

(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

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Access to Credit

***141 Sh. Rahul Ramesh Shewale(Mumbai South-Central) :
Sh. Bhartruhari Mahtab(Cuttack) :**

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

(a) whether poor access to credit is the main cause of the hardships being faced by the weavers/workers of the unorganized powerloom sector in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to ensure adequate credit and overcome the hardships being faced by such weavers/workers in the country;

(c) the funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/ programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding irregularities in implementation of the said schemes/ programmes across the country during the said period along with the present status of such complaints; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate credit to the said sector and overcome their hardships along with the achievements thereof?

Functioning of Film Institutes

***142 Sh. Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik(Kolhapur) :
Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati) :**

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has reconstituted an expert committee which was set up to review the functioning of film institutes and if so, the details thereof and the reasons

therefor;

(b) the details of film institutes functioning in the country, State/UTwise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more film institutes across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be allocated for the said purpose; and

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

Ultra Mega Power Project

***143 Smt. Rita Tarai (Jajpur):**

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

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that till date about Rs. 350 crore has been contributed by the State of Odisha for the Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) at Bedabahal and the State Government has submitted its views/feedback on the Standard Bidding Document (SBD), if so, the details thereof and the progress made therein;

(b) the time by which his Ministry will finalize the bidding documents and initiate the bidding process of the said project without any further delay; and

(c) whether the delay in this regard would create difficulties in taking over physical possession of the land and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Compliance of Procedures by Airline Operators

***144 Smt. m.Vasanthi (Tenkasi):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has directed all airline operators to ensure that their staff strictly follow the procedures approved by it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the directive comes in the wake of findings on an incident involving a private airline in flight engine failure in February, 2017 where the staff followed an airbus certified method of calculating flight duration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Indian Players in International Sports Leagues

***145 Sh. Hari Om Pandey(Ambedkar Nagar) :
Dr. (Smt.) Ratna De(Nag)(Hooghly) :**

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

(a) whether the Government and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have any guidelines or norms regarding participation of Indian players in foreign sports

leagues, especially in cricket;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of permission given to the cricketers for the same during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has any guidelines for giving permission to the current players for participating in such sports leagues during the period when there are no international tournaments scheduled and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of norms to recognise new international sports leagues, especially those in which Pakistani players are participating, for allowing participation of Indian cricketers?

NH Construction Target

***146 Sh. Sanjay Haribhau Jadhav (Parbhani):**

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

(a) whether the Government had fixed a target of construction of 15,000 KM of National Highway (NH) whereas only 60 per cent of the work could be done and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the reasons for this shortfall is lack of coordination among the Central Ministries and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps the Government has initiated to achieve this target?

Drinking Water Schemes

***147 Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma (Jammu):**

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

(a) the number of drinking water schemes operational in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether there is any scheme of the Government to ensure provision of safe drinking water and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is preparing any scheme to supply water to Jammu city from Chenab river to address the problem of water scarcity in the city;

(d) if so, the funds allocated for the said purpose; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Simplification of Procedure for Approving Irrigation Projects

***148 Prof. Chintamani Malviya (Ujjain) :
Sh. Bodhsingh Bhagat (Balaghat) :**

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

(a) whether the Government is formulating any plan to simplify the procedure for according approval to major irrigation projects by his Ministry/ the Central Water Commission (CWC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the condition of obtaining investment approval from CWC and NITI Aayog for getting Central assistance has been done away with and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the guidelines regarding clearance/approval to irrigation projects have been simplified by CWC after May, 2014; and

(d) the improvements made in the complex procedure for receiving Central assistance for irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme after May, 2014?

Air India's Market Share

***149 Sh. Rodmal Nagar(Rajgarh) :
Sh. Janardan Mishra(Rewa) :**

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

(a) whether Air India has been nudged out from top three positions in market share;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for the decline in the number of passengers regularly; and

(c) the various steps taken by the Government to improve the quality index of Air India?

Regional Connectivity

***150 Dr. Dr. Manoj Rajoria (Karauli-dholpur) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken concrete steps for stimulating regional connectivity by making flying accessible and affordable for the masses;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken to ensure the annual growth in the domestic passengers;

(c) whether the Government has also been attempting to accentuate the regional connectivity by setting up new airports in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sustainable Development Goals

***151 Sh. Prabhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava(Bardoli) :
Sh. George Baker (Nominated Anglo-Indian) :**

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the salient features of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);

(b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under these Goals during the last three years and the current year across the country, State-wise including Gujarat, West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made thereunder so far;

(d) whether the achievements are upto the set targets, if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has joined or proposes to join SDG Media Compact initiative with organisations from across the world and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Cotton Production

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

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

(a) whether the cotton production for this season is less as compared to the previous season, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic cotton prices are low as compared to the international prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Film Heritage Mission

***153 Dr. K. Gopal (Nagapattinam):**

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the National Film Heritage Mission has taken a decision to revive the Rs. 590 crore film preservation project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the project was put on freeze after poor archival conditions at the National Film Archive of India came to the fore in September last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hiring professional service providers for proper maintenance of celluloid vaults was high on agenda; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Water Management

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

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

(a) whether water management has a special role in the economic development of the

nation;

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

(c) whether re-cycling of water is necessary for increasing the availability of water and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the percentage of polluted water that can be recycled for use out of the total quantum of polluted water being generated in the country?

Removal of Silt from Dams/ Reservoirs/Lakes

***155 Sh. Bhagwanth Khuba(Bidar) :
Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse(Raver) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has made any survey/study about the silt accumulation in the dams/reservoirs/lakes across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the dams which have reduced the water holding capacity more than 50 per cent;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to remove silt therefrom and received any proposals from certain States for adopting new technology for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Statewise and the action taken on the said proposals;

(d) whether the Government is establishing any new mechanism using modern technology to remove silt from such dams/reservoirs to bring them back to their full water holding capacity and if so, the details thereof including the details of such technology; and

(e) whether the Government has planned any silt-removal programme in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

World Press Freedom Index

***156 Sh. Dinesh Trivedi (Barrackpur) :**

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is cognizant of the world press freedom index report by 'Reporters Without Borders' which ranks India at 138 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Press Council of India (PCI) has conducted any study to find out the reasons for the deteriorating press freedom index and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of journalists, who have been attacked and murdered during the period of 2014-18?

Payments under MGNREGS

***157 Sh. Jay Prakash Narayan Yadav (Banka):**

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

(a) whether payments to the workers deployed in construction projects under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in Bihar for the period 2016- 17, 2017-2018 and 2018-19 are still pending and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these dues will be cleared;

(b) whether the dues of the suppliers for the materials thereto are also pending for the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which payments for the said period are likely to be made?

Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project

***158 Sh. Doddaalahalli Kempegowda Suresh(Bangalore Rural) :
Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel(Dakshina Kannada) :**

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

(a) the current status of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project of Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government has given its approval for construction of the said project for proper utilization of water for both drinking and electricity generation in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the project by providing funds for construction of the reservoir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

List of Government Entities

***159 Sh. Maheish Giri (East Delhi):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to maintain up-to-date list of revenue entities, local Government bodies, wards, organisational structure of Central, State and Local Government, reporting hierarchy within the Government organisations, Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of National Projects

***160 Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli) :
Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad(Latur) :**

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

(a) whether only 5 projects out of the 16 sanctioned national projects are being implemented and the rest are yet to commence, resulting in nil supply of water, especially for drinking purpose;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding works as well as performance of national projects during the last four years and recently developed a Central monitoring system to implement the projects properly and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of water resources budget spent on augmenting drinking water from water resource development projects along with the steps taken /being taken for enhancing availability of safe drinking water therefrom during each of the last four years since 2014, State-wise, and

(e) the time frame fixed for supply of drinking water from each such project along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance efficiency and reduce the cost of projects undertaken in the country since 2014, State/year-wise?

NEW DELHI.

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