Lok Sabha

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[CORPORATE AFFAIRS - CULTURE - FINANCE - HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT - LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT - PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS - SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - STEEL - TOURISM and TRIBAL AFFAIRS].

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Online Monitoring of ST Schemes

*201 Sh. P.P.Chaudhary(Pali):

TRIBAL AFFAIRS :-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to monitor the schemes related to the Scheduled Tribes (STs) through e-governance;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes proposed to be monitored online; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the views of the Government in this regard?

Reduction in ESI Contribution

*202 Sh. Sudheer Gupta(Mandsour):

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT :-

- (a) whether the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act allows certain parameters to be applicable on different companies in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has reduced/proposes to reduce the salary

contribution of industrial workers eligible for healthcare benefits under the said Act from 6.5 per cent to 4 per cent and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

- (c) the total number of employees likely to be benefited by the said proposal across the country;
- (d) whether the Government has carried out special programmes to register employees to expand social security cover for the employees and if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such programmes; and
- (e) whether the Government has also decided to expand the coverage of ESI scheme to all the districts across the country in a phased manner and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this direction?

Labour Laws

*203 Sh. Parvesh Sahib Singh (West Delhi):

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

- (a) whether the existing labour laws in India are putting onerous burden on growing business firms in India and if so, the details thereof
- (b) whether the Government has identified any existing labour laws that need to be repealed and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to bring/extend social safety net covering unemployment (minimum income), universal healthcare and old age pension for all workers in the unorganised as well as organised sectors in India and if so, the details thereof?

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan

*205 Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki (Ahmedabad West):

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

- (a) whether the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan scheme has been introduced across all States/UTs of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the salient features of the scheme and the status of its implementation;
- (d) the total number of new schools that have been set up and the total number of existing schools that have been strengthened, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the total funds allocated under the scheme, State/UT-wise?

Fees in Private Schools

*206 Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi(New Delhi) :

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that private schools increase fees without prior notice to parents and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to control such arbitrary hikes of school fees;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines/formulated any rules regarding charging of fees by private schools affiliated to CBSE and if so, the details thereof along with prescribed norms for charging/increasing of fees by private schools and the items under which such fees can be charged; and
- (d) the number of cases reported to the Government during the last three years regarding irregularities by the private schools and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Eco-Tourism Projects

*207 Sh. Rajiv Pratap Rudy (saran):

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to promote Eco-tourism in the country, particularly in Bihar;
- (b) whether the State Government of Bihar has requested for additional sanction of Central funds to carry out various tourism projects in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) the details of the projects/ proposals received and sanctioned including

eco-tourism projects along with the financial assistance provided to various States including Bihar; and

(e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to promote Tourism along with the revenue generated during the last four years, year-wise?

Delay in Land Allotment to Premier Institutions

*208 Smt. Vanga Geethaviswanath (Kakinada):

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

- (a) whether there are delays in land allotment which led to severe cost overrun in the construction of premier Institutions like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) for permanent campuses to house Centrally funded educational institutions, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether five IITs in Jammu, Dharwad, Tirupati, Bhilai and Palakkad are still in the process of constructing permanent campuses; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Uniform Pricing of Petroleum Products

*209 Sh. Rahul Kaswan (Churu):

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

- (a) whether many States and Union Territories have requested the Union Government to make provisions for uniformity in prices of petrol, diesel and other petroleum products in the country, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government has decreased as well as increased the prices of various petroleum products during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the justification therefor;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to control the prices of petrol/diesel by cutting in Central Excise duty thereon, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken in this regard;
- (d) the details of subsidy provided by the Government on LPG and retail

selling of PDS kerosene oil; and (e) whether in spite of low price of crude oil, there is a hike in prices of petrol and diesel, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

*210 Shri. Balli Durga Prasad Rao (Tirupati):

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

- (a) the details of funds released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last four years including the current financial year;
- (b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the funds to the State under SSA during the current financial year; and
- (c) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas which have been established in Andhra Pradesh and across the country during the last four years, State/UT-wise and the funds released in this regard?

Kendriya Vidyalayas

*211 Sh. K. Navaskani (Ramanathapuram):

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

- (a) whether it is fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in Mandapam and Ramanathapuram are functioning from rented buildings;
- (b) if so, whether it is proposed to construct new buildings for the KVs in those places;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Central Universities

*212 Sh. Nihal Chand Chauhan(Ganganagar):

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:

(a) the details of the Central Universities (CUs) under the control of the Union

Government at present, State-wise including Gujarat;

- (b) the State and CU-wise number of teaching and non-teaching staff in the said CUs;
- (c) the details of the number of teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)/Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBCs)/ Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) categories appointed in these universities in the country;
- (d) the number of vacancies in teaching and non-teaching categories of employees in the said universities at present along with the proposal of the Government to fill up those vacancies; and
- (e) whether the percentage of SC/ST/ SEBC/EWS teachers is very low and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

GST Amendment

*213 Sh. M. K. Raghavan (Kozhikode):

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

- (a)whether amending some of the provisions in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) including the input tax credit system paves way to weaken the National Antiprofiteering Authority;
- (b) if so, whether this amendment has been made exclusively to help the real estate developers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the decision for such amendment is to ignore established institutions and to cause more problems than solutions and if so, the details thereof?

Preservation of Cultural Heritage

*214 Dr. Alok Kumar Suman(Gopalganj):

CULTURE:

(a) whether the Government has taken measures to preserve and uphold all forms of folk art and cultural heritage of the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts being made to properly store the treasure of knowledge for posterity;
- (d) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to preserve the cultural heritage of Bihar, specially Madhubani folk painting and folk dance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ESI Scheme

*215 Prof. Saugata Roy(Dum Dum):

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT :-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce employees' as well as employers' contribution to Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme by amending the ESI Act, 1948;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the objectives behind the move including the proposed reduction in this regard;
- (c) whether the representatives of employees unions have strongly opposed the said proposal, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto along with the other steps taken by the Government to bring more people under the ESI scheme;
- (d) whether the said reduction is likely to decrease the amount to be received by the employees and if so, the details thereof particularly in Maharashtra; and
- (e) whether the employees are likely to get any benefit therefrom and if so, the details thereof?

Loans to Small Scale Industrial Sector

*216 Sh. Ashok Mahadeorao Nete (gadchiroli-chimur):

Will the **FINANCE** be pleased to state that:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of loans for the

small scale industrial sector;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount of loans disbursed to small scale industrial sector particularly in the backward and tribal areas, specially in the State of Maharashtra during each of last three years as on date?

Skilled Labourers to Manufacturing Sector

*217 Sh. Ramcharan Bohra (jaipur):

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

- (a) the details of the schemes to promote skilled labourers in view of the important role of manufacturing sector in the Gross Domestic Product of the country;
- (b) the number of people who got employment after being trained in the manufacturing sector during the last five years;
- (c) the details of the targets to be fixed for the next five years; and
- (d) whether the Government is cooperating with the agencies associated with the manufacturing sector in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Reforms of Labour Laws

*218 Shri. Raja Amareshwara Naik (raichur):

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate a process of simplifying, rationalizing and amalgamating the 44 labour laws into 5 codes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has sought views of the States on the proposed reforms of labour laws and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by the Government for reforms of labour laws in the country?

Electrification of Schools

*219 Smt. Kirron Anupam Kher (Chandigarh):

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

- (a) whether nearly 40 per cent of the schools in the country do not have electricity and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the number of schools electrified during the last three years, year and State/UT-wise?

Allocation for Tribal Welfare

*220 Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal (Paschim Champaran):

Will the TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether there has been a decrease in allocation of Central funds for tribal welfare over the past few years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;.

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,

Dated: July 2, 2019.

Secretary General.