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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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PRASHAD Scheme

*161. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects approved under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme across the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) the details of infrastructure and basic facilities for the tourists developed under the said scheme in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government has any further proposal to approve projects in Kerala under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Testing Agency

*162. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided that newly formed National Testing Agency (NTA) would conduct the national level examinations like National Eligibility Test, National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination that were organised by the Central Board of Secondary Education, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the composition of NTA including the qualifications of the people comprising the Agency;

(b) the details of assignments/functions, objectives, funding for NTA along with its preparations for conducting such examinations;

(c) whether extensive consultations with State Governments and professionals from the domain of higher education were held prior to the establishment of NTA and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Agency will also train paper-setters to set better question papers and provide better model answers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there have been cases of leakage of questions papers, delays in result etc. in examinations at various levels in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to make the examination system transparent?

Import of Crude Oil

*163. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ease country's crude oil import costs;

(b) the alternate fuels the Government plans to use for the fulfilment of its objective of reducing the import cost of crude oil;

(c) the manner in which the said measure will help the farmers in the country; and

(d) the manner and the extent to which it is likely to help in reducing the costs of LPG cylinders to make it affordable to everyone in the country?

Institutions of Eminence

*164. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria considered/adopted for granting the 'Institutions of Eminence' (IoE) tag/status;

(b) whether the Government has received applications from several institutions for creation of world level universities in the country and if so, the details of such institutions which have submitted applications for this purpose along with the details of institutions which have been granted IoE tag;

(c) whether certain institutes which are yet to be set up have been granted IoE tag/status and if so, the details thereof including the names of such institutes along with the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of applicants/institutes which had applied for IoE tag/status under Green Field category; and

(e) the details of private and Government sector institutions which have been granted the status of IoE as on date along with the conditions imposed thereunder?

Social Security Schemes

*165. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether all establishments across the country with 20 or more employees whose basic wages are upto Rs. 15,000/-, are required to be mandatorily covered under the social security schemes run by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether EPFO manages social security funds of workers in the organised/semi-organised sector in the country and has more than 6 crore active members; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Tribals

*166. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has developed any mechanism for the effective monitoring and better supervision of the ongoing schemes for tribals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of monitoring done by the Union Government and State Governments; and

(c) whether the third party monitoring of schemes is being undertaken and if so, the details thereof?

Stalls of GI Products

*167. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering a policy to set up stalls of Geographical Indication (GI) Products at all the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that a Geographical Indication is primarily an

agricultural, natural or a manufactured product originating from a definite geographical territory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Economic and Democratic Rights of Tribals

†*168. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various tribal organisations have alleged that the 'economic and democratic rights' of tribals/ adivasis are being harmed to favour the private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government on the representations received till date; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Prices of Petroleum Products

†*169. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any high level review has been conducted regarding increase and reduction in prices of petrol, diesel, crude oil and domestic LPG in the country and if so, the details and the findings thereof along with concrete measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the misleading information being spread through various news channels/social media about the price of petrol/diesel being lower in the neighbouring and other countries but increasing day-by-day in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Ranking in Tourism Index

*170. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's travel and tourism sector ranks amongst the top ten in the world in terms of its total contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product, according to a recent report of the World Travel and Tourism Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch several schemes or initiatives on the lines of Incredible India to better its place in the tourism index and to improve the country's international ranking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Export of Marine Food/Products

*171. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of marine exports in the country along with the total quantum and value of marine food/products exported from India during the last five years, product and country-wise and the foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) whether there is a decline/growth in the export of marine food/products during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to boost the said export;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to export special tuna fish from Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any representation from Lakshadweep Administration and others in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Marine Products Development Authority has initiated any project in Lakshadweep to improve the fisheries export sector and if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development

†*172. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV:
DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up network of institutes for Skill Development in various States, especially in backward areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action plan being prepared along with the proposed training modules for the purpose;

(c) the amount spent for skill development and entrepreneurship during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, year-wise;

(d) the sectors in which the persons trained during the said years were provided opportunities of employment; and

(e) whether the Government is also providing funds to the States for skill development and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Agricultural Labourers

†*173. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes being implemented by the Government to provide assistance to agricultural labourers in case of accident;

(b) whether the States are provided grant under these schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated to various States under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise?

Promotion of Indian Food Culture

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

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that our country has a rich and most unique culinary heritage in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian food aims to balance various requirements of health of a person according to the season in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Indian food culture to keep away the diseases of the modern day world?

Unemployment

*175. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:
SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment situation in the country is getting critical day by day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for eradication of unemployment/creation of new jobs in the country and the achievements thereof during the last four years including the number of youth who got employed during the said period;

(c) the number of jobs created/released by the Government and private sector during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of the employment strength in various Public Sector undertakings during the last four years; and

(e) whether the Government would take steps to provide at least Rs. 2,000/-

per month as unemployment wages/ allowance to the unemployed youth in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Task Force on Reducing Import Dependence

*176. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a high-level task force to identify various items and suggest policy interventions to reduce dependence on import and ways to cut import of those items which can be manufactured or explored in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the country's imports during the last three years, item-wise?

Tourism Projects

*177. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes implemented by the Union Government in the field of tourism sector along with the targets fixed and achievements made during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise including Gujarat, Telangana and Karnataka;

(b) the list of Centrally sponsored projects undertaken/approved by the Union Government across the country during the last four years, State-wise including Gujarat, Telangana and Karnataka along with the current status of Medak-Mehaboobnagar heritage circuit;

(c) the norms being followed by the Union Government to provide financial assistance to tourism projects in various States/UTs;

(d) whether the Union Government has provided financial assistance to all tourism project proposals received from the State/UT Governments during each of the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for additional funds for tourism related projects during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to promote tourism in the country?

Eradicating Illiteracy

*178. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government aims at eradicating illiteracy from the country and set a target to achieve 100 per cent literacy by 2022 and if so, the details of the steps taken during the last four years/

likely to be taken by the Union Government to achieve the proposed target;

(b) whether the Union Government has extended financial assistance for achieving 100 per cent literacy in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor along with the percentage of present illiterate population in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(d) the role to be played by the State Governments and NGOs in achieving the target of 100 per cent literacy; and

(e) whether the Union Government has been considering to take help from foreign experts to eradicate illiteracy and if so, the details thereof?

Shale Gas Exploration

†*179. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reserves of shale gas have been explored in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the date when the said exploration was carried out;

(b) the total number of oil/gas blocks found and quantum of shale gas reserves explored in the country till March 2018; and

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for starting commercial production in the said gas blocks and if so, the details thereof?

Per Capita Income of Tribals

*180. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any study with regard to per capita income of tribals in various States including Odisha;

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

(c) whether per capita income of tribals is less than that of general and other castes; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the average income of tribals along with the extent to which the Government has achieved success as a result thereof?

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