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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Information and Broadcasting; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Textiles; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(नागर विमानन; पेयजल और स्वच्छता; सूचना और प्रसारण; खान; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पंचायती राज; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; ग्रामीण विकास; पोत परिवहन; वस्त्र; जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Access to Credit

*141. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor access to credit is the main cause of the hardships being faced by the weavers/workers of the unorganized powerloom sector in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to ensure adequate credit and overcome the hardships being faced by such weavers/workers in the country;

(c) the funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding irregularities in implementation of the said schemes/programmes across the country during the said period along with the present status of such complaints; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate credit to the said sector and overcome their hardships along with the achievements thereof?

Functioning of Film Institutes

*142. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reconstituted an expert committee which

was set up to review the functioning of film institutes and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of film institutes functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more film institutes across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be allocated for the said purpose; and

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

Ultra Mega Power Project

*143. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that till date about Rs. 350 crore has been contributed by the State of Odisha for the Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) at Bedabahal and the State Government has submitted its views/feedback on the Standard Bidding Document (SBD), if so, the details thereof and the progress made therein;

(b) the time by which his Ministry will finalize the bidding documents and initiate the bidding process of the said project without any further delay; and

(c) whether the delay in this regard would create difficulties in taking over physical possession of the land and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Compliance of Procedures by Airline Operators

*144. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has directed all airline operators to ensure that their staff strictly follow the procedures approved by it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the directive comes in the wake of findings on an incident involving a private airline in flight engine failure in February, 2017 where the staff followed an airbus certified method of calculating flight duration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Indian Players in International Sports Leagues

*145. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have any guidelines or norms regarding participation of Indian players in foreign sports leagues, especially in cricket;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of permission given to the cricketers for the same during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has any guidelines for giving permission to the

current players for participating in such sports leagues during the period when there are no international tournaments scheduled and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of norms to recognise new international sports leagues, especially those in which Pakistani players are participating, for allowing participation of Indian cricketers?

NH Construction Target

†*146. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had fixed a target of construction of 15,000 KM of National Highway (NH) whereas only 60 per cent of the work could be done and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the reasons for this shortfall is lack of coordination among the Central Ministries and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps the Government has initiated to achieve this target?

Drinking Water Schemes

†*147. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drinking water schemes operational in the State of Jammu

and Kashmir;

(b) whether there is any scheme of the Government to ensure provision of safe drinking water and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is preparing any scheme to supply water to Jammu city from Chenab river to address the problem of water scarcity in the city;

(d) if so, the funds allocated for the said purpose; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Simplification of Procedure for Approving Irrigation Projects

†*148. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:
SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any plan to simplify the procedure for according approval to major irrigation projects by his Ministry/ the Central Water Commission (CWC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the condition of obtaining investment approval from CWC and NITI Aayog for getting Central assistance has been done away with and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the guidelines regarding clearance/approval to irrigation projects have been simplified by CWC after May, 2014; and

(d) the improvements made in the complex procedure for receiving Central

assistance for irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme after May, 2014?

Air India's Market Share

†*149. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has been nudged out from top three positions in market share;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for the decline in the number of passengers regularly; and

(c) the various steps taken by the Government to improve the quality index of Air India?

Regional Connectivity

*150. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken concrete steps for stimulating regional connectivity by making flying accessible and affordable for the masses;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken to ensure the annual growth in the domestic passengers;

(c) whether the Government has also been attempting to accentuate the regional

connectivity by setting up new airports in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sustainable Development Goals

†*151. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);

(b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under these Goals during the last three years and the current year across the country, State-wise including Gujarat, West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made thereunder so far;

(d) whether the achievements are upto the set targets, if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has joined or proposes to join SDG Media Compact initiative with organisations from across the world and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Cotton Production

*152. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton production for this season is less as compared to the previous season, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic cotton prices are low as compared to the international prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Film Heritage Mission

*153. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Heritage Mission has taken a decision to revive the Rs. 590 crore film preservation project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the project was put on freeze after poor archival conditions at the National Film Archive of India came to the fore in September last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hiring professional service providers for proper maintenance of celluloid vaults was high on agenda; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Water Management

†*154. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether water management has a special role in the economic development of the nation;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether re-cycling of water is necessary for increasing the availability of water and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the percentage of polluted water that can be recycled for use out of the total quantum of polluted water being generated in the country?

Removal of Silt from Dams/Reservoirs/Lakes

*155. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण 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?

World Press Freedom Index

*156. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is cognizant of the world press freedom index report by 'Reporters Without Borders' which ranks India at 138 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Press Council of India (PCI) has conducted any study to find out the reasons for the deteriorating press freedom index and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of journalists, who have been attacked and murdered during the period of 2014-18?

Payments under MGNREGS

†*157. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether payments to the workers deployed in construction projects under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in Bihar for the period 2016-17, 2017-2018 and 2018-19 are still pending and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these dues will be cleared;

(b) whether the dues of the suppliers for the materials thereto are also pending for the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which payments for the said period are likely to be made?

Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project

*158. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project of Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government has given its approval for construction of the said project for proper utilization of water for both drinking and electricity generation in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the project by providing funds for construction of the reservoir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

List of Government Entities

*159. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to maintain up-to-date list of revenue entities, local Government bodies, wards, organisational structure of Central, State and Local Government, reporting hierarchy within the Government organisations, Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of National Projects*160. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 5 projects out of the 16 sanctioned national projects are being implemented and the rest are yet to commence, resulting in nil supply of water, especially for drinking purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding works as well as performance of national projects during the last four years and recently developed a Central monitoring system to implement the projects properly and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of water resources budget spent on augmenting drinking water from water resource development projects along with the steps taken /being taken for enhancing availability of safe drinking water therefrom during each of the last four years since 2014, State-wise, and

(e) the time frame fixed for supply of drinking water from each such project along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance efficiency and reduce the cost of projects undertaken in the country since 2014, State/year-wise?

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