

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Corporate Affairs; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Education; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Finance; Labour and Employment; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)  
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Total Number of Questions — 20

### GST on Health Insurance

\*441. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to reduce the rate of Goods and Services Tax(GST) applicable on health insurance or to exempt it from GST, given the increased cost of health insurance coverage during the Covid-19 pandemic;

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

(c) the rationale for an 18 per cent tax on health insurance on par with luxury items, when a majority of medical, hospital and consulting services are exempted from GST?

### National Strategy for MICE

\*442. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to adopt a national strategy for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) which is one of the important segments of business tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of India's share of Global market in this MICE segment of business tourism currently; and

(d) the proportion of Indians going abroad or outbound for such tourism along with the details thereof?

### Suicide Cases of Students

\*443. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suicide cases of students have increased in the country especially in universities/ colleges including Teerthanker Mahaveer University (TMU), Moradabad;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported in the country during the last five years and the current year especially in Uttar Pradesh along with the reasons therefor, University/State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent suicides by students and to ensure their safety on and off campuses?

### Commission on Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

\*444. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:  
SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions were held by the Commission on Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) in concurrence with the appropriate stakeholders to mitigate the impact of pollution and if so, the details thereof along with the measures discussed and adopted ; and

(b) whether the use of Cloud Seeding as an alternative means to mitigate air pollution was a part of discussion and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are only 804 air quality monitors in the entire country and if so, the details thereof along with the urban-rural distribution of the existing monitors including the details of the current air quality monitor density;

(d) whether the current air quality monitor density is adequate as per World Health Organisation and other international standards; and

(e) whether the Government has taken efforts to expand air quality monitoring, especially in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

### Investment Rate

\*445. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to achieve the objective of increasing the investment rate to 36 per cent of GDP by 2022-23 as per the report of Niti Aayog 'Strategy for New India';

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

(c) the annual growth of investment rate in India from 2014 to 2022, year-wise; and

(d) the annual Gross Fixed Capital Formation from 2014 to 2022, year-wise?

### Wages of Labourers

†\*446. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:  
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to increase the wages of labourers including agricultural labourers in view of the rising prices across the country particularly in Bihar; for

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to ensure payment of minimum wages fixed by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Development of Khajuraho as International Tourist Destination

\*447. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to develop Khajuraho as international tourist destination owing to its unique historical significance and UNESCO World Heritage status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Private Sector in Adaptation Technologies

\*448. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to encourage private sector participation for investment in adaptation technologies and for designing and implementing innovative climate services and solutions in areas such as agriculture, health, infrastructure, insurance and risk management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Scholarships for Students of Reserved Categories

\*449. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced various scholarships for the meritorious students of Schedule Castes/Schedule Tribes (SCs/STs) studying in schools in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year/scholarship-wise;

(b) the number of SC/ST students applied for scholarships and amount released by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether several students from SCs/STs/OBCs and economically weaker section are not receiving scholarships in time;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure timely action in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has started transfer scholarship amount directly into the beneficiary student account and if so, details thereof along with the number of students benefited till date?

### Benefits of PMJAY to e-Shram Beneficiaries

†\*450. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent for the welfare of the registered beneficiaries at e-Shram Portal along with the State-wise details thereof including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefit of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to the said beneficiaries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to extend the benefits of PMJAY to the said beneficiaries in future?

### Waiving off Educational Loans

\*451. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY  
VASANTH:  
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of students returning from Ukraine have availed of education loan from India;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any data of such loans sanctioned to the students returning from Ukraine and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the impact of this crisis on the returnee students and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to waive off the loans of the returnee students from the war torn Ukraine or further to reduce the rate of interest or to extend the tenure for such borrowers; and

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

#### **Awareness on Skill Development Mission**

\*452. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to bring in any communication mechanism to be adopted at various levels to create awareness about the need for skill development at local, State, district and village levels;

(b) whether the Government is considering to adopt State Skill Development Mission at State level to organise advertisements/campaigns in local language through electronic and print media;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government at school level to create awareness about vocational education, apprenticeship, etc.; and

(d) whether the Government has entered into any partnership with any of the international agencies for vocational training opportunities and if so, details thereof?

#### **Skill Development Schemes in Kerala**

\*453. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes currently being run by the Government for Skill Development of unemployed youth in urban areas in Kerala;

(b) the number of people who benefitted from these schemes during the last three years; and

(c) the number of people who secured jobs during the said period?

#### **Funds for Green India Mission**

†\*454. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the cost-wise details of the works carried out in Balaghat and Seoni district coming under Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency under the Green India Mission during the last three years;

(b) the details of the agencies or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) through which the said works have been carried out;

(c) whether training equipments are provided to the unemployed youths under the said Mission; and

(d) if so, the details of the unemployed people in Balaghat and Seoni district under Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency who have been given training equipments under the said mission along with the cost of the training equipments?

#### **PMKVY in J&K and NER**

\*455. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any special projects under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the Detailed Project Report for these special projects?

#### **Higher Education in Uttar Pradesh**

†\*456. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of higher educational institutions in Uttar Pradesh in proportion to population of the State;

(b) whether the Government grants permission and provides assistance to students for pursuing higher education abroad;

(c) if so, the number of children provided financial assistance along with the amount of assistance, course-wise, country-wise and institution-wise;

(d) whether it is true that each year lakhs of children go to foreign countries for pursuing higher education;

(e) if so, the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to check such practice and provide quality education to such children within the country; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to open campuses/centres of Allahabad University in foreign countries to attract foreign students and if so, the details thereof?

#### Survey on Blackbucks

\*457. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey of blackbucks in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that blackbucks have been causing huge damage to the crops across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps to curtail the losses caused by them;

(c) whether blackbucks are responsible for road accidents due to uncontrolled movement from rural to urban areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated a policy to control the menace of blackbucks and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Training Centres for PVTGs

\*458. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational Vocational Training Centres with placement facilities for Tribals including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of beneficiaries from PVTGs benefitted from the Vocational Training Centres in the State;

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up new training Centres in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### School Development Fund

†\*459. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

शिक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount charged from the guardians of the children studying in Kendriya Vidyalays from class 1st to class 12th under various heads including School Development Fund (SDF) during COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) the details of the works carried out from the said amount charged under various heads during this period;

(c) whether the Government is considering to return such amount collected under various heads including SDF from unemployed guardians of the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

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

#### Heritage Circuit for Global Travellers

\*460. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched several schemes recently aimed at preservation, sustenance and better interpretative of components in the heritage circuit to meet the needs of the global travellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to attract more global travellers to various tourists destinations of the country?

NEW DELHI;

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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