

# 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; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Shipping; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(नागर विमानन; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; जल शक्ति; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; पोत परिवहन; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

#### Setting up of Bio-Gas Plants

†\*181. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to make bio-gas available in remote/rural areas of the country for cooking purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages where bio-gas plants have been set up during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the use of bio-gas cooking stoves in the country?

#### Water Level of Major Reservoirs

†\*182. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water level of 91 major reservoirs in the country has dropped below the average level of the last 10 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is proposing/likely to propose to increase the total storage capacity of all the reservoirs in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Glass Facades in Buildings

\*183. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether energy conservationists are cautioning against growing number of buildings with glass facades which affect the global warming;

(b) if so, whether any norms have been framed for allowing glass facades in

buildings, especially to address safety and security concerns as they lead to quick increase in temperature;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a complete glass building consumes electricity four times more than a normal building as per the study done by IIT, Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Solar Energy Plants

\*184. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to increase the capacity of new and renewable energy projects in the country particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of such projects sanctioned in the country particularly in Bihar during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by the Government to start/re-start such projects;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that some unemployed youth and skilled persons are willing to set up solar energy plants in the country particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to provide technical and financial assistance to such youth and skilled persons?

#### Power Supply to Industrial Sector

†\*185. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to supply adequate power to the industrial sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any norms or standard for industrial units in 8 energy consuming sectors for reducing their specific energy consumption under the National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which these units have achieved the set targets to reduce the use of energy by industrial units during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

#### Role of Small and Medium Enterprises

†\*186. SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether small and medium enterprises play a key role in the manufacturing sector of the country;

(b) if so, the percentage-wise contribution of small and medium enterprises in the total production of the manufacturing sector during the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(c) whether some units of small and medium enterprises have also been closed down during the said period; and

(d) if so, the number of the units closed during each year of the said period along with the reasons therefor?

#### **Cleaning of Ponds, Lakes and Canals**

†\*187. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to prepare any nation-wide action plan under irrigation schemes for cleaning of lakes, ponds and canals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a number of animals and people die every year after getting stuck in the silt accumulated in the canals and if so, the details and facts thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make any annual programme for cleaning of canals and to implement it under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Contamination and Depletion of Ground Water**

\*188. SHRIMATI RAKSHA  
NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has carried out any specific

study regarding contamination and depletion of ground water level, especially caused by private water packaging companies which are using reverse osmosis technology, discharging concentrates, thereby increasing the hardness of ground water and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes for bringing regulations to curb and minimize further deterioration of water quality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Growth of Shipping Industry**

\*189. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the growth registered by the domestic shipping industry in the country during each of the last three years along with the present status of the ship-building industry in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any specific schemes for improving the overall infrastructure in various shipyards of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government for upgradation of infrastructure in the ports and augmentation of Indian tonnage in the shipping industry;

(d) whether many Indian shipping companies are heavily in debt during recent years and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the growth of the shipping industry in the country?

#### **Revenue from Toll Collection**

\*190. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the toll tax collected by the Government on National Highways (NHs) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has spent any funds on the development of NHs from such revenue earned during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States including Kerala have raised objections for collection of toll from NHs during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the consultations undertaken with various stakeholders in this regard and the results achieved therefrom?

#### **Development of Highways**

\*191. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any programme for

development of roads including National and State Highways across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the roads proposed to be developed and the funds provided for the purpose;

(c) the time period fixed for the purpose;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include local residents and public representatives while planning new roads; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

#### **Silt Accumulation in Dams/Reservoirs/Lakes**

\*192. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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, State-wise 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?

### **Upliftment of Minority Communities**

\*193. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing schemes for improvement of minority communities;

(b) the funds allocated/sanctioned and utilized for this purpose during each of the last two years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to have any further programme for the upliftment of the minority communities; and

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

### **Inter-linking of Rivers**

†\*194. SHRI SUBHASH  
CHANDRA BAHERIA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on inter-linking of Indian rivers in future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Scholarships to Minority Students**

\*195. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pre-matric, post-matric, merit-cum-means and other scholarships disbursed by the Union Government to the minority students during each of the last five years; and

(b) the manner in which the number of such scholarships is likely to be increased to 5 crore during the next five years?

### **Hike in Air Fares**

\*196. SHRI P.K.

KUNHALIKUTTY:

MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high air fare is being charged by airlines for the route of Calicut and Gulf countries specially during the last weeks of May and in the month of June, festive seasons and also during holiday seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints from NRIs in the Gulf region in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to have a reasonable air fare throughout the year?

### **Work on NH-104 and NH-105**

†\*197. SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on National Highway (NH) - 104 and NH-105 has been going on for several years and the time limit fixed in this regard has already lapsed much earlier and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action against the contractor for not completing the work in fixed time; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

### **Affordable Housing**

†\*198. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of agencies which have been given the responsibility by the Government to provide houses at low prices in cities ;

(b) the number of the houses costing below one lakh rupees constructed by the

said agencies in cities during each of the last three years, city-wise;

(c) whether these agencies have succeeded in providing houses in cities at low prices and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

### **Drinking Water Coverage**

†\*199. SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fully covered, partially covered and habitations facing quality issues in terms of drinking water, State/UT-wise along with the details of States/UTs which are facing drought like situation;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under various drinking water schemes as well as the achievements made in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year including the details of the norms adopted for allocating/releasing of funds thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the achievements made in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures taken to provide safe drinking water to all the habitations of the country;

(d) whether some States have requested to release additional funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP); and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government on the request made by each State/UT?

**Solar Energy Policy**

\*200. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and salient features of  
the Government's Solar Energy Policy;

(b) the details of the progress made in  
the implementation of the said policy,  
State-wise;

(c) the details of schemes which  
are operational at present to promote  
solar energy, particularly at domestic  
level;

(d) whether the Government  
proposes to provide financial assistance  
for domestic use for promotion/installation  
of rooftop and small solar power plants;  
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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*Secretary General*

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