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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Commerce and Industry; Culture; Human Resource Development; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

(वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संस्कृति; मानव संसाधन विकास; श्रम और रोजगार; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस; कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता; इस्पात; पर्यटन; जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Ethanol Blending

*81. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is on course to achieve the target of 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol by 2022, if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made in this regard during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has revised/proposes to revise the price of ethanol to achieve the said target and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that India is one of the most inefficient producers of ethanol with regard to its water footprint which has a detrimental effect on water availability and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that certain States are charging a tax on sale of ethanol to other States which is in violation of the Industries (Development

and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Exports and Imports

*82. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has exported 17.86 per cent of merchandise in October 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which this is likely to benefit our international trade;

(c) the details of products which have been mostly exported from the country;

(d) the details of the position of import of oil products; and

(e) the details of products imported and exported by India from 2014 till date?

Setting up of Industry

†*83. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up any major industry in Banda and Chitrakoot districts in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh having no industries at present;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of Steel Plants

*84. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN: SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake modernisation and expansion projects for various public sector steel plants including Salem and Durgapur steel plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with estimated cost of modernisation and the funds allocated for the purpose, plant-wise;

(c) whether the Government has directed all public sector steel companies to set up energy efficiency and emission reduction provisions under their modernisation and capacity expansion programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken towards achieving energy efficiency and emission reduction in the steel sector through the Global Environment Facility of the United Nations Development Programme; and

(e) the likely date of start and completion of modernisation work of each such plant along with the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to further modernise the said plants to international standards and implement the National Steel Policy, 2017?

RCEP Agreement

*85. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether RCEP will hurt the local industry, agriculture sector and allow workers' exploitation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether RCEP is negotiated in secrecy and is likely to favour big companies and threaten India's agriculture, industry and e-Commerce sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof in each case; and

(e) whether RCEP participating member countries have not fully disclosed their positions and relevant documents are shared with affected constituencies and if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Unsafe School Buildings

*86. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done any study to identify schools running from unsafe buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government both in terms of policy as well as administratively to ensure safety of school going children in this respect?

Maternity Leave Incentive Scheme

†*87. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI: SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working to promote the Maternity Leave Incentive Scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the features of the said scheme and the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented;

(b) whether the Government has arranged/allocated funds for this scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the amount to be spent on this Scheme;

(c) whether the Government is receiving complaints that on coming to know about the pregnancy of a woman

employee or when she applies for maternity leave, the employer without any sound reason terminates her contract; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government against such erring employers?

Skill Development Centres

*88. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Skill Development Centres set up in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) the number of persons who have so far received training in these Centres since their inception till date, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the persons who received training in these Skill Development Centres have found suitable jobs in the job market;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the plan of action to rectify the defects in the training module in these Centres?

Indian Products in Chinese Market

†*89. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

Higher Education System

*91. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several renowned educationists have urged the Government to re-imagine and reconstruct the country's higher education system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Universities in the country are facing various challenges ranging from inadequate funds, teachers' shortage to falling enrolment levels; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the universities capable to tap the potential of our burgeoning young population?

Uniform Rates of Petroleum Products

*92. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States and Union Territories have urged the Union Government to provide petrol, diesel and other petroleum products at uniform rates across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government has increased/decreased prices of petroleum

(a) the details of the commodities selected by the Government to make inroads into the Chinese market;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed/finalised for export of fish and fish oil for sale in China;

(c) if so, the terms and conditions thereof; and

(d) the details of other products for which the Government is making special efforts to take them to the Chinese market along with the reasons therefor?

WTO Reforms

*90. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been in talks with at least 150 countries to work out the way forward for reforming the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the multilateral trading system was under stress and a number of fresh trade restrictive measures, which would affect global trade and economic growth, had surged and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the expansion of global trade hinges on rules and processes determined by WTO and unless global trade expands, national economies will not benefit and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that all substantive issues that have been agreed to at the Doha and other trade rounds as well as new issues that have cropped up are addressed with a sense of urgency and if so, the details thereof?

products during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons and justification therefor?

New Education Policy

*93. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 9 members Committee headed by Dr. K. Kasturirangan has submitted the draft of the New Education Policy to the Government and if so, the details along with the status thereof;

(b) the initial deadline set for submission of the report by the Kasturirangan Committee along with the reasons for giving several extensions to the Committee;

(c) whether the Subramanian Committee report on the New Education Policy was submitted to the Government in May, 2016 and if so, the details including the status thereof along with the main recommendations made by the said Committee;

(d) whether the curriculum in the new policy is being prepared to make it job-oriented, facilitate research work and regional language differentiation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the plans of the Government to bring changes in the National Curriculum Framework; and

(e) whether the Government is prepared to implement the New Education Policy, if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it will be enacted/implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Dhangar Samaj in ST List

†*94. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States in which Dhangar Samaj is included in the Scheduled Tribes List as on date;

(b) whether Maharashtra is also among such States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the dates on which requests were received by the Government from the people's representatives to include Dhangar Samaj in the Scheduled Tribes List; and

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

Fraudulent Practices by Exporters

*95. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that many foreign importers are duped or cheated by Indian exporters and the value of such exports runs into millions of dollars whereas India has a vision of increasing exports by \$100 Billion in the next few years;

(b) if so, the steps taken/facilities provided by the Government to resolve the issues/complaints of foreign buyers; and

(c) the manner in which the export targets are likely to be achieved in the presence of such fraudulent exporters?

New Industrial Policy

*96. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to unveil a new industrial policy and proposes to include a substantial chapter and paragraphs on the importance of design and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the existing industrial policy is having any bottlenecks and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has discussed the matter with various industrial units in the country and if so, the reaction of such units to the proposed new policy;

(d) whether the proposed policy will completely revamp the industrial policy of 1991 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is true that the Government is considering to set up a National Design Centre and if so, the details thereof?

Programmes run in Rajasthan Tribal Areas

†*97. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:
SHRI ARJUN LAL
MEENA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various programmes being run in tribal areas of Rajasthan in collaboration with the Union Government at present along with the schemes implemented in the State for social and economic development of the Scheduled Tribes for the last three years;

(b) the funds provided by the Union Government to the Government of Rajasthan under the said schemes during the last three years;

(c) the funds utilised and unutilised by the State Government out of the funds released under the said schemes during the above period; and

(d) whether the Government has implemented any new scheme for the Scheduled Tribes and if so, the details thereof?

Board of Governors for IIMs

*98. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRI PRASUN
BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the process of setting up of new Board of Governors (BoG) for the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) under the new IIM Act, if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up any target for IIMs to constitute the new Boards and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to immediately withdraw the Government nominees who are in excess of

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the provisions of the Act and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the experts/some Directors of IIMs have expressed concern over the constitution of the new Board of Governors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to address the concerns raised by the experts along with the manner in which the Government proposes to maintain/provide comprehensive autonomy to IIMs?

LPG Subsidy

†*99. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG subsidy is not being provided in various States of the country including Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of LPG consumers to whom subsidy is being provided/transferred

into their accounts in all States including Maharashtra; and

(c) the main reasons for irregularities in transfer of LPG subsidy along with the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the said issue?

Regulation of e-Commerce

*100. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being implemented or in the process of being implemented in the regulation of e-commerce in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether e-commerce giants, require special regulations to prevent predatory pricing and monopolising of market share and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the draft e-commerce policy is likely to be put in place along with the details of the two rounds of stakeholder consultations done so far?

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