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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS
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Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Indian Tourism Industry

†*1. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any working group to assess the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on tourism industry and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of loss in terms of job losses and foreign exchange loss, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of foreign tourists visited the country during first and second waves of Covid-19;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including Haryana, North-Eastern States, West Bengal, Odisha, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for new projects for comprehensive development/rejuvenation of tourism sector, allocation of more funds, giving moratorium to loans availed by tourism industry after the pandemic, etc., if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government has set up/plans to set up a Vaccine Certification Programme for foreign tourists; and

(e) the details of hotels/homestays/tourist services/organizations registered with the Ministry in various States including Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts?

Stimulus Package for Covid-affected Sectors

*2. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced Rs.6.28 lakh crore stimulus package to boost Covid-affected sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has planned to offer guarantees to banks for lending to microfinance sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also planned to increase the size of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee

Scheme (ECLGS) to Rs.4.5 lakh crore from Rs.3 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has planned to give loan guarantees to tourism sector under ECLGS and free visa for first 5 lakh tourists once borders re-open and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other important steps being taken by the Government during the Covid-19 pandemic in this regard?

Increasing Prices of Petroleum Products

*3. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the prices of petrol and diesel are increasing;

(b) if so, the action taken to make available petrol and diesel at reasonable prices;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the duties and taxes on petrol and diesel are more than the cost thereof and if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) the details of the number of times the Government has increased the prices of petroleum products like diesel, petrol and domestic LPG cylinder during the last six months; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the prices of petroleum products and if so, the details thereof?

CSR Spending in Rajasthan

†*4. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria and provisions laid down for the industries and the oil, gas and energy sector companies for spending the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Government proposes to issue instructions for spending the full amount of CSR funds of the oil, gas and energy sector companies operating in Western Rajasthan including Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jalore districts on the development activities in the concerned districts itself in view of the backwardness of these districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said instructions are likely to be issued;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the item-wise and activity-wise details of expenditure under CSR fund by the companies operating in Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Nagaur, Jodhpur and Pali districts of Rajasthan during the last three years along with the amount of CSR fund of the companies operating in these districts spent in other States?

Promotion of online education

*5. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 15th Finance Commission has allocated Rs.5,000 crores for promotion of online education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment has been made about the requirement of laptops for college students in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of the action plan prepared/being prepared to spend this amount within the award period?

Wage Revision in LIC

†*6. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal regarding wage revision of officers and staff working in the Life Insurance Corporation of India is pending with the Government since the year 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the Government is likely to consider the said proposal; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard?

Development of Tourist Places in Odisha

*7. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any plan to develop various tourist places which are of historical importance like Bara Pahar, Nrusinghnath, Ganiapali, Ghensh, etc. of Bargarh district and Kuilighuar, Bikramkhoh, Gujapahar, Hirakud reservoir of Jharsuguda district of Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has sent a delegation of experts to visit these heritage places and prepare DPR for protection, development and beautification of these centres of tourist attraction;

(d) whether there is any proposals/suggestions from the State Government for the development of these historical locations; and

(e) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Impact of Rising Excise Duties and on Fuel/LPG Taxes

*8. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:
DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of rising excise duties and taxes on fuel/Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) on income inequality;

(b) if so, the details of the incidence of fuel excise duties on varying income groups of the population;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment about how rising fuel excise duties can increase costs of goods and inflation; and

(d) if so, the detailed assessment of the impact of current fuel excise duties on inflation?

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

†*9. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme of setting up Eklavya Model Residential Schools across the country including the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified locations in Rajasthan in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the details in respect of Dausa district;

(d) whether the Government has sanctioned any funds for the Government of Rajasthan in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the said schools are likely to be set up?

Basic Amenities at Ancient Temples and Monuments

†*10. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide basic amenities like drinking water, toilets, parking, approach roads, etc. and guides to the tourists visiting the monuments, historical temples and world heritage sites in order to promote tourism;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps for beautification of and to provide the said facilities in tribal dominated areas in the country including Maharashtra, particularly the famous ancient cave and temple of Lingo Jango, deity of Tribes, located in Kachargad in Salekasa Taluka of Gondiya district, Markanda Devasthan in Chamorshi Taluka and Holy shrine of Lord Rama located in Ramdegi in Chimur Tehsil of Chandrapur district under the Parliamentary Constituency of Gadchiroli-Chimur; and

(d) the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the requests received from the public representatives in this regard ?

Production of Natural Gas

*11. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:
SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of natural gas in MMSCMD (million metric standard and cubic meter per day) in the country and the quantum of natural gas imported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government is having any proposal for e-bidding platform to promote its market price and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the gas producing companies or its subsidiaries will be allowed to bid under this platform so that the gas producing companies do not charge exorbitant price from the consumers;

(d) whether the Government is having any specific provision for MSME industries to bid separately under a fixed price mechanism; and

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

Job Loss

†*12. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline in employment avenues and less number of new employments during the last few years in spite of increase in growth rate;

(b) the number of persons who have lost their jobs during the last five years and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase employment avenues?

Phase III of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

†*13. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country where the phase-III of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana launched in January, 2021 has been started;

(b) the targets fixed along with the amount of funds estimated to be spent on said phase-III;

(c) the number of persons benefitted under Phase-I and Phase-II of the said scheme along with the amount of funds spent in this regard; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

Schemes for Tribals Welfare in Jharkhand

*14. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of quantum of funds allocated and utilised by the State Government of Jharkhand for schemes of tribal welfare during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of the amount utilised along with the details of works undertaken using these funds; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion under 15th Finance Commission

*15. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry is yet to be included under the terms of reference of the 15th Finance Commission, despite repeated requests from the Government of Puducherry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government of UT of Jammu and Kashmir which is also a UT with Legislature has been included under the ambit of the 15th Finance Commission and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Union Government will come forward to include the UT of Puducherry under the terms of reference of the 15th Finance Commission and if so, the details thereof?

Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme

*16. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making continuous efforts to convince the Focused State Governments to prepare a sustainability plan for the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III) of the Government to continue the services rendered by the faculties engaged to upgrade the engineering education in the focused States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard this technical force engaged under TEQIP-III for which the programme period has ended in March, 2021?

New Kendriya Vidyalayas in Maharashtra

*17. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri Districts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria laid down for opening of such new KVs?

Indian Economy

*18. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian economy has contracted 7.3 per cent during financial year 2021 for the first time in more than 40 years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the value of greenfield Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India contracted 19 per cent in 2020 and the second wave of the pandemic lead to a larger dip in 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the outbreak has severely hit main investment destinations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the developed economies expect to record healthy growth benefiting from their rapid vaccination drives; and

(e) if so, whether India is expected to be a laggard because of second wave and the tardy pace of vaccination and if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

Employment Rate

*19. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employment/unemployment rate in India during the last five years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the rate of unemployment has rapidly increased during the last three years and the current year and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to create more employment opportunities in the country?

Tribal Ecosystem

*20. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government along with the funds allocated for the transformation of the tribal ecosystem in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps for the conservation and development of religious places of the tribals across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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