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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS
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Victims of Ragging

*361. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for providing free medical/psychiatric counselling sessions for victims of ragging and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has received any complaints of the Anti-Ragging Cells in colleges being under-funded or under-staffed and if so, the measures being taken by UGC to address the same?

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

*362. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) are not shifting from biomass to LPG because of very high price of installing a connection and long waiting time to get a refill for an empty LPG cylinder;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the objectives of PMUY?

Special Package for Spice Growers

*363. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for any special package for spice growers, especially cardamom, pepper etc. as flood in Kerala has badly hit the growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the quantum of damages after the floods and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has noticed that due to such crop loss, growers are in deep trouble; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to revive the sector?

Branches of Premier Institutes

*364. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY: DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish satellite campuses/branches of premier institutes of higher education like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Jawaharlal Nehru University in different parts of the country, especially in NCR region, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the tentative locations, plan outlay and time frame;

(c) whether these projects will be completed on Public-Private Partnership, Built-Operate-Transfer or existing conventional model and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal from some land owners to provide their land pool for such new establishment on free of cost basis especially in NCR area; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Negotiation with OPEC

*365. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had negotiated with the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) as well as its members individually at the level of Prime Minister for reduction of petroleum prices and if so, the details thereof along with the latest decision of reduced production by OPEC leading to price rise of petroleum products in the country;

(b) the manner in which the Government will sustain the surging prices of petroleum products in the country; and

(c) the expected impact thereof on the Indian economy along with the measures taken by the Government to address the said issue permanently?

Literacy Rate

†*366. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the age-wise details of illiterates in the country at present in percentage terms;

(b) the allocation of funds under primary education to remove illiteracy in the country, especially in rural areas during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the increase in the rate of literacy in the country in comparison to the past few years?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

MSMEs in Bundelkhand

†*367. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any new efforts to encourage small scale industries and to solve the problems being faced by them, especially in Banda and Chitrakoot districts in Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details and the number of Micro, Small and Medium industries/enterprises set up in Bundelkhand till now along with the number of industries/enterprises functional/non-functional out of them?

Agro-based Industries

†*368. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agro-based industries have been included in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) policy to develop the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up agro-based MSMEs in those districts of Punjab which are adjoining the international border and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to do away with the condition of an amount

upto one crore rupee investment for inclusion of agro-based industries in MSME schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Women Participaton in Workforce

*369. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government since 2017 to reverse the trend of fewer women joining the workforce;

(b) the number of complaints of sexual harassment at workplace reported during the last three years and the current year and the action taken thereon, State/UT and sector-wise;

(c) whether the Government has carried out a study to understand the scope of discrimination in salary based on an individual's gender and if so, the details and the findings thereof along with the Labour Laws enacted/planned to criminalise or penalise such discrimination;

(d) whether the Government has explored the idea of providing wage replacement through tax exemptions for the period of maternity leave to the employer so that the employers are not discouraged to employ female workers because of maternity leave and resulting cost, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure maternity leave in the informal sector and provide for paternity leave so as to encourage women participation in workforce?

Action Plan for Upliftment of Tribals

†*370. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount allocated for the welfare of tribals during the last three years and the total amount spent out of it in this regard, State-wise?

Self-Employment Training Institutes

†*371. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for skill development of the youth in the country along with the amount of funds allocated and utilised for each of the said schemes during the last one year;

(b) the details of the training institutions operating at present under these schemes in Jalaun, Jhansi and Kanpur Dehat districts of Uttar Pradesh, location-wise;

(c) the number of people who have been provided training across the country, State-wise;

(d) the details of the people who have been provided training by rural self-employment training institutes/groups during the last two years and the current year; and

(e) whether any credit linkage/financial assistance has been provided to these groups/institutes during the above period and if so, the details thereof?

Acquisitions by Oil Companies

†*372. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT: SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of acquisitions made by the public sector oil companies during the last three years and their acquisition cost along with the number of fields where production has been started;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines for acquisition in foreign countries by such companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of emergency clauses in such agreements regarding acquisitions made between the public sector oil companies and the host countries?

Aboriginal Tribes

*373. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the security provided to aboriginal tribes in the Indian territory, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there exists a special security to look after the security needs of aboriginal tribes in India;

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

(d) whether the Government holds any awareness programmes to educate Indian masses regarding the livelihood and ways of tribal people in India and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the initiative(s) taken by the Government to educate Indian citizens on restricted tribal areas in the country?

Museum on Prime Ministers

*374. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a "Museum on Prime Ministers of India" to depict Modern India through collections relating to each Prime Minister of the country, their lives, works and significant contributions made towards nation building and to give visitors a holistic understanding of the continued thread of leadership, initiatives and sacrifice that have helped shape our nation since independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Oil and Gas Discoveries

*375. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS
पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to recover more revenue from the 115 oil and gas discoveries on which huge expenses were incurred by ONGC and Oil India Limited which were subsequently auctioned to private companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the public sector oil companies are scouting for discovered oil and gas fields in Russia and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the public sector oil companies are continuing to explore their participation in more oil and gas projects in Russia and if so, the details thereof?

Tea Production

*376. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of tea in the country, especially in the North-Eastern States and Odisha during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take steps to increase the production of tea in the North-Eastern region;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to promote research work in the field of tea production; and

(d) whether any agreements have been signed with various universities in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

R&D in Steel Sector

†*377. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Steel industry needs to be provided with the latest world class technology urgently to improve its production capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the public and private sector iron and steel companies are conducting research and development (R&D) activities in the iron and steel sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the total amount allocated and spent for the purpose and the achievements of these companies during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) whether the Government had introduced a new scheme during the 12th Five Year Plan to provide an impetus to R&D activities and if so, the details thereof?

Issues faced by Tribals

*378. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that tribal people in the country are gripped by several issues and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the tribal population across the country still remains in debt in spite of all the supports/schemes from the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only a small section of their population participates in occupational activities in tertiary and secondary sectors and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has also noticed that the denial of the Forest Rights to tribal population was the main reason behind the economic downfall and if so, the details thereof?

CNG Stations

†*379. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNG stations opened in the country during the last five years;

(b) the number of new CNG stations likely/proposed to be opened in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States during the next five years; and

(c) whether the Government has any scheme/proposal to produce gas from organic waste and if so, the details thereof?

Sexual Harassment in Schools

†*380. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up Internal Complaints Committee to check sexual harassment in the Government schools of all the States of

the country in order to reduce the cases of sexual harassment against women at workplaces;

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

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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