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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Commerce and Industry; Culture; Human Resource Development; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

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Total Number of Questions — 20

Higher Education Commission of India

†*61. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
PROF. (DR.) SUGATA
BOSE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1951 and set up Higher Education Commission of India (HECI);

(b) if so, the salient features including the composition of the proposed Commission along with its aims and objectives and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has sought the views of eminent educationists and the public on the proposed HECI and if so, the details in this regard;

(d) the extent to which the Government feels that the quality of higher education can be improved across the country and the funds disbursement to central universities will be made in a transparent way; and

(e) the time by which the said Commission will be set up?

Price/Tariff Formula for LNG

*62. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present price/tariff fixation formula being followed by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) and Gujarat Gas Ltd. for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from the terminal to the end user along with the date on which the same came into force;

(b) the details of price/tariff fixation formula followed in the past for the purpose;

(c) the details of criteria and tenure laid down/set for revision of the said tariff formula;

(d) whether the Government proposes to consider deregulating the LNG distribution sector from terminal to end

users in Gujarat allowing other Public Sector Undertakings to make it more competitive on the lines of sectors like telecom and electricity for the benefit of the end users; and

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

UGC Journals

*63. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the list of University Grants Commission (UGC) Journals was full of errors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) of many Journals removed from the UGC list does not match the actual ISSN, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the instances of factual errors hit the credibility of the list itself; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by UGC in this regard?

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

†*64. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:
SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) currently operational in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of EMRSs presently being run by the Central Government, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether the Government has planned/proposes to open new EMRSs in various locations including one in every block across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the teachers and the students in EMRSs across the country along with the funds allocated/being allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of education in EMRSs?

Strike by Students/Teaching Faculty

*65. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students and teaching faculty of the Manipur University are on strike for more than two months demanding the removal of the present Vice-Chancellor;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to sort out the matter at the earliest in the interest of the broader academic careers of the students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employees' Provident Fund Scheme

*66. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of fund a subscriber of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme can withdraw in case of unemployment;

(b) whether EPFO has made changes in the rules in respect of withdrawal for the subscribers who are unemployed;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits that the unemployed subscriber gets out of these changed rules;

(d) the time by which the new rules are likely to be made applicable; and

(e) whether the Government has restricted the withdrawal of employer's contribution from the EPF before the age of 58, if so, the details thereof and the likely effects of the said decision on the workers working in private factories and who have enrolled themselves in EPF Scheme along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Social Security Schemes

†*67. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 17 per cent of the total labourers in the country are covered under the benefits of social security schemes at present and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes a complete overhaul of the social security system in the interest of the labourers and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the scheme prepared in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amalgamate the existing 15 laws into one "labour code" and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the labour unions are not convinced that the changes are necessary, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the consent of the States is essential for amending the existing laws and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the States thereto?

Guidelines for Allocation of Gas

*68. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed any guidelines for allocation of gas to the upcoming power plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry of Power has submitted any proposal in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Upgradation of ESI Hospitals

*69. SHRIMATI SAJDA
AHMED:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning/has any proposal to upgrade the

facilities in all Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals functioning in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of ESI hospitals where Intensive Care Units and Sick Newborn Care Units have been set up in West Bengal during the last four years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Trauma Centre in the ESI Hospital at Uluberia in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Network of Drug Addiction in Education Campuses

†*70. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the network of drug addiction is spreading in the education campuses which is causing several difficulties for the youth in completing their higher education;

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

(c) the names of the Universities/ University campuses which have been identified by the Government so far as places where drugs are sold and drug addiction is rampant; and

(d) the various efforts made by the Government to address the issue?

Import of Crude Oil from Iran

*71. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil imported from Iran during the last two years and the current year and the expenditure incurred in terms of rupee/dollar thereon as compared to other Middle-East countries, volume/value/country-wise;

(b) whether the Government has asked refiners to prepare for a drastic reduction or zero imports of Iranian oil from November this year on the call by the United States of America to all nations for curtailing trade ties/stop crude oil import from Iran and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the refiners to find out alternative to Iranian oil and ensure energy security and also initiated negotiation with other countries for import of crude oil in the wake/event of restricted trade ties with Iran and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the crude oil procured/proposed to be procured from alternative countries will be available in the same price as is available from Iran and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken to increase the production of crude oil and petroleum products to meet the domestic demands and increase the export of petroleum products to make the country zero import dependent/self-reliant and develop alternative fuel economy in the country including leasing out of potential crude oil wells to private companies?

Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh

*72. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has given land in Vizianagaram for setting up of a Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has assured for taking up the works with an estimated cost of Rs. 420 crore and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government justifies allocating just Rs. 10 crore in 2018-19 budget and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government is delaying in bringing a Bill for setting up of the said Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to bring the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (Amendment) Bill to facilitate setting up of the said Tribal University during the current session and if so, the details thereof?

National e-Commerce Policy

*73. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame a National e-Commerce Policy (NEP) to deal with issues including competition, regulation, data privacy, taxation and technical aspects such as localisation of servers and technology transfer and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up a task force to finalise the contours of the said policy and if so, the details thereof

along with the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether India is under intense pressure to negotiate international rules on e-commerce under the World Trade Organisation, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the companies operating taxi-aggregator services etc. are in violation of policy and if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to address the issue; and

(e) whether the Government has incurred a major fiscal loss in the absence of any such NEP and if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Professors

†*74. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of Professors in Universities and Government-run colleges of the country which is directly affecting teaching activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of professors in the country?

Start-up India Scheme

*75. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

license as per foreign trade policy are not able to fulfil their export obligations due to the crisis in the cashew industry;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of the action taken by the Government to sanction the request of cashew industrialists to provide additional time limit of 18 months from the date of expiry of the current period of advance authorisation?

Promotion of MSME Sector

*77. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have spurred the industrial development and are instrumental in removing the regional imbalances in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any policy/scheme for promoting the MSME sector in the industrially backward regions including tribal majority nalaxite affected areas in the country including Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose and number of employment generated/likely to be generated therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

(a) the salient features of the Start-up India Scheme and the number of registrations done under this scheme since its inception across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized and the target set/achieved under this scheme since its inception so far, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the State Governments which have formulated Start-up policies in their States at present;

(d) whether the Union Government is planning to rank the States according to the Start-up Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government for maximum area coverage under this scheme?

Cashew Industry

*76. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the cashew industry is in crisis and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to save the cashew industry;

(b) whether the Government proposes to change the export-import policy for cashew in the light of the crisis in the said industry and if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether it has also come to the notice of the Government that the exporters who have cleared the import cargo with the help of advance authorisation

Special Economic Zones

*78. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) The details of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved/established in the country, State/UT-wise indicating those which are operational at present;

(b) whether certain SEZs approved by the Government have not started functioning or are lying closed and if so, the details of such non-operational SEZs, State/UT and location-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to make these SEZs functional along with the time-frame fixed in this regard; and

(d) whether SEZs have facilitated exports in the manufacturing sector and if so, the details thereof along with the impact of SEZs on employment generation?

Complaints regarding Ragging

†*79. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of complaints regarding ragging received by any educational institution, their status and satisfaction level of complainant parents

along with closure report is to be sent to the Government on monthly basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the total number of complaints of ragging which have been received by the Government during the last three years, State-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is working on any action plan to deal with the problem of ragging; and

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

Basic Facilities to Tourists

†*80. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing/proposes to provide basic facilities like drinking water, toilets, parking, road connectivity and guides etc. to the tourists visiting monuments, historical temples and world heritage sites to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, monument-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for the beautification of the famous and very ancient cave and temple of tribal God, Lingojango located at Kachadgarh, taluka Salkesa, district Gondiya of Gadchiroli and in other tourist attractions located in tribal dominated areas of the country including Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the action taken on the requests received from public representatives in this regard?

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