

# Lok Sabha

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[Prime Minister - Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - ATOMIC ENERGY - Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) - Chemical and Fertilizers - CIVIL AVIATION - COAL - COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY - COMMUNICATIONS - CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION - CORPORATE AFFAIRS - CULTURE - DEFENCE - DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION - EARTH SCIENCES - ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - FINANCE - FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION - FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES - HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE - HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES - HOME AFFAIRS - HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS - HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT - INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING - LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT - LAW & JUSTICE - MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES - MINES - MINORITY AFFAIRS - NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY - PANCHAYATI RAJ - PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS - PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS - PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS - POWER - RAILWAYS - ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS - RURAL DEVELOPMENT - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SHIPPING - SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT - SPACE - STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION - STEEL - TEXTILES - TOURISM - TRIBAL AFFAIRS - WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT - YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS - PLANNING - Prime minister's office - JAL SHAKTI and ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES ].

Total No. of Questions - 20

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Construction of National Highways

\*261 Smt. Jyotsna Charandas Mahant ( korba):

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS** be pleased to state that (a) the details of National Highways (NHs) proposed to be constructed in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the total length in kilometre of each NH proposed to be constructed along with the length in kilometre of NH constructed so far; and

(c) the time by which the construction of all these NHs is likely to be completed?

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### **Shortage of Water**

**\*262 Shri. Shankar Lalwani (Indore ):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that (a) whether the water level has decreased considerably in various States during the past few years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of efforts made by the Government to maintain the water supply;

(c) whether any special steps are proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of water at present and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has constituted/developed any mechanism to identify the areas in which groundwater is depleting at alarming level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures/steps taken/to be taken by the Government to check depletion of groundwater level as well as develop recharging system for groundwater level across the country?

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## Supply of Safe Drinking Water

**\*263 Shri. Mahabali Singh (Karakat):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme to address the problem of drinking water and supply of safe drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount earmarked for the said purpose during the current year;

(c) the administrative mechanism designed to implement the said ambitious scheme across the country; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to accord priority in the implementation of the said scheme to those places where groundwater is polluted and if so, the details thereof?

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## Sale of Air India

**\*264 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Jamshedpur ) :  
Sh. Sanjay Sadashivrao Mandlik(Kolhapur) :**

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government is

preparing a fresh proposal for sale of Air India after failing to attract bidders for the national carrier during the last year and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for considering the proposal for sale of Air India;

(b) the time by which the final/fresh proposal is likely to be completed for sale; (c) whether Air India is having huge tracts of unutilized land in various States/cities of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/city-wise;

(d) whether Air India has proposed

to sell its unutilized land and cut losses;  
and  
(e) if so, the details thereof and the amount of revenue likely to be generated therefrom along with the other steps taken/ being taken by the Government to save Air India from debt trap?

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### Demand and Supply of Power

**\*265** **Shri. Raja Amareshwara Naik ( Raichur ) :**  
**Sh. Vinod Kumar Sonkar(Kaushambi ) :**

Will the **POWER** be pleased to state that (a) whether there is mismatch in demand and supply of power in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the State of West Bengal has a peak demand-supply gap which is more than the all India average and the highest in the country after two-three small States and if so, the details thereof along with the peak demand-supply gap, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the Electricity Act to levy hefty penalties on power distribution companies for load shedding and make provisions for direct subsidy transfers by the States to power consumers and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and (d) whether electricity generation has been adversely affected due to shortage of coal supply by the Government to thermal power plants in various States of the country including Punjab and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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### Green Corridors

**\*266 Sh. Rodmal Nagar( Rajgarh) :**

#### **JAL SHAKTI :-**

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme to develop green corridors in small cities and towns located on the banks of small rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the scheme to be formulated in future by the Government to prevent the erosion of soil on the banks of small rivers and conserve rain water through schemes like green corridor?

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### Upgradation of Airports

**\*267 Sh. Rajeshbhai Naranbhai Chudasama (Junagadh):**

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

(a) the number of airports under the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Gujarat;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for upgradation of the airports of the State to international standard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

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### Setting up of MSMEs

**\*268 Dr. T.R. Paarivendhar(Perambalur) :**

#### **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES :-**

(a) whether the Government has prepared any concrete industrial policy/ action plan to set up Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the hilly districts of Uttarakhand so as to provide permanent employment and check migration keeping in view that people are continuously migrating from such places, particularly from Pauri Garhwal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more MSMEs in the country including industrially backward Perambalur region of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of MSMEs set up in the country including in Perambalur during the last three years?

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### **Projects under Char Dham Programme**

**\*269 Sh. Bhola Singh(Bulandshahr) :**

#### **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS :-**

(a) the present status of the all weather road construction projects under the Char Dham Programme;

(b) the quantum of funds spent so far and likely to be spent on these projects during the current year as well as in future;

(c) whether the Government proposes to link the religious places located in Uttarakhand and other hilly States also with all weather roads, if so, the details thereof and the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the projects under the said programme from natural calamity; and

(e) whether any mechanism has been set up to monitor the quality of work under these projects and if so, the details thereof along with the targeted dates for completion of the said projects?

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### **Transmission Related Issues**

**\*270 Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde (Kalyan):**

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

(a) whether the power sector has been grappling with transmission related issues for a long time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether problems aggravated due to higher power generation and demand, if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether separate fund for the development of transmission and power

sector related infrastructure is required, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has issued draft regulations for Power System Development Fund and if so, the details and the facts thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has decided for the utilisation of the said Fund and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the proposed Fund is likely to be created/operationalised?

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### **Rerouting of Flights**

**\*271 Sh. Gajanan Chandrakant Kirtikar (Mumbai-north-west):**

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

(a) whether the Government/ Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued any advisory to all Indian airline companies to avoid Iranian airspace and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether rerouting of flights will substantially affect the airline companies and if so, the details thereof along with the number of flights affected due to this reason;

(c) whether rerouting of Air India flights will increase the operating cost of the already burdened airlines due to closure of Pakistani airspace and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this will put additional burden on the passengers, if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard to avoid extra burden on passengers;

(e) whether some airlines have increased the fare due to route diversion/ increase in operating costs and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether India has restricted any foreign airlines through Indian airspace and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Solar Energy Scheme**

**\*272 Sh. Bhagirath Chaudhary (Ajmer):**

Will the **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide electricity through solar energy scheme/ mission to all the unelectrified dhaanis located at the farms in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) whether any criteria have been fixed to provide solar system at the farms through the said scheme /mission and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the companies through which the said scheme is being implemented in Rajasthan under Jodhpur and Ajmer DISCOM; and

(d) whether any complaints have been received against these companies and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Ban on Non-electric Two/ThreeWheelers**

**\*273 Shri. L.S. Tejasvi Surya (Bangalore South ):**

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to impose a ban on nonelectric two and three-wheelers in the near future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the implementation of the same will be done in a phased manner and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study about the extent to which the said policy is likely to help in reducing pollution levels in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has started work on meeting the demands of electricity for the new set of electric vehicles that are likely to ply on the road in near future and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has addressed the concerns of the automobile industry before proceeding with the new policy and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Green Energy Corridor Project**

**\*274 Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi ( new Delhi):**

Will the **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of transmission systems which have been established under



the Green Energy Corridor Project; and

(b) the capacity added due to establishment of the said transmission systems?

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### **Deficiencies in National Highways**

**\*275 Sh. H. Vasanthakumar (Kanniyakumari ):**

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

(a) whether the National Highways (NHs) are suffering from deficiencies like inadequate capacity, weak pavement, poor riding quality, distressed bridges, unbridged level crossings, congested cities, lack of by-pass roads, lack of wayside amenities and safety measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **Road Safety**

**\*276 Miss. Km. Shobha Karandlaje (Udupi Chikmagalur):**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce more stringent provisions under the new Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill to ensure road safety and check rampant violation of traffic rules and if so, the details thereof; (b) whether the proposed law seeks to bring taxi aggregators under its ambit and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement a mandatory vehicle recall policy in case a defect is detected and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes compensation upto Rs.5 lakh for families of fatal road accident victims within four months of the accident and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to waive off the registration charges for electric vehicles to boost the battery-operated vehicles in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has decided to remove the requirement of minimum educational qualification for transport vehicle drivers and if so, the details thereof?

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### **24-Hour Power Supply**

**\*277 Sh. Dharambir Singh (Bhiwani):**

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

(a) whether most of the villages receive power supply only for 2-4 hours a day even today and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any plan/ scheme has been formulated to provide 24-hour power supply in the said villages and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases relating to power theft and distribution/transmission loss which came to light of the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Haryana;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check/stop such theft/loss; and

(e) the time by which 24-hour power supply is likely to be provided to all villages of the country in each State/UT including Haryana?

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### **Accessibility to Drinking Water**

**\*278 Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar (Dindori):**

Will the **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether 25 per cent people in the villages as against 75 per cent people in the cities have access to drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for less availability of drinking water in villages with the passage of time; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the extent to which availability of drinking water in villages has been increased as a result of the same?

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### **Extinction of Rivers/Tributaries**

**\*279 Sh. Hanuman Beniwal(Nagaur) :**

**JAL SHAKTI :-**

(a) the details and the total number of rivers in the country along with their length and location, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of tributaries of these rivers and their present status;

(c) whether the Government has got counted all the big and small rivers in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some rivers as well as the tributaries of certain big rivers have dried up or are on the verge of drying up/ extinction and if so, the number and the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any action plan to overcome this situation and save such rivers from extinction and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Clearance of Transmission Lines**

**\*280 Sh. Shrirang Appa Barne(Maval) :**

**POWER :-**

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) did not agree to clear transmission lines required by the end of 2020 of renewable projects under implementation or tendered projects approved under norms prevalent till June 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether approval under new process would have taken nearly a year, by which time the renewable projects underway would have started coming on stream and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether investments would have been stranded due to the absence of power evacuation infrastructure and if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue on priority basis?

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**NEW DELHI,;**

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,**

Dated: July 5, 2019.

Secretary General.