

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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Webinar on Harnessing Education, Research and Skill Development

*81. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organised a webinar on 'Harnessing Education, Research and Skill Development for an Atmanirbhar Bharat' in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of participant Ministries/Departments in the said Webinar;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Research Foundation;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose and the extent to which this initiative will strengthen the governance structure of the research related institutions and will improve linkages between R&D, academia and industry in the country;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to promote more and more use of local languages in education, research and skill development under the new National Education Policy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Liquidity Support to Small Banks

*82. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has recently approved liquidity support of Rs.10,000 crore to small finance banks to provide further support to small business units, micro and small industries, and other unorganised sector entities which have been seriously affected during the current wave of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether the RBI has announced a new framework for restructuring of loans to individuals and small businesses, including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); and

(e) whether the RBI has mandated that the eligibility criteria to avail this framework include that the borrower's aggregate exposure should not be more than Rs.25 crore as on March 31, 2021 and if so, the details thereof?

Study on Kendriya Vidyalayas

*83. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Commission to study and report on the revamping of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Rising Fuel Prices

*84. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of fuel price hikes on the country's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has assessed the recent fuel price hikes impact on increasing inflation;

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

(e) the amount of taxes, cesses and excise duty collected by the Union Government on petrol and diesel from March 2020 till date, including the monthly details of collection, State-wise?

Revenue Loss during Lockdown

*85. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:
SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY
VASANTH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNESCO world heritage sites and ASI protected monuments were closed for a number of days with the imposing of lockdown 2.0 in various parts of the country due to Covid-19 situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of revenue loss incurred as a result thereof;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to improve the facilities for the visiting public in the heritage sites/monuments to increase the footfall, if so, the details thereof, monument-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has increased the daily entry limit/ticket sales in the monuments; and

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

Schemes for Children with Learning Disabilities

*86. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country that have adequate provisions for children with learning disabilities, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take measures to introduce Centrally Sponsored Special Schools or Schemes for Children with Learning Disabilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Economic Growth

*87. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's GDP growth is likely to be below the expected 10 per cent during 2021-22;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address this issue;

(c) whether the Government is aware that ignoring inflation risk for long could increase longer-term economic costs; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Quality Educational Institutes

†*88. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country lacks world-class educational institutes;

(b) whether foreign students rarely come to India to study and the the Indian students prefer to study abroad;

(c) whether the Universities and educational institutes in the country lack basic facilities, resources and teachers; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide quality higher education in the country?

Girls Education during Pandemic

*89. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the damaging impact on girls' education during lockdown due to the COVID-19 situation;

(b) whether the Government is aware that for online studies, the girls' access to computers or smart phones at home is limited; and

(c) if so, the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address this issue keeping in view the economic crisis being faced by the people due to COVID-19 Pandemic?

Reduction in ESI Contribution

*90. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has reduced the ESI contribution by employees and employers;

(b) if so, the number of employers benefitted by the financial increase;

(c) whether the healthcare benefits under the scheme have changed due to the change in the contribution rate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ESI Hospitals

*91. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the sizeable increase in the number of ESI beneficiaries subsequent to expansion of ESI Scheme in newer geographical areas, efforts are constantly being made to strengthen the ESI medical care infrastructure to provide better medical services in the vicinity of beneficiaries in the country;

(b) the details in this regard along with success achieved so far;

(c) whether the Government has made any study to find out the radius at which ESIC's Health Care infrastructure like Hospital or Dispensary or Insured/Insurance Medical Practitioner is presently available in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether ESI is also getting assistance from private hospitals and medical practitioners in the country;

(e) if so, the details of empanelled hospitals and medical practitioners, State-wise; and

(f) the details of contracts/agreements signed by ESI with various such hospitals and medical practitioners?

Job Surveys

*92. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conducting surveys to capture job creation in various establishments in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the socio-economic conditions of migrants are being surveyed by the Government;

(c) if so, the time by which the result of these surveys is likely to be released in public domain;

(d) whether job surveys across establishments, physically in both manufacturing and services sectors are also being done; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

GST on Hand Sanitiser

*93. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE
वित्त मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Tax Department is classifying hand sanitiser as 'disinfectant' and not as 'medicament' thereby imposing 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) thereon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is not true that hand sanitiser manufacturers are pleading that since it is crucial for fighting against COVID-19, this should be equivalent to 'medicament';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the constraints which the Ministry has to face for considering hand sanitiser as 'medicament', at least, during pandemic period?

Credit Support to MFIs

*94. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE
वित्त मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) have sought emergency credit line support to mobilise funds to tide over the crisis of lower collections due to the business disruptions caused by the Corona pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to facilitate flow of funds from commercial banks to micro finance institutions;

(c) whether the Government has identified any priority States including Telangana to increase the coverage of micro finance credit facility in such States;

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

(e) the extent to which this initiative is likely to help achieve the target of financial inclusion of the Government?

Inclusion of Skill Development under NEP -2020

*95. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION
शिक्षा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Education Policy released in 2020 has put a great emphasis on skill development from young age in schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to implement skilling in schools in accordance with the National Education Policy, 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBSE has signed an MoU with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) for a project on skill development in schools and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of research studies to be undertaken by NCAER to provide appropriate advice to implement skilling in schools in accordance with the National Education Policy, 2020; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to implement the skilling in schools in a time bound manner?

Uniformity in Prices of Petrol and Diesel

†*96. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to maintain uniform prices of petrol and diesel across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to bring uniformity in tax system in States so as to control the prices of petroleum products?

ESI Hospitals

†*97. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals set up in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government plans to set up new ESI hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Charkhi Dadri, Mahendragarh and Nuh districts of Haryana and Koppal district in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the time by which the said new ESI hospitals are likely to be set up; and

(d) the details of the criteria followed by the Government for setting up new ESI hospitals?

NCC Training in KVs and JNVs

†*98. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make a provision regarding providing NCC training in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said provision is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the number of admissions has increased due to growing interest of students in CBSE course;

(d) if so, the details of the comparative analysis in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to open new KVs at each development block level keeping in view the growing interest of students in studies/education and also to provide CBSE course facility to the students in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Economy

*99. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected India's economic and growth prospects in the last 18 months;

(b) the measures being taken to generate employment and kickstart the economy;

(c) whether there is any plan to print currency to tide over the crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jharkhand

*100. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Khalaria, Silli and Chandil of Ranchi Parliamentary Constituency;

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

(c) the reasons for the non-existence of Kendriya Vidyalayas in these areas of Jharkhand;

(d) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve educational infrastructure and facilities at schools and colleges in Jharkhand especially in Ranchi Lok Sabha Constituency;

(e) the list of Kendriya Vidyalayas currently in operation and proposed to be set up, State-wise including Jharkhand; and

(f) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of education provided in public schools?

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July 19, 2021

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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