

(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

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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].

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Ethanol Blending

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

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

(a) whether the Government is on course to achieve the target of 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol by 2022, if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made in this regard during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has revised/proposes to revise the price of ethanol to achieve the said target and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that India is one of the most inefficient producers of ethanol with regard to its water footprint which has a detrimental effect on water availability and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that certain States are charging a tax on sale of ethanol to other States which is in violation of the Industries (Development 34 and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Exports and Imports

***82 Sh. Prahlad Singh Patel (Damoh):**

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

(a) whether India has exported 17.86 per cent of merchandise in October 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which this is likely to benefit our international trade;

- (c) the details of products which have been mostly exported from the country;
- (d) the details of the position of import of oil products; and
- (e) the details of products imported and exported by India from 2014 till date?

Setting up of Industry

***83 Sh. Bhairon Prasad Mishra (banda):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up any major industry in Banda and Chitrakoot districts in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh having no industries at present;
- (b) if so, the details of the action plan in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of Steel Plants

***84 Sh. Krishnan Narayanasamy Ramachandran(Sriperumbudur) :
Sh. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi(Dharwad) :**

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake modernisation and expansion projects for various public sector steel plants including Salem and Durgapur steel plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with estimated cost of modernisation and the funds allocated for the purpose, plant-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has directed all public sector steel companies to set up energy efficiency and emission reduction provisions under their modernisation and capacity expansion programmes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken towards achieving energy efficiency and emission reduction in the steel sector through the Global Environment Facility of the United Nations Development Programme; and
- (e) the likely date of start and completion of modernisation work of each such plant along with the other steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to further modernise the said plants to international standards and implement the National Steel Policy, 2017?

RCEP Agreement

***85 Sh. Advocate Jayasingh Thiyagaraj Natterjee (Thoothukkudi) :**

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether RCEP will hurt the local industry, agriculture sector and allow workers' exploitation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether RCEP is negotiated in secrecy and is likely to favour big companies and threaten India's agriculture, industry and e-Commerce sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof in each case; and

(e) whether RCEP participating member countries have not fully disclosed their positions and relevant documents are shared with affected constituencies and if so, the details thereof?

Unsafe School Buildings

***86 Sh. Bheemrao Baswanthrao Patil (Zahirabad) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has done any study to identify schools running from unsafe buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government both in terms of policy as well as administratively to ensure safety of school going children in this respect?

Maternity Leave Incentive Scheme

***87 Sh. C. P. Joshi(Chittorgarh) :
Sh. Sunil Kumar Singh(Chatra) :**

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

(a) whether the Government is working to promote the Maternity Leave Incentive Scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the features of the said scheme and the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented;

(b) whether the Government has arranged/allocated funds for this scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the amount to be spent on this Scheme;

(c) whether the Government is receiving complaints that on coming to know about the pregnancy of a woman employee or when she applies for maternity leave, the employer without any sound reason terminates her contract; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government against such erring employers?

Skill Development Centres

***88 Prof. Richard Hay (Nominated Anglo-indian):**

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

- (a) the number of Skill Development Centres set up in the country, State/UTwise including Kerala;
- (b) the number of persons who have so far received training in these Centres since their inception till date, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the persons who received training in these Skill Development Centres have found suitable jobs in the job market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the plan of action to rectify the defects in the training module in these Centres?

Indian Products in Chinese Market

- *89 Sh. Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya(Amreli) :**
Sh. Ramdas Chandrabhanji Tadas(Wardha) :

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

- (a) the details of the commodities selected by the Government to make inroads into the Chinese market;
- (b) whether any agreement has been signed/finalised for export of fish and fish oil for sale in China;
- (c) if so, the terms and conditions thereof; and
- (d) the details of other products for which the Government is making special efforts to take them to the Chinese market along with the reasons therefor?

WTO Reforms

- *90 Sh. G.Hari (Arakkonam):**

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

- (a) whether India has been in talks with at least 150 countries to work out the way forward for reforming the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that the multilateral trading system was under stress and a number of fresh trade restrictive measures, which would affect global trade and economic growth, had surged and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the expansion of global trade hinges on rules and processes determined by WTO and unless global trade expands, national economies will not benefit and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is also true that all substantive issues that have been agreed to at the Doha and other trade rounds as well as new issues that have cropped up are addressed with a sense of urgency and if so, the details thereof?

Higher Education System

***91 Sh. Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia(Guna) :
Sh. Kamal Nath(Chhindwara) :**

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

(a) whether several renowned educationists have urged the Government to re-imagine and reconstruct the country's higher education system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Universities in the country are facing various challenges ranging from inadequate funds, teachers' shortage to falling enrolment levels; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the universities capable to tap the potential of our burgeoning young population?

Uniform Rates of Petroleum Products

***92 Sh. P.K. Kunhalikutty (Malappuram):**

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

(a) whether the Government has done any study to identify schools running from unsafe buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government both in terms of policy as well as administratively to ensure safety of school going children in this respect?

New Education Policy

***93 Sh. Pinaki Misra(Puri) :
Col. Sona Ram Choudhary :
VSM (Retd.)(Barmer) :**

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

(a) whether the 9 members Committee headed by Dr. K. Kasturirangan has submitted the draft of the New Education Policy to the Government and if so, the details along with the status thereof;

(b) the initial deadline set for submission of the report by the Kasturirangan Committee along with the reasons for giving several extensions to the Committee;

(c) whether the Subramanian Committee report on the New Education Policy was submitted to the Government in May, 2016 and if so, the details including the status thereof along with the main recommendations made by the said Committee;

(d) whether the curriculum in the new policy is being prepared to make it joboriented, facilitate research work and regional language differentiation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the plans of the Government to bring changes in the National Curriculum Framework; and

(e) whether the Government is prepared to implement the New Education Policy, if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it will be enacted/ implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Dhangar Samaj in ST List

***94 Sh. Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande (shirdi):**

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

(a) the details of the States in which Dhangar Samaj is included in the Scheduled Tribes List as on date;

(b) whether Maharashtra is also among such States;

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

(d) the dates on which requests were received by the Government from the people's representatives to include Dhangar Samaj in the Scheduled Tribes List; and

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

Fraudulent Practices by Exporters

***95 Dr. Udit Raj (North West Delhi):**

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

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that many foreign importers are duped or cheated by Indian exporters and the value of such exports runs into millions of dollars whereas India has a vision of increasing exports by \$100 Billion in the next few years;

(b) if so, the steps taken/facilities provided by the Government to resolve the issues/complaints of foreign buyers; and

(c) the manner in which the export targets are likely to be achieved in the presence of such fraudulent exporters?

New Industrial Policy

***96 Sh. Gaurav Gogoi(Kaliabor) :
Sh. Ram Charitra Nishad(Machhlishahr) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to unveil a new industrial policy and proposes to include a substantial chapter and paragraphs on the importance of design and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the existing industrial policy is having any bottlenecks and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has discussed the matter with various industrial units in the

country and if so, the reaction of such units to the proposed new policy;

(d) whether the proposed policy will completely revamp the industrial policy of 1991 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is true that the Government is considering to set up a National Design Centre and if so, the details thereof?

Programmes run in Rajasthan Tribal Areas

***97 Sh. Manshankar Ninama(Banswara) :
Sh. Arjunlal Meena(Udaipur) :**

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

(a) the details of the various programmes being run in tribal areas of Rajasthan in collaboration with the Union Government at present along with the schemes implemented in the State for social and economic development of the Scheduled Tribes for the last three years;

(b) the funds provided by the Union Government to the Government of Rajasthan under the said schemes during the last three years;

(c) the funds utilised and unutilised by the State Government out of the funds released under the said schemes during the above period; and

(d) whether the Government has implemented any new scheme for the Scheduled Tribes and if so, the details thereof?

Board of Governors for IIMs

***98 Sh. Elumalai V.(Arani) :
Sh. Prasun Banerjee (Howrah) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has started the process of setting up of new Board of Governors (BoG) for the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) under the new IIM Act, if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up any target for IIMs to constitute the new Boards and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to immediately withdraw the Government nominees who are in excess of the provisions of the Act and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the experts/some Directors of IIMs have expressed concern over the constitution of the new Board of Governors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to address the concerns raised by the experts along with the manner in which the Government proposes to maintain/provide comprehensive autonomy to IIMs?

LPG Subsidy

***99 Prof. Ravindra Vishwanath Gaikwad (Osmanabad):**

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

(a) whether LPG subsidy is not being provided in various States of the country including Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of LPG consumers to whom subsidy is being provided/transferred 39 40 into their accounts in all States including Maharashtra; and

(c) the main reasons for irregularities in transfer of LPG subsidy along with the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the said issue?

Regulation of e-Commerce

***100 Sh. Feroze Varun Gandhi (Sultanpur):**

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

(a) whether any measures are being implemented or in the process of being implemented in the regulation of e-commerce in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether e-commerce giants, require special regulations to prevent predatory pricing and monopolising of market share and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the draft e-commerce policy is likely to be put in place along with the details of the two rounds of stakeholder consultations done so far?

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