water connection

926 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that since Unlock-1, about 45 lakh tap connection have been provided so far in the year 2020-21, thus, daily about 1 lakh households are being provided with tap connections, which indicates, the 'Speed', as mentioned in your press statement dated 16 July, 2021;
- (b) details of the funds spent on the above mentioned exercise;
- (c) whether 100 percent of these taps have active water connections; and
- (d) if not, then what ratio of new tap owners have been connected with water connections?

Coking and non coking coal reserves

927 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) the details of coking and non coking coal reserves and their production State-wise, year-wise and industry-wise use country during the last five years;
- (b) the details of the proportion use of coal in generation of power in the country;
- (c) the quantum of imported coal during the last five years; and
- (d) the details of anticipated benefits in terms of revenue generation and employment to States due to proposed commercialised coal mining, State-wise ?

Hunar Haat for Moradabad

928 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government is organising Hunar Haat for Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh) to empower its business potential; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill development training under scheme for SDM

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

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

- (a) the number of individuals/youth who have received the skill development training under the scheme for Skill Development of Minorities (SDM);
- (b) the number of women/girls from minority groups who have been trained under the scheme for Modular Employable Skills (MES) since its inception; and
- (c) the total number of Institutions/ Societies/Organisations/NGOs working with

Government for the implementation of the said scheme?

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

930 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the provisions of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJBK);
- (b) the current progresses happening in the PMJBK in Kerala; and
- (c) whether the scheme has stopped in Kerala?

Scholarship scheme for minority communities

931 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of the scholarship schemes for minority communities supported by Government;
- (b) the details of allocations made under these schemes during 2017 to till date; and
- (c) the details of the total beneficiaries under the various scholarship schemes, State-wise from 2017 to till date?

Failure to control the prices of petroleum products

932 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to control the prices of petrol, gas and diesel;
- (b) the rise/fall in the prices of crude oil in the year 2020-21 of international level; and
- (c) the details of steps being taken by Government to extend the benefits of crude oil prices to common man?

PNG connections made by GAIL

933 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) in how many States in the country GAIL has provided Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to households during the last three years, details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the amount spent by GAIL for the said facility and whether it was completed within the stipulated period in different States, details thereof?

COCO outlets of OMCs

934 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) the number of Company Owned, Company Operated (COCO) outlets for allocation under the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) sanctioned during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) the mode of selection of dealers / distributorships of petroleum products and the details thereof?

Suspension of employee of HPCL

935 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the number of officers and employees of Hindustan Petroleum who have been suspended on corruption related complaints against them during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of corruption related complaints against the suspended officers and employees during the last three years and the details of investigation report thereon?

Diversifying petroleum basket

936 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is trying to diversify its petroleum basket;
- (b) if so, details of countries from where we have newly started importing oil; and
- (c) table of transport charges associated with importing oil from different countries?

Incidents of fire in the oil refinery

937 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any step to prevent the incidents of fire in the oil refinery which happened many times in the last few days;
- (b) whether security arrangements were made for the people injured in the Barauni Refinery a few days back; and
- (c) the arrangements made to prevent/protect from any such events in future?

Steps taken to increase indigenous defence production

938 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the value of indigenous defence production in the last two years;
- (b) additional employment which has been able to generate in the last two years;
- (c) whether Government plans to establish defence parks in the country in the coming three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details growth plans for the newly independent units, carved out of the earlier board?

Pending cases with MSEFC

939 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the number of cases filed with the Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Councils (MSEFC) in different States;
- (b) the number of cases disposed, pending and the total amount, year-wise and council-wise for the last three years; and
- (c) the details of further steps taken up by Government to deal with the issue of delayed payments?

CNG/PNG services in rural areas

940 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to promote and strengthen the CNG/PNG services in rural and backward areas of the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of CNG/PNG stations proposed to be established in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps taken to address the challenges faced in improving the natural gas coverage in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh?

Sustainability of Ujjwala Yojana

941 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) State-wise details of the new LPG connections issued in the country since March 2020;
- (b) State-wise number of Ujjwala beneficiaries availing refilling facility since March 2020;
- (c) whether Government, is aware that many beneficiaries cannot afford the expensive recharge of LPG cylinders and hence remain dependent on bio fuel, if yes, the details thereof and the reaction of the government thereto;
- and (d) whether the Government has any proposal to ensure the sustainable usage of LPG cylinders under the Pradhan Mantri-Ujjwala Yojana, if so, details thereof?

Non-payment of dues of ONGC by Sudan Government

942 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Sudan Government admits that it owes US \$ 100 million to ONGC Videsh for oil and construction pipeline dues;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Sudan also owes another US \$ 430 million for lifting oil more than its share from blocks being operated by ONGC Videsh;
- (c) the status of remaining dues to get from Sudan; and
- (d) by when the final arbitration award is going to be pronounced and ONGC Videsh is going to get its money which is pending since 2011?

Promotion of Aircraft Expansion Programme

943 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote Aircraft Expansion Program in small cities across the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details of new steps being taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government to make air services operational especially in Dausa, Alwar, Sawai Madhopur, Dungarpur and Sri Ganganagar and between the capitals of other States of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of Independent Directors

944 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) the number of independent directors appointed in public sector undertakings in the field of Petroleum during the last five years;
- (b) the details of company-wise appointment dates of independent directors;
- (c) the year-wise details of the remuneration and other facilities given to these directors during the last five years;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the expenses of petrol companies has increased because of these independent directors which they are covering by increasing the prices of petrol and diesel;
- (e) whether Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs has cited lack of independence behind the selection of such independent directors; and
- (f) the details of profit made by the company owing to such directors?

Complaints of Spurious Bio-Diesel

945 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) whether Government has received complaints of spurious mix which is sold as Bio-diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is its impact on vehicles; and
- (d) what steps Government intends to take to stop the spurious Bio-Diesel?

Exorbitant rise in prices

946 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that prices of petrol, diesel, LPG etc. have registered an exorbitant rise in recent months;
- (b) if so, the details of the increase in retail prices of petrol, diesel and LPG, every fortnight during the last six months;
- (c) details of average price of crude petroleum in the international market during the last five years and the percentage of increase in retail prices for the consumers; and
- (d) steps Government proposes to lower the prices including the component of central excise duty?

Revenue through sale of petroleum products

947 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

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

- (a) whether Government has earned more than ₹ 20 Lakh crores through the sale of Petrol/Diesel/LPG in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the actual revenue generated through the sale of Petrol/Diesel/ LPG in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to reduce the cess levied on the sale of Petrol/Diesel;
- (d) if so, the details of the cess collected on the sale of Petrol/ Diesel in the last five years; and
- (e) the effective steps taken by Government to provide relief to the common people of this country already devastated?

Impact of rising prices on petroleum products

948 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) the details of increase/decrease in the price of crude oil in the international market during the last one year and the number of times the prices of petroleum products came down/reduced in both domestic and international markets;
- (b) the details of the mechanism adopted by Government to examine the prices of petrol and diesel fixed by various petroleum companies in conformity with the variation in the international crude oil prices;
- (c) the number of times the prices of petroleum products including petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, PNG, and kerosene increased/ decreased; and
- (d) the impact of rising prices on petroleum products on the people?

Crude oil production in the country

949 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) what are measures of crude oil production in India by Government and private companies like IOCL, Reliance etc.; and
- (b) how many crude oil and petroleum products like LPG, Kerosene and Diesel are in need of import and how many are available in Indian refineries?

Uniform tax system in States to control prices of petroleum products

950 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is increasing trend in prices of petrol and diesel in the country;
- (b) whether Government is formulating any scheme to maintain uniform prices of petrol and diesel across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to formulate any policy to bring uniformity in tax system in States so as to control the prices of petroleum products?

Suspension of MPLADS for COVID-19

951 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had suspended MPLADS to find resources for fighting COVID-19 Pandemic;
- (b) if so, the amount raised on account of this; and
- (c) the amount spent and details thereof?

Setting up of mineral corridors

952 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether under the National Mineral Policy, 2019, several dedicated mineral corridors are proposed to be set up by Government to facilitate transport of minerals from mining

areas in the hinterland;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish any dedicated mineral corridors in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Use of MPLADS Funds for construction of churches

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

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received that MPLADS funds have been used in Andhra Pradesh for the construction or renovation of churches;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received;

(c) whether Government has sought details from the concerned State and district authorities in this regard;

(d) if so, the explanation received from the State and district authorities;

(e) the action Government intends to take for misuse of MPLADS funds in this case;

(f) the measures Government will take to prevent misuse in future; and

(g) whether similar complaints have been received from other States as well, if so, the details thereof?

Increasing ambit of MPLADS funds

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

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to consider the increase of areas and sectors where MPLADS funds can be spent by an individual MP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(d) whether Government evaluates the implementation of MP's funds; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Prices of various grades of coal

955 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

(a) the number of times the prices of various grades of coal have increased during the last five years and the reasons for each of the said price rise;

(b) whether Government has made any efforts to regulate the prices of coal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Dissolution of SAIL's Raw Materials Division

956 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

(a) whether the 14,500 employees of the Durgapur and Burnpur plants have been provided alternative employment;

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

(c) on what parameters were these oldest raw material divisions of the country shut down?

Availability of iron ore

957 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) the present availability of iron ore in our country for local requirement;
- (b) whether it is a fact that iron ore is being exported to various countries; and
- (c) whether there is any policy to stop export of iron ore to meet local demand?

Allocation of funds under JJM in AP

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

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

- (a) funds allocated, released and utilised under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to Andhra Pradesh since inception of scheme, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has not drawn any money out of ₹3183 crore sanctioned under JJM so far during this year;
- (c) if so, reasons for the same;
- (d) what does the State Government need to do to be eligible for release of the sanctioned ₹3188 crore;
- (e) what will happen to the sanctioned fund if not drawn before March, 2022;
- (f) progress of JJM in different districts of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (g) mandal-wise progress of JJM in Guntur district?

New sponge iron industries in Uttar Pradesh

959 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the number of operational sponge iron industries in public and private sectors including Uttar Pradesh at present State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities in these industries; and
- (c) whether Government plans to open new sponge iron industries in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Manufacturing specialty steel under the PLI Scheme

960 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the number of companies that have signed an MoU with Government under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to manufacture specialty steel and the details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of funds released towards the scheme in this financial year so far; and
- (c) the details of logistics and infrastructure projects being sanctioned or undertaken, so far, in steel zones identified in Odisha?

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