

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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

Sabarimala Airport

1601 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Kerala has proposed a dedicated airport mainly to cater to the Sabarimala pilgrims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the stand of Government thereto?

Preliminary testing of the Digi Yatra Scheme

1602 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether the preliminary testing of the Digi Yatra Scheme for screening passengers through facial recognition systems has been completed, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the airport-wise details of the standards on the basis of which the testing has been completed and the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the Digi Yatra Scheme is planned to be implemented at all the airports of the country?

Status of Andal and Coochbehar Airports

1603 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

- (a) the status of Andal Airport; and
- (b) the status of Coochbehar Airport?

Use of drones for medical supplies

1604 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that drones and skilled drone pilots are crucial in

- emergencies to enable delivery of medical supplies and services;
- (b) the details of the number of certified drone pilots, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has used drones to send relief items or locate people in distress during the floods that happened in Assam in 2021;
- (d) if so, the details of the number of drones and drone pilots used; and
- (e) if not, by when Government plans on including drones and drone pilots in relief teams?

Development of air strips

1605 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering new proposals for developing air strips across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State of Uttar Pradesh has approached Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with locations specified;
- (e) whether Government has any plan to utilize the tourism potential of Uttar Pradesh in this way; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of pilots in India and abroad

1606 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of pilots in India and abroad which is posing a serious problem of flights operation and, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plans of setting up of more pilot training centres in every State to achieve self-sufficiency in trained Indian pilots and replace foreign pilots which also reduces unemployment as well; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Investigation into MCAS of Boeing 737 Max

1607 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

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

- (a) whether the DGCA has conducted an investigation into the issues caused by the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS) on the Boeing 737 Max planes and the report of the investigation and the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the DGCA has independent airworthiness certification process independent of the FAA or EASA and the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether recertification tests were conducted by the DGCA and the reasons as to why the ban on B737 Max was lifted based on European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) directives; and
- (f) whether Akasa Air and Spice Jet have been allowed to fly B737 Max planes?

Travellers brought back to India under Vande Bharat Mission

1608 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

- (a) whether a special drive had been started under Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) for safe return of Indian citizens stranded abroad during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the number of Indian's brought back under VBM and the countries from where they have been brought back from; and
- (c) the amount of funds spent by Government in this regard?

International operation from B.P.I Airport, Bhubaneswar

1609 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

whether Government is considering to provide direct International flight from Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar to Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Singapore and other South-East Asian countries?

Seaplane and water aerodromes

1610 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) the current status of development of seaplane routes and water aerodromes across the country; and
- (b) the time by when commercial services of seaplanes for various destinations are likely to be in operation?

Clauses for privatisation of airports

1611 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) whether any clause exists or existed about not leasing all airports that are offered for privatisation to any single owner;
- (b) when and why was it relaxed;
- (c) whether the single party that won the bid for all six airports offered in 2018-19 was given special consideration to delay its takeover;
- (d) whether the lease of the airports for a period of 50 years violates the limit of 30 years mandated by the Airports Authority Act; and
- (e) whether the payment received of some ₹500 crore is less than ₹1,330 crore stipulated in the bidding document proposed by the Ministry to the PPAC?

Preservation of Air India's heritage artwork

1612 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) details of the artworks, paintings and other heritage art collection items possessed by Air India since its inception, and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has completed stocktaking of artworks possessed by Air India in any year, since the inception of the airlines, and if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) details of artworks that have been lost, stolen or are missing from the collection, and steps taken to recover possession of these assets; and
- (d) details of preservation and publicity of these heritage works possessed by Air India and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of expansion of Patna airport

1613 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether Government earlier considered to build airport in Bihta keeping in view the boundaries of the expansion of Patna Airport;
- (b) if so, the current status of the same;
- (c) the number of other cities which are also proposed to be included under UDAN scheme; and
- (d) the status of the construction of facilities in the cities which are to be included under the said scheme?

Expansion of airport in Puducherry

1614 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved for expansion of the present airport at Puducherry;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that necessary approvals from the Ministry and also environmental and other clearances from the Ministry of Environment had been issued; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for delay in starting the expansion work of the airport?

Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) policy

1615 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently unveiled Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) policy;
- (b) if so, salient features of the policy; and
- (c) the details of airports that have been identified for MRO works?

Leased lands/ fields of Airports Authority of India (AAI)

1616 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the details of all leased/rental lands/runways/fields of Airports Authority of India(AAI);
- (b) the reasons for some of the major metro cities like Pune not having a civilian airport and are still relying on leased runways;
- (c) whether Government has conducted studies/research to analyze the impact on tourism, trade and industry due to not having good air connectivity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Flights from Tirupati Airport

1617 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of number of international flights that are being operated from Tirupati Airport during the last three years;
- (b) considering the pilgrimage tourist importance of Tirupati, whether Government will come forward to operate more and more international flights from Tirupati Airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Carbon Offsetting Scheme (CORSIA)

1618 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the measures being taken by Government towards implementation of Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) in India; and
- (b) the steps undertaken by Government to allay the widespread concern/fear regarding serious adverse implications of CORSIA on the airlines in India?

Employment through Mopa Airport Project in Goa

1619 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government holds data of the number of people employed through the Mopa Airport Project in Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government holds data on how many females have been employed for the Mopa Airport Project in Goa;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government holds data on how many of those employed are migrant labourers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Air-bubble agreements and restoring of regular flight operations

1620 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that currently India has air-bubble agreements only with 31 countries and has denied requests from several other countries seeking to form the agreement;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons for not considering the requests by the other countries; and
- (c) what is India's plan on restoring regular flight travel between countries which now accept vaccinated Indians with WHO approved vaccines?

Starting new air services

1621 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) the number of companies applied for starting new air services in the country;
- (b) whether there is the required infrastructure to serve new air services; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Pay cut of pilots of Air India

1622 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India and its staff has successfully implemented Vande Bharat Mission during the Corona pandemic;
- (b) if so, the number of flights and passengers return back;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that despite working during pandemic and post-pandemic, pilots

are facing pay cut as well as pending payment of salary;
 (d) if so, the amount of pending salaries of pilots till date; and
 (e) the steps Government will take to settle it before handing over Air India to the private player?

Discontinuation of international flights from Guwahati

1623 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

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

- (a) the reasons for discontinuation of the international flights to and from Guwahati;
- (b) whether Government has made proper assessment about the deficiency in infrastructure, visa facilities and policy guidelines deterring the airlines to fly to and from Guwahati;
- (c) if so, the details of the findings thereof and the action taken by Government to remove such deficiencies; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Land acquired by NLC

1624 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the total area of land acquired in the nearby villages by NLC India Limited right from its inception;
- (b) if so, the village-wise, individual wise details thereof;
- (c) whether employment have been given to all those families who have given their residential and agricultural lands to NLC India Ltd; and
- (d) if not, whether Government will give employment to such families waiting for employments and the details thereof?

Shortage of coal

1625 **Shri Vaiko:**

Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of coal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is going to import coal from abroad to meet the domestic demand;
- (d) if so, the names of the countries and the quantity of coal being imported to meet the increasing domestic demand; and
- (e) the efforts made to increase production of coal from the mines within the country?

Impact of coal shortage on tea gardens in the Northeast

1626 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of recent coal shortages on tea gardens in the Northeast region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the State-wise data on the number of tea producing units in the Northeast and the number of such units which primarily depend on coal, as on date;
- (d) whether Government has implemented or intends to implement measures to reduce

dependence on coal in tea producing units in the Northeast and to facilitate transition to renewable forms of energy; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Revision of royalty on coal

1627 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether Government will consider the enhancement of royalty on coal; and
- (b) by when a decision on such enhancement is expected to be taken by Government?

Auction of forty one coal blocks

1628 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the PM had stated that the auction of forty one coal blocks would create 2.8 lakh jobs and generate ₹ 33,000 crore of revenue;
- (b) if so, the details of the study/report which suggests the same;
- (c) whether Government has conducted a study on the environmental impact of the decision to auction coal blocks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Coal consumption

1629 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) the total amount of coal consumption in the country;
- (b) the difference between the amount of production and consumption of coal in the country;
- (c) the amount of coal imported to fill , if there exists, the gap between demand and supply;
- (d) the amount of coal consumed by the Indian Railway;
- (e) whether there is any estimate of coal consumption in cooking in India; and
- (f) the estimated quantity of coal consumption in the country by 2030?

Coal shortage due to black marketing of coal

1630 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that black marketing of coal was a reason for the current shortage of coal in the country;
- (b) whether Government is aware of any instances of hoarding and black marketing of coal and, if so, the details thereof and corresponding preventive and punitive measures being taken;
- (c) whether there exists any Government estimate of the possible amount of coal sold in the black market and the price that such coal possibly fetches in the black market; and
- (d) the steps taken to contain black marketing of coal and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of coal

1631 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) total production of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL) during the years 2013-14 till present;
- (b) total amount of funds utilised for expansion of CIL's production capacity during the years 2011-12 till present;
- (c) total amount of funds utilised for upgrading of machinery at CIL's production facilities during the years 2011-12 till present;
- (d) total surplus of funds available with CIL during the years 2011-12 till present;
- (e) whether production capacity has been affected due to environmental reasons and, if so, details thereof; and
- (f) total number of new mines operationalised by CIL during the years 2014-15 till present?

Use of CSR fund

1632 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the tasks performed by Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries during the year 2020-21 from their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for making the medical facilities better across the country; and
- (b) whether they have made any plan for improving the medical facilities, if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Loss due to coal shortage

1633 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has examined the issues which led to the recent coal shortage in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has examined the loss and damage caused as a result of the recent coal shortage in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of economic loss in the power sector and details of coal imported to face the situation; and
- (d) whether Government is likely to boost and intend to bolster an unsustainable expansion of the coal sector, if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in recruitment

1634 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in all India level direct recruitment for group 'C' and 'D' posts of South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Northern Coalfields Limited, the reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) which is 27 per cent, has been given to them as 6, 12, 12 and 13 per cent respectively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the rules under which the reservation of 27 per cent for other Backward Classes in direct recruitment for group 'C' and 'D' posts at all India level has been amended?

Auction of coal mines

1635 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) the number of mines auctioned by Government during the last five years and the details thereof;

- (b) the total number of mines identified and, criteria adopted in this regard by Government to auction the mines in the country; and
- (c) the revenue generated by Government through auction of mines?

Development of infrastructure

1636 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government, to develop the infrastructure of the coal industry during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of amount allocated for the purpose and utilised in this regard?

Coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh

1637 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the details of coal reserves measured indicated, and inferred in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the grade of above reserves;
- (c) whether the above coal is coking or non-coking;
- (d) whether extraction of coal from the above identified mines has been started; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Contribution of coal in achieving the target of \$ 5 trillion economy

1638 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether the coal sector has sufficient potential to contribute substantially in achieving \$ 5 trillion economy by 2024-25;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the country imports a huge quantity of coal from other countries despite huge coal reserves; and
- (d) the major policy decisions which have been taken to drastically reduce imports and increase quality coal for use within the country by 2025?

Cancellation of allotted coal mines

1639 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether the allotment of certain coal mines blocks to Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) has been cancelled in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure commencement of coal production in all the allotted coal blocks to PSEs as well as private companies?

Coal production in private mines

1640 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether private parties who get coal blocks during allotment, declare on their websites about quantum of coal production and their mode of commercial use/transactions;

- (b) whether they declare on website about quality of coal and names of sub-contractors;
- (c) steps taken by Government to ensure fair production and commercial transaction of coal produced in Government-owned coal mines;
- (d) manner in which Government would ensure that safety norms are followed by private coal block owners for workers engaged in production; and
- (e) measures taken by Government to ensure fair wages to workers engaged in coal production in private mines?

Shortage of coal

1641 **Smt. Mausam Noor:**

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

- (a) the compliance with responsibility of Government to supply coal to the States on time as per the agreement and demand;
- (b) the reason for dwindling of coal stock to the lowest levels in years;
- (c) whether the power demand is set to surge in the near future, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has made provisions to meet the needs of expected increase in power demand; and
- (e) the effective measures taken by Government for accumulation of coal stock by thermal power plants in the April-June period?

Production of coal

1642 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has produced 51.70 Million Tonnes (MT) of coal in September 2021 as compared to the 39.48 million Tonnes in 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the coal produced in the country from April 2021 to September 2021?

Illegal coal mining

1643 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the total number of illegal coal mines operating in the country, region-wise;
- (b) the steps Government has taken in collaboration with State Governments to curb illegal coal mining; and
- (c) the technological and artificial intelligence advancements which Government has proposed or taken to curb illegal mining, especially in hilly terrain?

Republic Day Parade

1644 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has abandoned the idea of having Republic Day Parade on 26th January, 2022 due to enormous and huge construction activities around Rajpath which is being developed as Central Vista Redevelopment project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is considering any alternative site for celebration of Republic Day Parade next year and, if so, the details thereof?

Status of defense exports

1645 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the comparative figures of defense exports (major items) in 2014 and 2021, item-wise;
- (b) the decisions made in the last five years to boost defense exports; and
- (c) the plans for expanding defense exports?

Converting ordnance factories into PSUs

1646 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether Government is proposing to sell its 44 ordnance factories by converting them into PSUs first;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for converting the ordnance factories into PSUs, despite opposition by the stakeholders?

Women applicants for NDA examination

1647 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total number of applications received for National Defence Academy (NDA) examination in 2021;
- (b) the total number of application received from female candidates for the National Defence Academy examination in 2021;
- (c) the steps taken to build necessary infrastructure and facilities for training of female candidates at the National Defence Academy;
- (d) whether the medical and physical fitness standards have been set for female candidates, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there are limited number of seats available for female candidates for the 2021 National Defence Academy examination; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Defence industrial corridor

1648 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the planning of Government to set up defence industrial corridors in the country; and
- (b) the number of defence industrial corridors in operation and number of corridors yet to be completed?

AatmaNirbhar Bharat in defence

1649 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a unique initiative of AatmaNirbhar Bharat in the defence sector; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in armed forces

1650 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the number of persons working in the armed forces currently, service-wise;
- (b) the current number of vacancies in each service of the armed forces; and
- (c) by when Government intends to fill these vacancies?

Defence equipments and Make in India scheme

1651 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

- (a) the details of defence equipments produced under Make in India scheme during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Make In India scheme achieved self reliance in defence equipment production;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to achieve self reliance in defence equipment production?

Automating the ECHS infrastructure

1652 **Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- (a) whether any action has been taken to automate the entire ECHS infrastructure and bring it online which will reduce paper work, repeated referrals and footfall in the ECHS facilities;
- (b) whether any private enterprise/industry have been co-opted for supporting ECHS facilities or for sponsoring the construction of ECHS hospitals under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives;
- (c) whether, DRDO has developed a hospital at Secunderabad in co-ordination with Apollo group; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to do the same for armed forces also, especially in metros like Delhi, Mumbai and Pune?

Sainik Schools in Gujarat

1653 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the total number of Sainik Schools functioning in the country;
- (b) the number of Sainik Schools functioning in Gujarat; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to open new Sainik Schools?

Manufacturing of indigenous defence equipments

1654 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to manufacture indigenous defence equipments and weapons during the last three years and by when it has been targeted to manufacture indigenous

weapons as per the defence requirements of the country;

(b) whether the steps being taken to become self-reliant in respect of weapons for indigenous manufacturing are inadequate, resulting in the increase of import of weapons year by year; and

(c) the expenditure incurred or proposed to be incurred on purchase of weapons during the last three years, and the details thereof?

Technology development fund

1655 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

(a) the details of the expenditure made under the Technology development fund in order to promote research and development in defence systems;

(b) the achievements made through the usage of the fund so far; and

(c) the details of all the fully indigenous defence equipments, aircrafts, ships, tanks and other machines inducted in the service in the last one year?

Sainik School in Uttarakhand

1656 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

(a) the number of sainik schools in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to open sainik school in Uttarakhand; and

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof?

Formation of defence corridors

1657 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has signed MoUs during Aero India 2021 with IAF, Naini Aerospace Ltd., Bharat Earth Movers and other PSUs to set up manufacturing units in UP Defence Corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether MoUs had also been signed in 2020 during Aero India at Lucknow and if so, the current state of progress with respect to each MoU; and

(d) whether other States like Maharashtra also have plans to develop defence corridor for manufacturing of defence equipment under Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme?

Commitment towards freedom of navigation

1658 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

the efforts being made by Government to ensure the common maritime interests and commitment towards freedom of navigation?

Construction of residences for MLAs

1659 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

(a) whether Government has received a representation against the construction of residences for MLAs and Ministers on the place allotted for skill development centre and

auditorium for public and tampering with the original plan for Ranchi smart city in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto and steps being taken in this regard?

Delhi Urban Arts Commission

1660 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

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

- (a) the functions and mandate of Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC);
- (b) the major initiatives undertaken and contributions of DUAC in last five years; and
- (c) whether Government has performed any performance assessment of DUAC in last five years, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Swachh Bharat Mission and AMRUT

1661 **Shri Vaiko:**

Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the highlights of second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);
- (b) whether household water supply tap connection would be covered in all towns in the country and if so, by when;
- (c) the number of towns given water supply under AMRUT in the last two years, State-wise;
- (d) whether household sewage management is also provided for in the various towns;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, with schedule; and
- (f) the amount that would be involved in the projects, with Centre's share and State's share separately?

Smart Cities Mission (SCM) projects in West Bengal

1662 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

- (a) the funds sanctioned and utilized for completing the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) projects in West Bengal;
- (b) the date of selection of smart cities projects in West Bengal and its present status; and
- (c) whether there is delay in the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) projects implementation over its expected completion period of five years?

Urban flooding

1663 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made a specific scheme to prevent urban flooding;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any project has been taken under Smart Cities Mission to prevent urban flooding; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Share in Smart City Mission

1664 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the share of the Central and State Governments under the Smart City Mission and the city-wise funds allocated and utilised in Chhattisgarh during the last three years under the said mission;
- (b) the development works for which the said funds would be spent under the Smart City Mission, the details of the procedure thereof and the roles of Central and State Governments in the agenda of development; and
- (c) whether there has been a misuse of funds in Chhattisgarh under the said mission, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to stop this misuse?

Implementation of Street Vendors Act

1665 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the status of implementation of Street Vendors Act, 2014, in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat;
- (b) the details of street vendors identified, certificates and IDs issued and vending zones notified, district-wise;
- (c) the number of street vendors before 2019 and number of street vendors added after 2019, district-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has provided any social security to street vendors, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for low cost housing

1666 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the steps taken to alleviate homelessness in the country;
- (b) the number of homeless persons in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the list of schemes introduced for low cost housing in the country and the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for low cost housing schemes, State-wise?

Setting up rent authorities

1667 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to set up rent authorities, rent tribunals and rent courts expeditiously and strengthened with required financial resources to let them function effectively;
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/being taken by Government in this regard, so far; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in subsidy

1668 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the homebuyers under the credit linked subsidy scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) are subjected to delay in availing subsidy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the State-wise details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the Housing for All scheme especially with reference to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government to expedite the process to achieve the target of housing for all in the country?

Smart city projects in the country

1669 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) the present status of the smart city projects in the country;
- (b) whether after three years of its launch, reports have revealed that the Smart Cities Mission is progressing at a slow pace and, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- State-wise, year-wise from the time of initiation;
- (c) whether many projects are still in the preparatory phase, if so, the response of Government thereto; and
- (d) the funds released and utilised so far, State-wise, year-wise from the time of initiation?

Status of work on RRTS corridors in Haryana

1670 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the details of the status of work on Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) in respect of Delhi-Sonepat-Panipat, Delhi-Rohtak-Hisar, Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar and Delhi-Faridabad-Palwal corridors;
- (b) the dates on which the said proposals were sent/forwarded by the State Government of Haryana;
- (c) the outcome of the pre-feasibility and feasibility study reports for these RRTS corridors; and
- (d) the funds allocated and released including the period of allocation for development of aforesaid RRTS corridors?

FAR of buildings in Central Vista area

1671 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) permitted for buildings in the Central Vista area of New Delhi;
- (b) the FAR proposed in the Delhi Master Plan 2041, the draft of which is under public consultation;
- (c) the FAR emerging for the proposed buildings along the Central Vista according to the ground coverage and the floor plans admitted by Government and available in the public domain; and
- (d) whether there are any discrepancies between these FAR numbers and, if so, the

reasons therefor?

Environmental clearance of steel projects

1672 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the number of steel projects awaiting environmental clearance in the country;
- (b) the present status of the special purpose vehicles and special mining zones to attract investment in the Steel Sector; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for speedy environmental clearance for the said projects?

Smart city projects in Tamil Nadu

1673 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the total amount of funds allocated/disbursed for the State of Tamil Nadu for the smart city project for the last five years;
- (b) whether those smart city projects allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu have been completed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the inspections of the said projects; and
- (d) the details of the rain water drainage facilities and its effectiveness?

Construction of houses in Bihar

1674 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) the number of urban and rural homeless people for whom the construction of building houses is in progress in Bihar;
- (b) the city/district/village-wise details of construction work of building houses is in progress under said plan; and
- (c) the number of houses to be constructed, district-wise in urban/rural areas as per the survey conducted by Government to ensure housing for all?

Increase of central help towards Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban

1675 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to increase the amount of central help towards Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of amount released to each State, particularly to Tamil Nadu in the last five years, year-wise;
- (d) the details of the projects being executed during the same period; and
- (e) the quantum of funds proposed to be allotted for Tamil Nadu in the next three years?

Ease of Living Index 2020

1676 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether Government is mulling over to launch any scheme to improve the living

conditions in the lowest ranked cities conditions as per the Ease of Living Index 2020 in consultation with the respective State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the major areas wherein the said cities have scored less?

Garbage free cities

1677 # **Dr. Anil Jain:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes have been formulated to make all the cities of the country garbage free and water secure under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM 2.0) and AMRUT 2.0;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when all the cities of Uttar Pradesh including Firozabad would be made garbage free; and

(d) whether there is any action plan to turn all the urban local bodies of the country including Firozabad district into Open Defecation Free (ODF) under SBM-2.0 and AMRUT 2.0?

Minority concentrated districts

1678 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) what is the criteria of selecting minority concentrated districts where Muslims and Christians are in overwhelming majority like Mizoram , Nagaland or Lakshadweep;

(b) whether the Hindus are treated in these States as majority or minority community;

(c) whether in these States the same religious community are enjoying the benefit of being majority and minority at once; and

(d) whether Government would do away with such anomalies?

Recycling of wastewater

1679 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to recycle and reuse treated wastewater to cater to twenty per cent of total water needs of the cities and forty per cent of industrial demands under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction?

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana—Urban in Andhra Pradesh

1680 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

(a) whether Government has received a demand of 20.50 lakh houses under PMAY-U for the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total houses sanctioned, district-wise?

Targets achieved under Housing for All programme

1681 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the details of targets achieved under Housing for All programme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) so far, State-wise;
- (b) whether the said programme is on track to achieve its targeted goal by 2024;
- (c) the roadmap of Government to achieve above mentioned targets; and
- (d) whether Government has any specific scheme for making urban areas of the country slum free, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for protection of water bodies

1682 Dr. Ameer Jainik:

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

- (a) the details of programmes and schemes introduced by Government to protect water bodies during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme for districts dealing with very low groundwater level; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Groundwater contamination

1683 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) the major contaminants present in groundwater in the country and their sources;
- (b) the details of the districts affected by such contamination, State-wise;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure contamination-free water supply in affected districts; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated to affected States under the Jal Jeevan Mission?

Fund allocation to JJM in Chhattisgarh

1684 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) the target set for the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the year-wise quantum of funds allocated to Chhattisgarh since the inception of said mission till now and the year-wise amount of funds expended from the same;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Chhattisgarh ranks at the bottom in providing piped drinking water to every household; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Kosi-Mechi Link Scheme

1685 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) whether the Kosi-Mechi Link Scheme has received investment clearance and, if so, the details of estimated total project funding needed;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a similar scheme like the Ken-Betwa link project has a funding ratio of 90 per cent (Centre): 10 per cent (State);
- (c) whether Government is considering to include the Kosi-Mechi Link Scheme also as a National Project with a funding ratio of 90 per cent (Centre): 10 per cent (State) and, if not, the reasons therefor and the expected funding pattern; and
- (d) the formalities still pending and timeline for its completion?

Drinking water in villages under JJM

1686 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) the number of villages, in terms of percentage, which have been provided drinking water under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) during the last two years;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to provide drinking water to 100 per cent of the villages; and
- (c) the agencies which are working with State Government in this regard and the details thereof, State-wise?

Status of States covered under JSA

1687 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) the progress of Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) across the country since its launch in 2019 and the details thereof;
- (b) the number of States covered under the JSA since its inception, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it has been effective in ensuring water security to the water stressed districts in the States and the details thereof?

Financial assistance to Maharashtra

1688 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether various parts of Maharashtra including Konkan, Sangli and Kolhapur have recently been affected by floods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the loss of life and property, population displaced and the financial assistance provided to Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (d) whether Government has conducted a survey of flood-prone areas in the State;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the districts identified; and
- (f) the other remedial steps taken by Government for flood control and management in the State?

Water storage capacity in reservoirs

1689 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is an urgent need for augmenting the country's overall water storage capacity by creating new reservoirs and rejuvenating the existing ones - many of which have been suffering from neglect; and
- (b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard so far?

Loan for water supply project

1690 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether the Asian Development Bank has agreed to give loan for water supply project in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the amount of loan decided to be given;

- (c) the places where water treatment plants would be constructed under this scheme and the total likely capacity of these plants; and
- (d) by when these projects are expected to be completed?

Measures to increase groundwater level

1691 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) what measures Government is taking for increasing the groundwater level in the country; and
- (b) whether Government has thought about alternative sources of water and, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of toilets under HGSY

1692 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of houses where toilets have been built under 'Har Ghar Sauchalaya Yojana' (HGSY) under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) (Gramin) during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether SBM (Gramin) has created Open Defecation Free (ODF) in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to make ODF in rural areas?

Funds for NGP

1693 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) the amount of funds sanctioned for Namami Gange Programme (NGP), and the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the amount spent out of the funds sanctioned?

Additional functional household tap connections

1694 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the number of additional functional household tap connections constructed for the years for 2019-20 till present and list of the same, State-wise; and
- (b) the total number of additional schools and Anganwadi centres, respectively, provided water connection through taps for the years 2019-20 till present and list of the same, State-wise?

Arsenic affected areas

1695 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that all those living in areas affected by Arsenic contaminated water get safe drinking water and are not affected by

water-borne diseases;

- (b) the number of districts in States/Union Territories of the country where these problems exist and the details of districts/places identified by Government in this connection; and
- (c) the reasons for presence of Arsenic in the water and the details of the current status of the decision taken earlier by Government to remove this problem?

Nal se Jal scheme

1696 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the target set for Nal se Jal scheme and the status of the same in Gujarat; and
- (b) the number of households getting benefit under this scheme in Gujarat so far?

Guidelines for use of iron and PVC materiel

1697 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has stipulated any criteria and guidelines for the use of iron and PVC material in the work done under the 'Har Ghar Jal Mission';
- (b) whether any estimation has been made to ascertain the per meter cost of PVC material along with iron material and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been undertaken by the Indian Institute of Technology in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Drought prone regions

1698 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to create drought reserves in any of the drought-prone regions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the alternative plan adopted by Government to create water reserves in such areas;
- (d) whether Government has considered the creation of water banks in water-stressed regions;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether Government has adopted any measures to prevent the exploitation of aquifers; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Groundwater pollution in Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh

1699 **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the current status of groundwater pollution in Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) the measures to make groundwater pollution free during the last three years in Singrauli?

River Linking Scheme

1700 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) the specific details of 'River Linking Scheme' in the country with specific reference to the States of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab and Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of ongoing Schemes and Schemes proposed for the States;
- (c) the budgetary support in the present financial year and how much have already been spent till December 2020, the details thereof, project-wise; and
- (d) the position of Government on the viability and success of River Linking Schemes?

Arsenic affected habitations in Uttar Pradesh

1701 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) whether 76 habitations in Ballia district out of total 124 habitations in Uttar Pradesh are affected by contamination of Arsenic in ground/drinking water as per Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, habitation-wise;
- (c) the details of number of population affected by Arsenic contamination in these 124 habitations, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of names of habitations in Ghazipur and Ballia in Uttar Pradesh where Community Water Purification Plants have been installed in Arsenic affected areas, habitation-wise?

Supply of water to Delhi and other States

1702 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether water would be supplied to Delhi and many other States by Renukaji Multipurpose Dam project in Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of funds sanctioned for the said project and the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated in the said project for irrigation, drinking and power generation and the details thereof?

Implementation of tool rooms with training facilities

1703 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether there are any plans to open more and more tool rooms with training facilities, in view of successful implementation of tool rooms;
- (b) whether it is a fact that one tool room is going to be set up in Bangalore; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Registration of MSMEs under URP

1704 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registrations under Udyam Registration Portal (URP), increase in registrations post introduction of the URP and reasons for such an increase, if any;

- (b) whether Government is aware that an NSSO report found 633.88 lakh unincorporated non-agriculture MSMEs in India engaged in different economic activities;
- (c) whether it has undertaken any measures to further incorporate and attract enterprises from organised sector, if so, the details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government is aware of the spatial concentration of registered MSMEs in certain States and, if so, reasons therefor?

Establishment of MSMEs in Rajasthan

1705 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish and promote Micro, Small and Medium scale Enterprises in Dausa-Sawai Madhopur, Tonk and Karauli Dholpur Parliamentary Constituency in view of the large scale migration due to lack of any employment opportunities from districts of Dausa, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli and Alwar; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, the steps taken by Government, in this regard?

Loss of jobs due to COVID-19 pandemic

1706 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, sector-wise, and State-wise;
- (b) the total number of jobs lost in MSMEs sector due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (c) the number of MSMEs which have availed loans under the emergency provisions announced by Government as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned, under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package, sector-wise; and
- (e) whether Government plans to extend the moratorium given by RBI to enterprises in MSMEs sector on repayment of loans?

Schemes for MSMEs

1707 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many schemes for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) like Start up India, MSMEs Samadhan, no or low interest loans, Make in India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, etc. which were meant to help them tide over COVID-19 crisis could not have helped wisely;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to help MSMEs sector, which are facing many challenges/hurdles due to COVID-19 situations in the country?

Drinking Water Problem in Guwahati

1708 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that drinking water network serves less than 25 per cent of people of the city of Guwahati;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) what are the schemes presently going on for the supply of safe drinking water to the people of Guwahati;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Schemes have failed to achieve their target date of commissioning;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereto;
- (f) by when the residents of Guwahati can expect safe drinking water; and
- (g) by when Government is targeting to supply safe drinking water in rural India by 2024?

Financial assistance for revival of MSMEs

1709 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that millions of people employed in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country have lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to improve the status of people rendered jobless;
- (c) whether Government has provided any financial assistance for the revival of MSMEs in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken or to be taken by Government to protect the interests of both employer and employees of MSME sector?

Status of ongoing civil aviation projects

1710 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) the present status of various ongoing civil aviation projects in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up more airports in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action plan prepared by Government for the developments of the new domestic/international airports; and
- (d) the number of airports identified for developments under UDAN scheme in various parts of the country?

MSMEs run by females

1711 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government holds data on the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) started in the State of Goa by females between 2018 and 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government holds data on the number of such MSMEs which have been registered under the UDAYAM portal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare schemes

1712 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the number of welfare schemes introduced by Government in the mining areas, State-

wise;

(b) the details of fund allocated for welfare schemes in the mining areas dedicated to workers and local residents, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any action to check the misuse of District Mineral Foundation Trust fund which is for welfare of workers only; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Raising of royalty rates

1713 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

(a) the current rates of royalty on iron, chromite ore, manganese, bauxite and limestone and the rates prior to the revision in 2014;

(b) Whether it is a fact that despite recommendations from the State Government of Odisha, no decision has been taken to raise the royalty rates, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any consideration to raise these rates and by when Government intends to take a call on the matter?

Conclaves and conferences organized by the Ministry

1714 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

(a) the total number of conclaves and conferences relevant to mining sector organized by the Ministry in last five years;

(b) the expenditure incurred upon such conclaves and conferences in last five years; conclave-wise and details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has prepared a compiled document of the research outcomes of such conclaves, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of minerals in Odisha

1715 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

(a) the total revenue earned by the Union Government and the State Government of Odisha over the past five years with reference to production of minerals from mining in Odisha; and

(b) the steps Government and the State Government of Odisha have undertaken for the development of mines in the State?

Artificial scarcity of sand by mafia

1716 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

(a) whether the artificial scarcity of sand is being created by mafia, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the legal actions taken in this regard, State-wise, from 2014 to till date; and

(c) the details of the types of sand imported, exported and sand available locally for various purposes in the country from 2014 to till date?

Gold and diamond mines

1717 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of gold and diamond mines/deposits available across the country, as on date;
- (b) the State/location-wise quantity and value of gold and diamond excavated/mined during the last three years and current financial year;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that some foreign companies engaged in gold and diamond mining are not complying with the guidelines, in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of complaints received, in this regard, during the said period and the action taken thereon?

Reforms in the Mines and Minerals Act

1718 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposed reforms in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, wherein any violation within the mining lease area, over-extraction of minerals beyond the mining plan or flouting environmental and forest laws will no longer be considered illegal mining, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether the time given for comments and suggestions from the general public, States and Union Territories, industry and other stakeholders is just ten days, instead of the thirty day minimum window, under the pre-legislative consultation policy, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Geo heritage conservation site

1719 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India (GSI) had submitted a draft legislation to Government, if so, the status of its deliberation;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government in view of the fact that India does not have a geo heritage conservation site of international recognition and the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of funds dedicated in this regard and how much has been spent in the last three years and the details thereof?

Cess on coal and lignite

1720 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has developed a mechanism to allow State Governments to set the rate of cess on coal and lignite;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Discovery of mineral deposits

1721 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Geological Survey of India discovered huge mineral deposits such as Ilmenite,

Sillimanite, Monzite, Rutile, Garnet, etc., between Pudimadaka in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Paradip in Odisha;

(b) whether the cost of above mineral deposits is estimated to be nearly Rs. 50,000 crore;

(c) if so, the details of the report; and

(d) by when Government will initiate the process of inviting tenders to go ahead with the next stage of exploiting these minerals?

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram

1722 Shri John Brittas:

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

(a) the total amount disbursed during the last two years in Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJVK) scheme;

(b) the details thereof State-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes any modification in this scheme?

Funds released to various Wakf institutions

1723 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

(a) the grant-in-aid sanctioned by Government to the Central Wakf Council during each of the last five years and the current year;

(b) the amount of loans released to various Wakf institutions along with the purpose thereof during the said period;

(c) whether some Wakf institutions particularly from Maharashtra have been deprived of this facility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Minority Pre Metric Scholarship applicants from Kerala

1724 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

(a) the number of applicants for the Minority Pre Metric Scholarship from Kerala;

(b) whether the existing quota of scholarships is enough to cover the number of application;

(c) whether there is a large disparity between the number of applicants and the quota; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government intends to solve the same?

Scholarship for minorities

1725 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

(a) the number of applications which have been received for scholarships from minority communities during the past three years;

(b) how many of these have been approved; and

(c) what is the amount disbursed?

NCM notice on compensation for 1984 riots

1726 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minorities has issued a notice to nine States for not having completed the compensation process for the victims of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that victims of 1984 riots are given compensation at the earliest?

Hunar Haats platform for minority communities

1727 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Hunar Haats are being organized by Government to provide craftspeople a platform to showcase their craft, cuisine and culture;
- (b) if so, the number of such Hunar Haats which have been organized so far, State-wise, particularly in Delhi and Haryana; and
- (c) whether Government has any scheme to help the people of minority communities to export their products/handicrafts to other countries?

Increasing harassment of minorities

1728 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there has been an increase in the cases of harassment of minorities between the year 2018-19 to 20th November, 2021;
- (b) if so, details of the said incidents, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to prevent the harassment of minorities?

National Steel Policy

1729 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) the details of recent developments with regard to expanding steel production as envisaged in National Steel Policy, 2017;
- (b) what are some of the major accomplishments of National Steel Policy, 2017 in past four years;
- (c) whether the implementation of this policy was impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of new hydrocarbon projects

1730 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

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

- (a) whether Government will withdraw all the new hydrocarbon projects or exploratory drilling schemes in Tamil Nadu including the exploratory drilling of ten wells in L-I PML block in Ariyalur District, subsequent to enactment of Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has received any letter from State Government of Tamil Nadu either approving or disapproving the above hydrocarbon projects or exploratory drilling schemes; and

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

CSR Initiatives by Oil and Petroleum PSUs

1731 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the total expenditure incurred by different PSUs under the Ministry on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities;
- (b) whether the expenditure is in accordance with the statutory obligations for CSR expenditure;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the project-wise expenditure incurred by each PSU along with details like implementing agency, budget, expenditure, year, location of project, project details, number of beneficiaries, nature of benefits etc;
- (e) whether the Ministry or PSUs concerned have undertaken any external evaluation and impact assessment of their CSR initiatives; and
- (f) if so, the findings of any latest or large scale studies undertaken?

Ethanol production and pricing

1732 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the ethanol production, price and blending in 2014;
- (b) the current situation as to ethanol supply and blending; and
- (c) the benefits of the decisions by Government to the farmers, sugar factories and environment in the last five years?

Release of strategic oil reserve and its impact on price

1733 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is releasing strategic petroleum reserves to tame crude oil prices and the expected price fall which can be achieved;
- (b) whether Government will realize cost savings by releasing previously stocked reserves to increase supply, rather than importing now at high prices and the details thereof;
- (c) the current number of days of oil demand held as reserves in private and Government sector;
- (d) whether this release from strategic reserves will impact energy security of India, and the details thereof; and
- (e) how and when Government plans to refill the shortfall in strategic reserves after this release?

Rise in prices of LPG Cooking Gas

1734 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the prices of LPG cooking gas as paid by the consumer in India in a month-wise format from 2016 to till date;
- (b) the reasons for the rise of the prices of LPG cooking gas which the consumer used to pay in India; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to control this price rise?

ATF price

1735 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is cheaper than petrol as on date;
- (b) if so, the details of price thereof, State-wise along with rate of petrol and ATF in May, 2014; and
- (c) the reasons why ATF is cheaper than petrol in the country?

New gas stove for domestic PNG

1736 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) has developed a new gas stove for domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG);
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to make the new PNG gas stove available to consumers at an affordable price at the earliest?

Transferring ONGC's assets to OIL

1737 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 154 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2021 and state:

whether there has been any initiative towards transferring ONGC's assets to OIL, if so, the details thereof including current status?

Barmer Oil Refinery

1738 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the initial cost of Rajasthan's Barmer Oil Refinery has increased exponentially;
- (b) the initial cost of the said refinery;
- (c) the increase in the cost of the under construction oil refinery;
- (d) whether the approval for cost escalation was taken from HPCL Board;
- (e) if so, when and the time when the recommendation about the increase in cost was given by Engineers India Limited (EIL); and
- (f) the time when Government was intimated regarding the increase in cost?

Alternative energy to LPG

1739 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) Government's view on the suggestion of the NITI AYOGE that electricity be made as a clean cooking alternative to LPG; and
- (b) to what extent it is possible in view of shortage of electricity in the country and Government is still struggling to achieve universal electrification by 2022?

Funds disbursed from the Start Up Fund

1740 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

- (a) the total amount of funds disbursed from the Start Up Fund by the CPSEs under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas over the past three years, year-wise; and
- (b) the details of the fund disbursement from the Start Up Fund by the CPSEs over the past three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Releasing of crude oil from strategic oil reserves

1741 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to release about 5 million barrels of crude oil from its strategic reserve of crude oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether such release from strategic reserve will enable fall in the prices of petrol and diesel in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy on petroleum and natural gas projects

1742 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to study and examine the environmental and social impact linked to natural gas pipeline projects before it is undertaken;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken studies for the capacity building (resources) to help development of natural gas infrastructure;
- (c) the plans undertaken by Government for securing long term gas supply tie ups, both domestically and internationally for petroleum;
- (d) whether Government has any plans for efficient usage of gas through generation of power through Combined Coaling, Heat and Power (CCHP); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Release of oil from strategic reserves

1743 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether there is any move to release oil from India's strategic reserves in coordination with other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) which are the countries mutually agreed to a coordinated release and how effectively this will affect the oil market in the country?

City Gas Distribution Project in Kerala

1744 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the status of door to door gas installation in Kerala by City Gas Distribution Project (CGDP);
- (b) the time by when the gas installations will be completed throughout the State; and

(c) the total cost of the project in the State?

Disparity in per capita income

1745 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether there has been a huge disparities with respect to per capita income of different States during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the factors responsible for the widening gap in per capita income among the States have been analysed; and
- (c) whether appropriate steps have been taken by Government to reduce disparity and the details thereof?

Aims and objectives of NMP

1746 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP);
- (b) the assets that are going to be leased out to generate more revenue, State-wise;
- (c) the details of money that Government is intending to extract through NMP; and
- (d) the details of sectors that have been identified for NMP?

Incentivising private investors for NMP

1747 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to incentivise private investors to bid and participate in the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) and to increase the pace of privatisation;
- (b) the details of framework for selecting private companies while leasing out infrastructure; and
- (c) whether Government intends to implement price regulation for consumers, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Reducing the income disparity

1748 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the gap between the poor and rich has increased during the Corona period and there has been a rapid increase in the number of poor people;
- (b) whether Government policies are working towards making poor, poorer and the rich, richer;
- (c) whether Government would consider to work at a faster pace towards economic equality so that the scope of economic equality could increase; and
- (d) the steps taken to reduce the disparity between the rich and poor during the last six years and impact thereof?

Increase in poverty across the country

1749 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) whether 230 million Indians have been pushed below the poverty line, according to a report by the Azim Premji University;
- (b) whether people's net financial assets dropped from 21 per cent of India's GDP to 8.2 per cent of GDP;
- (c) whether 159 districts in 25 States saw a decline in fixed deposits (in Q4; 2020-'21);
- (d) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to alleviate the acute economic distress that ordinary citizens are facing; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and impact reports of the steps taken?

Role of NEMC

1750 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether Governing Council of NITI Aayog has decided the role of North Eastern Management Committee (NEMC) to address the flood/erosion and drought like situation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funding pattern for implementing the various projects recommended by the Committees to mitigate the problem of such issues in the North Eastern Region?

Revising the National Policy on the Dissemination of Statistical Data

1751 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to revise the National Policy on the Dissemination of Statistical Data;
- (b) if so, whether Government has set a deadline for such a task and the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken a decision to conduct a comprehensive assessment of job losses due to the pandemic, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government is taking to ensure timely dissemination of data pertaining to employment in the country?

Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) in the country

1752 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the details of the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) in the country during each of the last five financial years including the current financial year;
- (b) whether the GFCF has been registering a decline during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

GDP figures

1753 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has estimated or has published the GDP figures for the years 2013-14 and annually till 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details of these estimates;
- (c) whether these GDP figures are also available on quarterly basis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Steel production in Jharkhand

1754 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) the details of reforms in steel production in Jharkhand under 'Make in India' scheme;
- (b) the details and status of projects covered under Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI); and
- (c) the measures under taken to establish steel industries in Jharkhand?

Modernization and expansion of steel plants

1755 # **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has completed the modernisation and expansion of its steel plants, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the work of modernisation and expansion of its steel plants was started in order to increase its crude steel capacity, if so, the target which was set to produce steel after the modernisation and expansion;
- (c) the quantity of steel in million tonnes being produced by SAIL at present; and
- (d) the reasons responsible for less production as compared to the target?

Casualties in steel plants

1756 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the number of serious injuries, accidents, fatalities that have been sustained by workers over the last five years in subsidiaries of Steel Authority of India Limited;
- (b) the details of the ex-gratia provided to employees and contractual workers over the last five years;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been undertaken to ascertain reasons behind accidents at sites;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has taken any measures to improve the safety and rescue division during the past five years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pricing of steel

1757 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) what has been the increase in steel prices during the past two years;
- (b) whether there is a steel cartel operating in this country fixing steel prices; and
- (c) what action has been taken by Government to bring to book the cartel?

Regarding NMDC steel plant in Chhattisgarh

1758 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that NMDC is building a steel plant in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the budgetary allocation for this plant and how much has been utilized till date and the details thereof;
- (c) the proposed capacity of the steel plant and estimated production volume and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is using any new technology in the production of steel in this plant, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Improving infrastructure of steel PSUs

1759 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans in encouraging “Steel plants” of Public Sector unit categories to improve its infrastructure and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any technical assistance has been initiated through overseas steel giants to develop country's PSUs and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the public sector units producing high graded steel compared with private players are provided immense financial provisions and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there was any extra effort taken to promote the supply side of the business, especially in protecting PSU and, if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of budget for PLI

1760 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) what are the proposals made for the State of Tamil Nadu under speciality steel Production Linked Scheme; and
- (b) how much budget is allocated for the State of Tamil Nadu under Speciality Steel PLI Scheme?

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