

(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

7th February,2019

[CIVIL AVIATION - DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION - INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING - MINES - NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY - PANCHAYATI RAJ - POWER - ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS - RURAL DEVELOPMENT - SHIPPING - TEXTILES - WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION and YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS]

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Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme

***61 Sh. Suresh Prabhu(Andhra Pradesh) :**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives of the said programme;

(c) whether the Government has set any guidelines and time-frame for the implementation of the said programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated for the said purpose by the Government?

Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes

***62 Sh. Ashok Mahadeorao Nete (gadchiroli-chimur):**

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether transmission of Doordarshan and Akashvani programmes is not clear in the rural and border areas of the country;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken to increase the number of transmitters, particularly in the said areas under the ongoing scheme, State-wise?

Saubhagya

***63 Sh. C. N. Jayadevan (Thrissur):**

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

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the progress in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) which was launched in September, 2017 with the aim to provide access to electricity to all remaining households in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

All India Radio

***64 Sh. Prasun Banerjee (Howrah):**

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the reasons for not convening the regular Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for Programme Executives of the All India Radio (AIR) for the last twenty years;

(b) the details of action taken/ being taken by the Government about the officers who are forced to retire as ad-hocs because of this tardiness;

(c) whether the Supreme Court had ordered a DPC to be convened in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether a DPC for Programme Executives of AIR was convened in August, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the status of the list prepared by the Committee and sent to the Ministry?

Bharatmala Pariyojana

***65 Sh. C. Mahendran(Pollachi) :**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the ambitious Bharatmala Pariyojana is considered as India's biggest highways development plan and if so, the details thereof including the kilometres proposed and constructed under the project, State-wise;

(b) whether the project is delayed at multiple implementation stages amid funding shortages, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the project including the total kilometres of roads, State-wise including Bihar and Kerala and the funds allocated and spent for the project, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is struggling with availability of land and planning to cut short the project and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government will take measures to link major fishing harbours and other small ports with major National Highways and State Highways under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is ready to declare major roads under Bharatmala project as National Highways in the States including Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Chardham Project

***66 Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank (Haridwar):**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total amount of funds spent for “Chardham” project during the last four years and the time by which the said project is likely to be completed;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the said project from natural disasters; and

(c) whether the Government has set up any mechanism for ensuring its quality and monitoring and if so, the details thereof?

Reconstruction of Roads damaged by Floods

***67 Sh. Laxman Giluwa (singhbhum):**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate fund to carry out reconstruction and repair of roads damaged by floods in the country;

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Construction of Bridges

***68 Sh. Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri(Garhwal) :**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of proposals received and sanctioned by the Government regarding construction of bridges under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Governments for relaxing the norms under PMGSY;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Sanitation Scheme

***69 Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli) :**

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total amount of grant provided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families under sanitation scheme in rural areas during each of the last three years and the current year, separately, State/UT-wise;

(b) the rate of per BPL and APL family assistance provided during the above period;

(c) whether the rate of assistance per family has ever been reduced by the Government, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to increase the assistance provided under the scheme;

(d) whether any financial assistance has been received from private companies and PSUs under the Corporate Social Responsibility activities in the sanitation sector in rural areas being run by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to invite Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the sanitation sector and also in supply of drinking water in rural areas, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

International Solar Alliance

***70 Sh. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi (Dharwad):**

Will the **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has recently approved to move a resolution in the First Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to open up its membership to all UN countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aim of the resolution; and

(c) the manner in which it will help in putting solar energy in global agenda with universal appeal for developing and deploying solar energy?

Supply of Safe Drinking Water

***71 Sh. Lallu Singh (Faizabad):**

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of funds allocated under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether 40 per cent villages of the country are affected by chemical contamination of water;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard so as to supply safe drinking water to the households?

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan

***72 Sh. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre(Akola) :**

Will the **YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) and Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) have achieved the desired results in improving the level of sports in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds provided and utilised under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT and scheme-wise;

(c) the number of complaints of irregularities/corruption in implementation of the said schemes reported along with the action taken thereon by the Government during the said period, State/UT and scheme-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to prepare any long term plan to attract

Electrification of Villages

***73 Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge (Gulbarga):**

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

(a) whether an estimated 3.14 crore rural households are still without electricity and majority of such villages are in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, Odisha, etc.;

(b) whether the Ministry has decided to electrify each household by April this year; and

(c) if so, the details of roadmap prepared for execution of this project and the details of expenditure to be incurred for this purpose?

Distress Migration

***74 Sh. Sankar Prasad Datta (Tripura West) :**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study recently on the levels of distress migration in the country from rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rate of distress migration is higher from the rural areas of certain States than the others and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government apart from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), in order to reduce distress migration?

Archery Association of India

***75 Sh. G.Hari (Arakkonam):**

Will the **YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Archery Federation has threatened to suspend the Indian Archery Federation/Archery Association of India over the outcome of the elections held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such eventuality?

Award of UDAN III Routes

***76 Sh. K. Ashokkumar (Krishnagiri) :**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government will shortly award new regional connectivity routes under UDAN III and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the new routes will meet a lot of unmet demands and futuristic requirements of the people and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the third round of bidding under the Regional Connectivity Scheme for domestic routes concluded recently and 15 airlines had bid for a total 111 routes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these include a bulk of the 56 routes withdrawn from Air Odisha and Air Deccan because of their inability to launch flights and if so, the details thereof?

Hydro-Electric Projects

***77 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan (kheda):**

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

(a) the details of the hydro-electric projects in operation and the quantum of hydro-power generated by each of the projects during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the potential of the North-Eastern States for generation of hydro-power;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to harness the potential;

(d) whether the Central Electricity Authority has assessed the potential of Arunachal Pradesh for generation of hydro energy; and

e) if so, the details thereof including the projects proposed to tap the hydro-electric potential of the NorthEastern States along with the time by which these projects are likely to be operationalised?

Pawan Hans Ltd.

***78 Sh. Kapil Moreshwar Patil (Bhiwandi):**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Pawan Hans Limited has released the Pay Commission benefits to the Officer cadre more than a year back while denying the same to the lower cadre regular and contractual employees till date;

(b) if so, the justification/reasons for this unfair decision in the backdrop of the cherished vision of 'Sabka Sath-Sabka Vikas' of the Government; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to end the disparity without any delay?

National Rural Drinking Water Programme

***79 Sh. Nihal Chand Chauhan (Ganganagar):**

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of effective steps taken by the Government under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) whether the Government proposes to give special assistance to the rural areas to tackle the problem of drinking water;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount of assistance provided to various States including Rajasthan under NRDWP during the last one year and the effective steps taken to address the problem of drinking water?

Digi Yatra

***80 Sh. E. T. Mohammed Basheer (Ponnani):**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme titled "Digi Yatra" for speedy disposal of services in the airports and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any time bound programme of action is planned to cover all airports of the country under the above scheme and if so, the details thereof?

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