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**Questions For Oral Answer**

**30th july,2018**

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**[COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY - CULTURE - HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT - LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT - MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES - PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS - SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - STEEL - TOURISM and TRIBAL AFFAIRS ].**

**Total No. of Questions - 20**

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**PRASHAD Scheme**

**\*161 Smt. P.K. Sreemathi (Kannur ):**

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

(a) the details of the projects approved under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme across the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) the details of infrastructure and basic facilities for the tourists developed under the said scheme in the country, State/ UT-wise including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government has any further proposal to approve projects in Kerala under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**National Testing Agency**

**\*162 Smt. Mausam Noor( Maldaha Uttar ) :  
Sh. S. Rajendran(Viluppuram ) :**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Union Government has decided that newly formed National Testing Agency (NTA) would conduct the national level examinations like National Eligibility Test, National Eligibility-cumEntrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination that were organised by the Central Board of Secondary Education, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the composition of NTA including the qualifications of the people comprising the Agency;

(b) the details of assignments/ functions, objectives, funding for NTA along with its preparations for conducting such examinations;

(c) whether extensive consultations with State Governments and professionals from the domain of higher education were held prior to the establishment of NTA and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Agency will also train paper-setters to set better question papers and provide better model answers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there have been cases of leakage of questions papers, delays in result etc. in examinations at various levels in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to make the examination system transparent?

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### **Import of Crude Oil**

**\*163 Sh. Anurag Singh Thakur (Hamirpur):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the steps taken to ease country's crude oil import costs;

(b) the alternate fuels the Government plans to use for the fulfilment of its objective of reducing the import cost of crude oil;

(c) the manner in which the said measure will help the farmers in the country; and

(d) the manner and the extent to which it is likely to help in reducing the costs of LPG cylinders to make it affordable to everyone in the country

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### **Institutions of Eminence**

**\*164 Sh. Prasun Banerjee (Howrah) :  
Prof. Saugata Roy(Dum Dum) :**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the criteria considered/adopted for granting the 'Institutions of Eminence' (IoE) tag/status;

(b) whether the Government has received applications from several institutions for creation of world level universities in the country and if so, the details of such institutions which have submitted applications for this purpose along with the details of institutions which have been granted IoE tag;

(c) whether certain institutes which are yet to be set up have been granted IoE tag/status and if so, the details thereof including the names of such institutes along with the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of applicants/institutes which had applied for IoE tag/status under Green Field category; and

(e) the details of private and Government sector institutions which have been granted the status of IoE as on date along with the conditions imposed thereunder?

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### **Social Security Schemes**

**\*165 Sh. Ram Charitra Nishad (Machhlishahr):**

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether all establishments across the country with 20 or more employees whose basic wages are upto Rs. 15,000/-, are required to be mandatorily covered under the social security schemes run by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether EPFO manages social security funds of workers in the organised/ semi-organised sector in the country and has more than 6 crore active members; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Schemes for Tribals**

**\*166 Dr. Dr. Manoj Rajoria (Karauli-dholpur):**

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Union Government has developed any mechanism for the effective monitoring and better supervision of the ongoing schemes for tribals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of monitoring done by the Union Government and State Governments; and

(c) whether the third party monitoring of schemes is being undertaken and if so, the details thereof

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### **Stalls of GI Products**

**\*167 Sh. G.Hari (Arakkonam):**

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering a policy to set up stalls of Geographical Indication (GI) Products at all the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that a Geographical Indication is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product originating from a definite geographical territory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Economic and Democratic Rights of Tribals**

**\*168 Sh. Arjunlal Meena(Udaipur) :  
Sh. Lakhani Lal Sahu( Bilaspur) :**

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether various tribal organisations have alleged that the 'economic and

democratic rights' of tribals/ adivasis are being harmed to favour the private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government on the representations received till date; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **Prices of Petroleum Products**

**\*169 Sh. Sushil Kumar Singh (Aurangabad):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether India's travel and tourism sector ranks amongst the top ten in the world in terms of its total contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product, according to a recent report of the World Travel and Tourism Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch several schemes or initiatives on the lines of Incredible India to better its place in the tourism index and to improve the country's international ranking; and

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

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### **Ranking in Tourism Index**

**\*170 Sh. Sunil Kumar Mondal(Bardhaman Purba) :  
Sh. C. Mahendran( Pollachi ) :**

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

(a) whether India's travel and tourism sector ranks amongst the top ten in the world in terms of its total contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product, according to a recent report of the World Travel and Tourism Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch several schemes or initiatives on the lines of Incredible India to better its place in the tourism index and to improve the country's international ranking; and

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

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### **Export of Marine Food/Products**

**\*171 Sh. Faizal P.P. Mohammed (Lakshadweep):**

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the status of marine exports in the country along with the total quantum and value of marine food/products exported from India during the last five years, product and country-wise and the foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) whether there is a decline/growth in the export of marine food/products during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to boost the said export;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to export special tuna fish from Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any representation from Lakshadweep Administration and others in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Marine Products Development Authority has initiated any project in Lakshadweep to improve the fisheries export sector and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Skill Development**

**\*172 Sh. Jay Prakash Narayan Yadav(Banka) :  
Dr. Bharati Dhirubhai Shyal( Bhavnagar) :**

Will the **SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up network of institutes for Skill Development in various States, especially in backward areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action plan being prepared along with the proposed training modules for the purpose;

(c) the amount spent for skill development and entrepreneurship during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, year-wise;

(d) the sectors in which the persons trained during the said years were provided opportunities of employment; and

(e) whether the Government is also providing funds to the States for skill development and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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### **Agricultural Labourers**

**\*173 Sh. Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande ( shirdi):**

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the names of schemes being implemented by the Government to provide assistance to agricultural labourers in case of accident;

(b) whether the States are provided grant under these schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated to various States under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UTwise?

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### **Promotion of Indian Food Culture**

**\*174 Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel(Dakshina Kannada ) :**

**Sh. Doddaalahalli Kempegowda Suresh(Bangalore Rural ) :**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that our country has a rich and most unique culinary heritage in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian food aims to balance various requirements of health of a person according to the season in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Indian food culture to keep away the diseases of the modern day world?

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### **Unemployment**

**\*175 Sh. M.I. Shanavas(Wayanad) :**

**Sh. Jitendra Chaudhury(Tripura East) :**

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the unemployment situation in the country is getting critical day by day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for eradication of unemployment/creation of new jobs in the country and the achievements thereof during the last four years including the number of youth who got employed during the said period;

(c) the number of jobs created/released by the Government and private sector during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of the employment strength in various Public Sector undertakings during the last four years; and

(e) whether the Government would take steps to provide at least Rs. 2,000/- per month as unemployment wages/ allowance to the unemployed youth in the country and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Task Force on Reducing Import Dependence**

**\*176 Sh. Vinod Kumar Boianapalli (Karimnagar):**

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has set up a high-level task force to identify various items and suggest policy interventions to reduce dependence on import and ways to cut import of those items which can be manufactured or explored in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the country's imports during the last three years, item-wise?

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### **Tourism Projects**

**\*177 Sh. S.P. Muddahanumegowda(Tumkur ) :  
Sh. Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya(Amreli) :**

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

(a) the details of various schemes implemented by the Union Government in the field of tourism sector along with the targets fixed and achievements made during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise including Gujarat, Telangana and Karnataka;

(b) the list of Centrally sponsored projects undertaken/approved by the Union Government across the country during the last four years, State-wise including Gujarat, Telangana and Karnataka along with the current status of Medak-Mehaboobnagar heritage circuit;

(c) the norms being followed by the Union Government to provide financial assistance to tourism projects in various States/UTs;

(d) whether the Union Government has provided financial assistance to all tourism project proposals received from the State/UT Governments during each of the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for additional funds for tourism related projects during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to promote tourism in the country?

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### **Eradicating Illiteracy**

**\*178 Sh. Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia(Guna) :  
Miss. Sushmita Dev(Silchar) :**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Union Government aims at eradicating illiteracy from the country and set a target to achieve 100 per cent literacy by 2022 and if so, the details of the steps taken during the last four years/likely to be taken by the Union Government to achieve the proposed target;

(b) whether the Union Government has extended financial assistance for achieving 100 per cent literacy in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor along with the percentage of present illiterate population in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(d) the role to be played by the State Governments and NGOs in achieving the target of 100 per cent literacy; and

(e) whether the Union Government has been considering to take help from foreign experts to eradicate illiteracy and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Shale Gas Exploration**

**\*179 Sh. Ram Kumar Sharma (Sitamarhi):**

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the reserves of shale gas have been explored in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the date when the said exploration was carried out;

(b) the total number of oil/gas blocks found and quantum of shale gas reserves explored in the country till March 2018; and

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for starting commercial production in the said gas blocks and if so, the details thereof

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### **Per Capita Income of Tribals**

**\*180 Smt. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh (Kandhamal):**

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has carried out any study with regard to per capita income of tribals in various States including Odisha;

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

(c) whether per capita income of tribals is less than that of general and other castes; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the average income of tribals along with the extent to which the Government has achieved success as a result thereof?

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**NEW DELHI.**

**Dated: July 24, 2018.**

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**Secretary General.**