

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Power; Road Transport and Highways)  
(नागर विमानन; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; जल शक्ति; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

### Biomass Gasification

\*301. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Biomass gasification for thermal application use is one of the most financially viable among renewable energy technologies and very well adopted by tiny, small and medium level entrepreneurs/industrialists thereby saving fifty per cent of the fuel cost used in thermal application using diesel as burning fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also aware of the fact that Gasifiers manufactured in India using Biomass are well accepted world wide and have large export demand from different parts of the world;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Indian Gasifier manufacturers are facing issues like delay in sanctioning of the subsidy claims about selling Gasifiers for domestic use; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

### Allotment of Houses under PMAY

†\*302. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of houses allotted in various States of the country including Assam under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether a large number of houses are not being constructed as per time schedule and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of the beneficiaries who have been allotted houses in Assam under the scheme; and

(d) the number of the persons who are yet to be allotted houses under the scheme and the time by which the allotment is likely to be done?

### Haj Embarkation at Calicut International Airport

\*303. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to reinstate the Haj Embarkation at Calicut International Airport considering request of eighty per cent of the pilgrims in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that a large number of beneficiaries were left out under National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship and if so, the steps taken by the concerned to resolve the issue;

(c) whether the Government proposes to condone the delay caused in submission of applications for National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship of minority community due to cogent issues arising as a result of the pandemic; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that no child is left out from the benefit of minority scholarships due to delay in filing of application?

### Skill Development Initiative Scheme

\*304. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Skill Development Initiative Scheme (Seekho Aur Kamao) initiative in the State of Assam;

(b) the number and names of project implementing Agencies engaged with the aforesaid scheme in Assam, district-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the details of the number of youths trained so far under the scheme; and

(d) whether there is any mechanism to know the number of trained youth who have been absorbed in employment or entrepreneurial venture and if so, the details thereof especially in Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts?

#### CNG Stations

†\*305. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of CNG stations in view of the increasing CNG operated vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of CNG stations for which approval has been granted so far and is likely to be granted by the Government during the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has imposed any kind of restriction on the companies to open CNG stations and if so, the details thereof?

#### Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy

†\*306. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any change in the auction methods of blocks discovered after the implementation of flexible Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated to strengthen the developing energy sector in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Jal Jeevan Mission

\*307. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the goal of covering hundred districts in the country under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and ensure clean tap water supply

by the end of the current financial year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has also committed to cover every rural household by the end of the year 2024; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard along with the proposed financial allocation made for the purpose?

#### Funds for Minority Education

\*308. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people belonging to minority religions constitute about nineteen per cent of the total population of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of allocation made to the Ministry of Minority Affairs compared to the total budget of the Union Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that only a negligible percentage of the total budget is allocated to the Ministry of Minority Affairs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures, if any, taken by the Government to address this issue and enhance allocation of funds;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the budget allocation for education of minorities was drastically reduced in the current budget and if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the allocation;

(e) the funds allocated in the current budget for post-matric scholarship of the students belonging to minority communities; and

(f) the details of the minority students receiving post-matric scholarship between 2014 and 2021, State-wise?

#### USTTAD Scheme

\*309. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of persons benefitted from the Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) scheme in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha launched by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State and district-wise;

(b) the number of project implementation agencies especially registered for implementation of USTTAD scheme in the said States;

(c) the details of girls/women who have been benefitted by the scheme during the last three years; and

(d) the funds allocated and utilized for the implementation of USTTAD scheme during the last three years and the current year?

#### Electricity Connections under Saubhagya

\*310. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total numbers of households who have been provided electricity connections under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana-(Saubhagya) in West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the pace of implementation of Saubhagya in the rural areas of West Bengal; and

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to provide electricity connections to all rural households in West Bengal?

#### Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin

\*311. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to put in place a sound financial management system to resolve the issue of delay in release of States' share under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin; and

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

#### ERCP as National Project

†\*312. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan regarding declaration of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) as a national project is under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to declare the said canal project as a national project to ensure the availability of water for drinking and irrigation purpose in thirteen districts of Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which ERCP is likely to be declared as national project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Palakkad-Kozhikode Greenfield Highway

\*313. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed Palakkad to Kozhikode Greenfield Highway has been approved under Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether approval for land acquisition for this stretch has been given and the acquisition process is underway and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of routemap and alignment proposed for the said stretch along with the time by which the same is likely to be approved?

#### Decline in Ground Water Levels

\*314. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:  
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground water level has declined in the districts of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan especially in Dewas, Sagar, Patliputra, Pratapgarh, Kaiserganj and Chittorgarh districts respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the ground water level observed in the aforesaid States/districts during the last ten years;

(c) whether the Government has initiated water conservation schemes or projects in the aforesaid States/districts; and

(d) if so, the details of various schemes or projects implemented in the aforesaid States/districts along with the funds allocated for the same?

#### Upgradation of State Highways into National Highways

\*315. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for conversion/upgradation of various State Highways (SHs) to National Highways (NHs) in the country; and

(b) the details of State Highways (SHs) identified for upgradation as National Highways (NHs) in the State of Telangana under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) along with the number of SHs upgraded to NHs thereunder so far?

### Schemes for Welfare of Minority Communities

\*316. SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being run by the Union Government for the welfare of minorities along with the details thereof;

(b) the number of minority welfare schemes being implemented in the State of Odisha; and

(c) the details of funds spent thereon, scheme-wise?

### Development of Economic Corridor

\*317. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct a special economic corridor from Paradip of Jagatsinghpur district to Barabil of Kendujhar district in the State of Odisha considering the business potential of the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the construction of said corridor is likely to be completed;

(c) the details of the ongoing/pending/completed National Highway (NH) projects in the State along with the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the pending projects within the stipulated period of time;

(e) the details of State Highways converted into NHs in the State during the said period; and

(f) the details of mechanism put in place by the Government to monitor and check the construction quality and maintenance work of NHs?

### Schemes Implemented in Jharkhand

†\*318. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in the State of Jharkhand including Ranchi Lok Sabha Constituency;

(b) the details of the works carried out in the country during the last two years; and

(c) the quantum of funds spent in this regard along with the number of persons benefitted thereunder?

### Safe Drinking Water to Rural Habitation

\*319. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide safe drinking water to rural habitations in the country considering that several of them are severely affected by water contamination;

(b) the details of Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) that have been sanctioned and operationalised in the country under the Jal Jeevan Mission;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide safe drinking water to villages in coastal areas of the country considering that many of these villages are greatly affected by seawater intrusion;

(d) whether there is any provision for setting up of CWPPs in such coastal regions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Hamari Dharohar Scheme

\*320. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds spent under the Hamari Dharohar Scheme and the number of communities covered under the same as on date;

(b) the details of the number of women in rural India especially from the State of Maharashtra, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh who have been benefitted from the Nai Roshni Scheme during the last three years;

(c) the details of the criteria adopted by the Government to select NGOs for funding under the Maulana Aazad Education Foundation;

(d) the details of the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in the State of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal; and

(e) whether any provision has been made by the Government for providing relief or compensation to the victims of riots and if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

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