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Questions For Oral Answer

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[ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS - SHIPPING - WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION - DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION - RURAL DEVELOPMENT - PANCHAYATI RAJ - MINES - CIVIL AVIATION - TEXTILES - YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS - INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING - POWER - NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY and CIVIL AVIATION].

Total No. of Questions - 20

National Institute of Fashion Technology

***121 Sh. Ravneet Singh (Ludhiana):**

Will the **TEXTILES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has received any representation for setting up/development of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in the textile city of Ludhiana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any feasibility study to analyse and understand the importance of the same for the city; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan for setting up/development of technical institutions for fashion related studies and research in the said city?

ODF Districts/Villages

***122 Sh. T.G. Venkatesh Babu (chennai North):**

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total number of districts/ villages in the country declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF), State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target to achieve ODF status by 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the UNICEF estimates, lack of sanitation is responsible for the death of over one lakh children in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to encourage the usage of toilet and reduce the number of people practising open defecation in the rural areas of the country; and

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

Assessment of DDUGJY

***123 Sh. Prem Singh Chandumajra (Anandpur Sahib):**

Will the **POWER** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has made any performance assessment of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the number of villages electrified during the last three years along with the number of unelectrified villages in the State;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to electrify the remaining villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bharatmala Project

***124 Sh. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre(Akola) :
Sh. Rahul Ramesh Shewale(Mumbai South-Central) :**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the extent to which the Government has achieved the objectives of the Bharatmala Project being implemented in the country;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the impact of the said project on strengthening border and coastal road networks in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the budgetary allocation made and its utilization under the said project since inception;

(d) the number of complaints of irregularities in implementation of the said project which have come to the notice of the Government since inception along with the action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project in a time-bound manner

Safe Drinking Water

***125 Sh. Devendra (Alias) Bhole Singh Singh (Akbarpur):**

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the names of districts in Uttar Pradesh where the citizens are falling victims to various diseases due to consumption of toxic underground water;

(b) the details of arsenic and other toxic elements detected in water along with the details of provisions made for safe drinking water in these districts, district-wise;

(c) the details of programmes implemented by the Government for tackling drinking water crisis in Uttar Pradesh including the amount of funds spent in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the number of areas benefited and the target fixed for future in this regard?

Funding of NH Projects

***126 Sh. Ashwini Kumar (Karnal):**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether some private sector banks such as HDFC, Kotak Mahindra and Yes Bank have shown interest to fund some National Highway (NH) Projects under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any formal request has been received from such banks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Renaming of Airports

***127 Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit(Nandurbar) :
Sh. Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik(Kolhapur) :**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is facing new challenges in its implementation;

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

(c) whether the Government has received recommendations from the National Advisory Council regarding effective implementation of the said scheme;

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

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to remove the shortcomings?

Implementation of MGNREGS

***128 Sh. Sharad Tripathi (Firozabad):**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is facing new challenges in its implementation;

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

(c) whether the Government has received recommendations from the National Advisory Council regarding effective implementation of the said scheme;

- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(e) the steps being taken by the Government to remove the shortcomings?

Schemes/Projects in Civil Aviation Sector

***129 Sh. Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya (Amreli):**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) the details of the Schemes/Projects implemented/run by his Ministry in the country including Gujarat during the last three years and the current year, Scheme/ Project and State-wise;
- (b) the targets fixed and the achievements made under various schemes/ projects being implemented in the Civil Aviation sector in the country including Gujarat during the above period, schemes/ projects and State-wise; and
- (c) the number of persons/families benefited from the schemes/projects implemented/run by his Ministry in the country including Gujarat during the said period, scheme/project and Statewise?

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund

***130 Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli) :
Sh. Sumedhanand Saraswati(Sikar) :**

Will the **YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government has launched Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) in the country and if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (b) the number of sportspersons who have benefited from the Fund along with the quantum of funds provided to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State and sport-wise along with the criteria/procedure adopted to determine the quantum of assistance to be granted to sportspersons from the Fund;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of the Fund and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of medal winning sportspersons living in indigent condition and suffering from various diseases, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to extend financial assistance to such sportspersons from the said Fund; and
- (e) whether any proposal for grant of assistance from the said Fund is pending with the Government and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

***131 Sh. T. Radhakrishnan(Virudhunagar) :
Smt. Santosh Ahlawat(Jhunjhunu) :**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has launched Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) recently and if so, the details including the salient features thereof along with the activities undertaken for Panchayati Raj Institutions under RGSA;

(b) the total funds released and spent on each scheme under this Abhiyan along with the monitoring mechanism developed by the Government in this regard till date;

(c) the number of schemes covered in the first phase of the Abhiyan along with the achievements made by the Government therein, State/UT-wise;

(d) the period of time during which the second phase of the said Abhiyan is likely to be implemented along with the details of the targets set to be achieved during the said period and the number of † Original notice of the question received in Hindi. 53 54 villages proposed to be covered, State/ UTwise; and

(e) whether the model village scheme now includes 12 flagship welfare programmes and has been extended to more villages and if so, the details thereof?

Planning and Monitoring Arrangements under MGNREGS

***132 Sh. Rahul Kaswan (Churu):**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether there is a need to make better technique, planning and monitoring arrangements for works being carried out under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the role of the State Government of Rajasthan in this regard?

Sabbaaram to Sheelanagar Road

***133 Sh. Muthamsetti Srinivasa Rao (anakapalle):**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Sabbaaram to Sheelanagar road project and the six-laning of Anandapuram to Anakapalle section have been taken up under the Bharatmala Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of the projects and the time-frame for completing the same?

Construction of International Airport at Rajkot

***134 Sh. Mohanbhai Kalyanji Kundariya(Rajkot) :
Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan(Kheda) :**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has started the construction of new international airport at Rajkot and if so, the details thereof along with the total estimated cost of the project, including land acquisition and preconstruction activities;

(b) whether pre-feasibility study for the proposed site has been carried out by the Airports Authority of India and if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the details of studies/surveys, clearances and NoCs required for the purpose;

(d) whether this project will be undertaken by the Union Government or jointly by the Union Government and State Government or on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any employment potential is likely to be generated locally during the construction period of the new international airport, if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which the new international airport is likely to be operational?

Operation of Old Power Plants

***135 Sh. A. Arunmozhithevan (Cuddalore):**

Will the **POWER** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether many old power plants in the country are currently operating at a very high cost of more than Rs. 3.5/ kwh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the implementation of tolling arrangement on a large scale will bring significant benefits to various stakeholders and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the discoms will see reduction in the cost of power purchase leading to significant savings and if so, the details thereof?

Cleaning of Check Dams

***136 Sh. Ram Tahal Choudhary(Ranchi) :
Sh. Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava(Bharuch) :**

Will the **WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of functional check dams in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the said dams are regularly cleaned and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the monitoring mechanism working for regular cleaning of these dams;

(d) whether it has been detected by the monitoring mechanism that regular cleaning of such dams has not taken place during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

MGNREGS

***137 Sh. A.P. Jithender Reddy (Mahabubnagar):**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the average number of days of work given per employed household during the last five years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the percentage of the total households that were able to get 100 days of work as promised under the said scheme; and

(c) the percentage of GDP allocated to MGNREGS during the last five years preceding the current year?

Utilization of Funds under TSC/SBM

***138 Sh. Radheshyam Biswas (Karimganj):**

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether some States have not fully utilized the amount allocated under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)/ Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines for utilization of funds in this regard in order to ensure effective implementation of TSC/SBM; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Buy-Back Policy for Highway Projects

***139 Dr. Pritam Gopinath Munde(Beed) :**
Sh. R. Gopalakrishnan(Madurai) :

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to introduce buy-back policy for National and State Highway Projects, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is planning to buy-back 20 National Highway and 19 State Highway projects;

(c) if so, the names and details of these projects along with their cost and completion schedule, State-wise;

(d) whether private players have failed to speed up the construction of important National and State Highway Projects to meet the increased traffic demand and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether NHAI has taken any action against them or imposed penalty for delaying

projects and if so, the details thereof

Collection of Toll Tax

***140 Dr. Ravindra Kumar Ray (Kodarma):**

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is aware that toll tax at Ghanghri Toll plaza located at Giridih district of Jharkhand State is being collected by drunkards and criminals instead of toll plaza employees and the incidents of assault on Government employees and citizens have taken place there several times;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to shut down the said toll plaza or to relocate it within the radius of 3 km of Bagoother police station so that the complaints of travellers are acted upon immediately;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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