

**(LOK SABHA)**

**Questions For Oral Answer**

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**[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 and TRIBAL AFFAIRS ]**.

**Total No. of Questions - 20**

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**Employment Information Centres**

**\*1 Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati) :**

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has issued instructions to the States for setting up Employment Information Centres (EICs) in each village for job related information and if so, the details thereof; (b) whether these instructions are being followed by the State Governments and if so, the details thereof; (c) the names of the villages where EICs have been set up during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise; (d) the time by which EICs are likely to be set up in each village; and (e) the steps taken by the Government to set up Bureau for Private Sector in the Employment Exchange of each district for providing job opportunities in the private sector

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**Export of Raw Sugar to China**

**\*2 Sh. Vinod Kumar Boianapalli (Karimnagar):**

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement to export raw sugar to China after considering all market conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether sugar is the second product after non-basmati rice to be exported to China;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of profit/loss which the rice export has yielded and the manner in which the Government supports the addition of sugar to the export basket to China in favour of larger GDP growth; and

(e) whether the Government has considered all stake holders and their needs while signing the agreement and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Land Taken on Lease**

**\*3 Sh. Krupal Balaji Tumane (Ramtek):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the land taken on lease by the three petroleum companies such as the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited from the year 2001, State/region-wise;

(b) whether the land for which the lease period has expired has been returned to the land owners by the petroleum companies and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the land owners have registered any complaints in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to return the land back to their owners?

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### **Shortage of Trained Teachers**

**\*4 Sh. Vinayak Bhaurao Raut(Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg ) :**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is aware of the falling standard of education in various States of the country on account of shortage of trained teachers;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that the school teachers lack basic knowledge, especially in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring certain changes in the training of teachers keeping in view the future of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has issued directives to the State Governments in regard to the standard of education and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring the standard of education at par in the cities as well as in villages?

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### **Heli-Tourism**

**\*5 Sh. R. Gopalakrishnan ( madurai):**

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken any further steps, apart from feasibility studies, to introduce helicopter services for providing Heli-tourism in Madurai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Heli-tourism facility is likely to commence in Madurai?

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### **Encroachment of Monuments**

**\*6 Dr. Kulamani Samal (Jagatsinghpur):**

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether a number of historical and protected monuments/structures and sites have been illegally encroached by private individuals/groups/NGOs in all the States and UTs including Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this encroachment has been increasing at a rapid rate during the last five years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number and the details of encroachments removed, State and UT-wise by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and other civil authorities, separately, during the above period; and

(d) whether steps have been taken by the Government to keep the historical monuments free from encroachments in all the States and UTs and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

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### **New Tourism Projects**

**\*7 Sh. Lallu Singh (Faizabad):**

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has recently proposed to launch new tourism projects to promote tourism at large scale in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned such projects for West Bengal which has immense potential for tourism development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Special Economic Zones**

**\*8 Sh. Harishchandra Deoram Chavan(Dindori) :**

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the 23 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, location-wise along with the details of goods for which these SEZs are functioning;

(b) the details of SEZs out of the said SEZs which are not following the rules laid down in this regard during the last three years, location-wise;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government against these SEZs during the said period; and

(d) the outcome of the said action taken by the Government?

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### **Hostels in Navodaya Vidyalayas**

**\*9 Sh. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of construction of hostels in Navodaya Vidyalayas started in the country, especially in Maharashtra during the last three years, year and State/ location-wise;

(b) the status of construction of hostel in Navodaya Vidyalaya at Shegaon in Buldhana district of Maharashtra as on date;

(c) whether the construction of the said hostel at Shegaon has been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which the said construction is likely to be completed?

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### **Tourist Accommodation Centres**

**\*10 Sh. Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel (Hamirpur):**

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is considering to construct tourist accommodation centres with world class facilities in Mahoba of Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tourists who visited Bundelkhand during the last five years; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government for development of tourism in Bundelkhand?

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### **Residential Schools for Tribal Students**

**\*11 Smt. Riti Pathak (Sidhi):**

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the Central Schemes being implemented to encourage residential schools for tribal students;

(b) the amount of financial assistance provided during each of the last three years in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prepare any scheme to open schools to impart compulsory education in tribal areas of the country including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

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## **Schemes for Development of Tourism**

**\*12 Sh. Santosh Kumar Gangwar (Bareilly):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to provide assistance to State Governments for development of tourism in the country;

(b) whether several tourist places in the country are being developed with foreign financial assistance;

(c) if so, the details of the financial assistance received and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, project and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to declare the tourist sites of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh as important tourist sites, develop these sites and provide assistance to the State Governments for the said purpose; and

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

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### **Distribution of LPG Cylinders**

**\*13 Sh. R. Gopalakrishnan ( madurai):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has formulated any new policy for distribution of LPG cylinders and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that some quantity of gas is being taken out from the LPG cylinders and consumers are being provided lesser quantity of gas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Faculty Positions**

**\*14 Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty (Gauhati):**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of posts of faculty in universities that have been advertised by various Central Universities after the issuance of the University Grants Commission (UGC) circular on faculty positions in universities, department-wise;

(b) the number of posts that are reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) out of the total posts advertised;

(c) the number of posts that would have been reserved for SCs/STs, if the earlier provision of reservation had been followed; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring in a legislation to restore the original

position and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Higher Education Courses**

**\*15 Sh. Laxman Giluwa ( singhbhum):**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the medium of instruction in most of the courses of higher education is English, due to which rural students remain deprived of higher and technical education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of higher education courses whose medium of instruction is Hindi and regional languages at present;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to make Hindi and regional languages the medium of instruction in medical colleges and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs); and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Unemployment Rate**

**\*16 Sh. Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu (Srikakulam ):**

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is true that the unemployment rate has increased to 7.4 per cent in December, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that 84 per cent of the job losses came from the rural population and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is further true that 3.7 million jobs were lost by the salaried employees and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Revenue generated from Tourism**

**\*17 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan ( kheda):**

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the average revenue generated and foreign exchange earned from tourism during the last three years;

(b) the details of the ongoing schemes for the development and promotion of tourism and the number of tourism infrastructure projects prioritised/ sanctioned during the above period, State/ UT-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for the development and promotion of tourism and allocation of funds therefor;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such proposals received and the

number of projects sanctioned and funds allocated, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase allocation of funds for tourism infrastructure, promotion, publicity of tourist destinations and products in the domestic and international markets and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Crude Oil Prices**

**\*18 Sh. Asaduddin Owaisi (Hyderabad):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether there was a sharp rise in crude oil prices during the month of October last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which this rise was due to low production of OPEC;

(c) whether after intervention of the US President, some of the OPEC countries and Russia revamped the crude oil production bringing the petrol and diesel prices down and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether OPEC are planning to cut crude oil production which is likely to increase the prices of petrol and diesel in the coming month; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to arrest the increasing trend of petrol and diesel prices in the country?

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### **Unorganised Labourers**

**\*19 Sh. Parvesh Sahib Singh (West Delhi):**

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the steps taken by the Government to improve the working conditions for unorganised labourers in Delhi during the last four years and the current year;

(b) whether the unorganised labourers in Delhi have access to welfare facilities like provident funds and insurance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government has taken any steps for doing the same and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Viability Gap Funding**

**\*20 Prof. Saugata Roy (Dum Dum):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the reasons for giving Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of Rs. 5,176 crores to GAIL which is equivalent to the capital expenditure for the Bokaro-Dhamra pipeline which shall connect the LNG Terminal at Dhamra to the National Gas Grid;

(b) whether such type of VGF has been provided to connect any other privately owned LNG Terminal in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any stakeholders have demanded such VGF for any other projects in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

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