

Lok Sabha

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[CIVIL AVIATION - HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS - MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES - MINORITY AFFAIRS - NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY - POWER - ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS - SHIPPING - YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS and JAL SHAKTI].

Total No. of Questions - 20

Setting up of Bio-Gas Plants

***181 Sh. Ramcharan Bohra (jaipur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to make bio-gas available in remote/ rural areas of the country for cooking purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages where biogas plants have been set up during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the use of bio-gas cooking stoves in the country?

Water Level of Major Reservoirs

***182 Sh. Ajay Misra (Kheri):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the water level of 91 major reservoirs in the country has dropped below the average level of the last 10 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is proposing/likely to propose to increase the total storage capacity of all the reservoirs in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Glass Facades in Buildings

***183 Shri. Manoj Kotak Kishorbhai (Mumbai-north-east):**

Will the **HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether energy conservationists are cautioning against growing number of buildings with glass facades which affect the global warming;

(b) if so, whether any norms have been framed for allowing glass facades in buildings, especially to address safety and security concerns as they lead to quick increase in temperature;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a complete glass building consumes electricity four times more than a normal building as per the study done by IIT, Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Solar Energy Plants

***184 Sh. Sushil Kumar Singh (Aurangabad):**

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

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to increase the capacity of new and renewable energy projects in the country particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of such projects sanctioned in the country particularly in Bihar during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by the Government to start/re-start such projects;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that some unemployed youth and skilled persons are willing to set up solar energy plants in the country particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to provide technical and financial assistance to such youth and skilled persons?

Power Supply to Industrial Sector

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

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to supply adequate power to the industrial sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any norms or standard for industrial units in 8 energy consuming sectors for reducing their specific energy consumption under the National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which these units have achieved the set targets to reduce the use of energy by industrial units during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise?

Role of Small and Medium Enterprises

***186 Shri. Chandan Singh (Nawada):**

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether small and medium enterprises play a key role in the manufacturing sector of the country;

(b) if so, the percentage-wise contribution of small and medium enterprises in the total production of the manufacturing sector during the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(c) whether some units of small and medium enterprises have also been closed down during the said period; and

(d) if so, the number of the units closed during each year of the said period along with the reasons therefor?

Cleaning of Ponds, Lakes and Canals

***187 Sh. Krupal Balaji Tumane (Ramtek):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to prepare any nation-wide action plan under irrigation schemes for cleaning of lakes, ponds and canals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a number of animals and people die every year after getting stuck in the silt accumulated in the canals and if so, the details and facts thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make any annual programme for cleaning of canals and to implement it under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and if so, the details thereof?

Contamination and Depletion of Ground Water

***188 Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Raver):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has carried out any specific study regarding contamination and depletion of ground water level, especially caused by private water packaging companies which are using reverse osmosis technology, discharging concentrates, thereby increasing the hardness of ground water and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes for bringing regulations to curb and minimize further deterioration of water quality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Growth of Shipping Industry

***189 Sh. Sunil Dattatray Tatkar(Raigad) :**

SHIPPING :-

(a) the growth registered by the domestic shipping industry in the country during each of the last three years along with the present status of the ship-building industry in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any specific schemes for improving the overall infrastructure in various shipyards of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government for upgradation of infrastructure in the ports and augmentation of Indian tonnage in the shipping industry;

(d) whether many Indian shipping companies are heavily in debt during recent years and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the growth of the shipping industry in the country?

Revenue from Toll Collection

***190 Shri. Benny Behanan (Chalakydy):**

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

(a) the amount of the toll tax collected by the Government on National Highways (NHs) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has spent any funds on the development of NHs from such revenue earned during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States including Kerala have raised objections for collection of toll from NHs during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the consultations undertaken with various stakeholders in this regard and the results achieved therefrom?

Development of Highways

***191 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Jamshedpur) :**

ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS :-

(a) whether the Government has formulated any programme for development of roads including National and State Highways across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the roads proposed to be developed and the funds provided for the purpose;

(c) the time period fixed for the purpose;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include local residents and public representatives while planning new roads; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Silt Accumulation in Dams/ Reservoirs/Lakes

***192 Sh. Sudheer Gupta (mandsour):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has made any survey/study about the silt accumulation in the dams/reservoirs/lakes across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the dams which have reduced the water holding capacity more than 50 per cent;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to remove silt therefrom and received any proposals from certain States for adopting new technology for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken on the said proposals;

(d) whether the Government is establishing any new mechanism using modern technology to remove silt from such dams/reservoirs to bring them back to their full water holding capacity and if so, the details thereof including the details of such technology; and (e) whether the Government has planned any silt-removal programme in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Upliftment of Minority Communities

***193 Sh. S.R. Parthiban (Salem):**

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

(a) the details of the existing schemes for improvement of minority communities;

(b) the funds allocated/sanctioned and utilized for this purpose during each of the last two years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to have any further programme for the upliftment of the minority communities; and

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

Inter-linking of Rivers

***194 Sh. Subhash Chandra Baheria (Bhilwara):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is working on inter-linking of Indian rivers in future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Scholarships to Minority Students

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

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

(a) the number of pre-matric, postmatric, merit-cum-means and other scholarships disbursed by the Union Government to the minority students during each of the last five years; and

(b) the manner in which the number of such scholarships is likely to be increased to 5 crore during the next five years?

Hike in Air Fares

***196 Sh. P.K. Kunhalikutty (Malappuram) :**

CIVIL AVIATION :-

(a) whether a high air fare is being charged by airlines for the route of Calicut and Gulf countries specially during the last weeks of May and in the month of June, festive seasons and also during holiday seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints from NRIs in the Gulf region in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to have a reasonable air fare throughout the year?

Work on NH-104 and NH-105

***197 Shri. Rampreet Mandal (Jhanjharpur):**

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

(a) whether the work on National Highway (NH) - 104 and NH-105 has been going on for several years and the time limit fixed in this regard has already lapsed much earlier and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action against the contractor for not completing the work in fixed time; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Affordable Housing

***198 Mrs. Rama Devi (Sheohar):**

Will the **HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the names of agencies which have been given the responsibility by the Government to provide houses at low prices in cities ;

(b) the number of the houses costing below one lakh rupees constructed by the said agencies in cities during each of the last three years, city-wise;

(c) whether these agencies have succeeded in providing houses in cities at low prices and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Drinking Water Coverage

***199 Miss. Bhawana Gawali (Patil) (Yavatmal-washim):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the fully covered, partially covered and habitations facing quality issues in terms of drinking water, State/UT-wise along with the details of States/UTs which are facing drought like situation;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under various drinking water schemes as well as the achievements made in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year including the details of the norms adopted for allocating/ releasing of funds thereunder, State/UTwise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the achievements made in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures taken to provide safe drinking water to all the habitations of the country;

(d) whether some States have requested to release additional funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP); and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government on the request made by each State/UT?

Solar Energy Policy

***200 Sh. Janardan Mishra (Rewa):**

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

(a) the details and salient features of the Government's Solar Energy Policy;

(b) the details of the progress made in the implementation of the said policy, State-wise;

(c) the details of schemes which are operational at present to promote solar

energy, particularly at domestic level;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance for domestic use for promotion/installation of rooftop and small solar power plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI; .

Dated: June 28, 2019.

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,

Secretary General.