

# LOK SABHA

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**  
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**(Ministries of Corporate Affairs; Culture; Education; Finance; Labour and Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)**

(कॉर्पोरेट कार्य; संस्कृति; शिक्षा; वित्त; श्रम और रोजगार; पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस; कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता; इस्पात; पर्यटन; जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय )

**Total Number of Questions — 20**

## **CFA to States for Development of Heritage Structures**

†\*281. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is provided to the States for the development of tourism and maintenance of historical heritage structures;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the amount released during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government will consider providing CFA for the development of tourism and maintenance of historical heritage structures located in Gwalior rural, Karera, Dabra and Bhitwar Legislative Assembly constituencies apart from Gwalior city in Gwalior Lok Sabha Constituency; and

(d) the details of the amount released by the Government to the State Governments for the development of tourism during the last five years?

## **Domestic Production of Petrol, Diesel and other Petroleum Products**

\*282. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand of petrol, diesel and other petroleum products during 2019-20 and 2020-21, particularly during lockdown periods;

(b) the details of the import of petroleum products during the said period;

(c) the details of the domestic demand of various petroleum products met from domestic production;

(d) the details of works undertaken by the Indian oil companies to increase the oil production in the country during the said period and the extent to which they have been able to achieve their schedules;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Indian oil companies are prepared to fully meet the demand for petrol, diesel and other petroleum products in the country in near future; and

(f) the steps taken to protect the refineries in case of war, natural calamity and act of terrorism?

## **Criteria for Classical Language**

†\*283. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:  
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to refer to the reply given on 10.02.2020 to Unstarred Question No.1192 regarding 'Status of Classical Language to Marathi' and state:

(a) whether the Government has completed consultations and the work of reviewing the criteria related to classification as a classical language for granting status of classical language to Marathi;

(b) if so, the details along with the current status in this regard;

(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has again requested the Union Government to grant the status of classical language to Marathi;

(d) whether Marathi language has been granted the status of a classical language; and

(e) if not, the present position in this regard?

## **Vacancies in ONGC**

\*284. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of vacancies in the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) including the dates since when such vacancies occurred/became active;

(b) whether the posts of Chairman and Managing Director and Director (Offshore) have been duly filled up;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the dates of such appointments and reasons for the delay, if any, in such appointments; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Atrocities on Tribals

\*285. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that atrocities against tribal community have increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of cases reported/registered before the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) regarding the oppression of tribal people in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the action taken by NCST thereon;

(c) the various corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent atrocities on tribals;

(d) the number of youths from tribal community who got selected in the Union Public Service Commission examinations during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the number of youths from tribal community who received financial help from the Government during the last five years, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

#### Vaccine Tourism

\*286. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to initiate any programme of vaccine tourism in the country and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the States are directed to allow only vaccinated tourists, especially for popular national monuments, cities and spots and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any guidelines issued for Indian citizens opting for vaccine tourism abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of Indians who have opted for vaccine tourism abroad along with the vaccines taken; and

(e) whether these vaccine certificates from abroad will be recognised in India?

#### PMKVY in Tamil Nadu

\*287. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youths, male and female separately, who have been enrolled from Tamil Nadu for skill development training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) during the last three years;

(b) the number of youths in the State, male and female separately, who have got employment or placement after the training during the last three years;

(c) the total amount allotted and spent for this programme during the last three years;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to set up Skill Development Training Centres in the backward district of Perambalur in Tamil Nadu; and

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

#### Setting up of Cultural Museum in North Bengal

\*288. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry taking into cognizance the rich cultural diversity of the North Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Cooch Behar and adjoining areas, proposes to set up a cultural museum in the region to promote and preserve the local indigenous culture and traditions; and

(b) the details of assistance provided for Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts under various schemes of the Ministry during each of the last five years?

#### Promotion and Development of National and Regional Culture

\*289. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated schemes to promote and develop National and Regional Cultures of various States/UTs in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any financial assistance under the said schemes to States/UTs including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

### Educationally Backward Districts

†\*290. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified districts in the country which are educationally backward and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the criteria/ norms adopted to identify the said districts;

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to improve the education level in the said districts; and

(d) whether the Government has conducted any review of the progress achieved with the said efforts and if so, the details thereof?

### Proposals on Tribal Welfare

\*291. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the State Government of Maharashtra for various development works related to tribal welfare during the last three years along with the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the proposals, out of the above, which are pending with the Union Government;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has formulated a new special action plan for economic and educational development as well as upliftment of tribals in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total funds allocated/ spent for the welfare of tribals during the last three years, State-wise?

### Campus of Tezpur University

\*292. SHRI PRADAN BARUAH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to establish a campus of Tezpur University in Jonai, Dhemaji district for the students of this region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Financial Assistance to Odisha

\*293. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant financial assistance to Odisha under the Special Assistance Scheme during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the same;

(c) the time by which the said allocation is likely to be released to the State Government; and

(d) the details of infrastructure projects identified for development by the State Government in this regard?

### Overall Development of Students

†\*294. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide premises/platforms for the overall development of Class I to Class XII students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the facilities likely to be provided to the students through the said premises/platforms; and

(d) the other steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the overall development of the students in the country?

### Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme

\*295. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have taken any steps to disincentivise holding of physical gold;

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

(c) whether RBI's Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme is one of these steps and if so, the response of the public on SGB Scheme;

(d) whether RBI is planning to increase interest payments on SGB Scheme to incentivise purchase; and

(e) if so, whether alternatively there is a proposal to reduce tax on interest payments and if so, the details thereof?

### Implementation of NEP

\*296. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the task list and timelines for implementation of New Education Policy (NEP) by the Government;

(b) the details of the committee set up along with the list of its members for NEP implementation in school education;

(c) whether there is a timeline and roadmap for achieving 6 per cent of GDP allocation for education and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the timeline with regard to the setting up of gender and social inclusion funds; and

(e) the role of States in defining their priorities to access these funds?

### Subsidy on LPG Cylinder

\*297. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy on domestic cooking gas has been abolished in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

### Criteria For Setting up of JNVs

\*298. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO  
MANDLIK:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) currently established in the country, State/district-wise;

(b) whether any criteria has been fixed for setting up of JNVs in the country and if so, the details thereof and the year in which such criteria/norms were fixed;

(c) the details of requests for setting up of new such schools received during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the details of the funds allocated, released and actually utilized during the said period for setting up of these schools in various States; and

(e) the manner in which the Government proposes to provide the benefit of integrated education facility by setting up of new JNVs and Kendriya Vidyalayas in every district/sub-division/block headquarters in the coming years?

### Science Museums

\*299. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open some new science/cultural museums in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(b) the amount of funds estimated to be spent thereon; and

(c) the time by which these museums are likely to be opened and the details thereof?

### Debt Burden

\*300. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to overcome its high debt burden;

(b) the estimated present debt of the country and whether it is a great cause of concern;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the repayment capacity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

*Secretary General*

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