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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

National Institute of Fashion Technology	ODF Districts/Villages
<p>*121. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:</p> <p>Will the Minister of TEXTILES</p> <p>वस्त्र मंत्री</p> <p>be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether the Government has received any representation for setting up/development of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in the textile city of Ludhiana;</p> <p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether the Government has undertaken any feasibility study to analyse and understand the importance of the same for the city; and</p> <p>(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan for setting up/development of technical institutions for fashion related studies and research in the said city?</p>	<p>*122. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:</p> <p>Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION</p> <p>पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री</p> <p>be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the total number of districts/villages in the country declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF), State-wise;</p> <p>(b) whether the Government has fixed any target to achieve ODF status by 2019 and if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether as per the UNICEF estimates, lack of sanitation is responsible for the death of over one lakh children in the country and if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(d) whether the Government has taken steps to encourage the usage of toilet and reduce the number of people practising open defecation in the rural areas of the country; and</p>

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

Assessment of DDUGJY

*123. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any performance assessment of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the number of villages electrified during the last three years along with the number of unelectrified villages in the State;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to electrify the remaining villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bharatmala Project

*124. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE: SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Government has achieved the objectives of the Bharatmala Project being implemented in the country;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the impact of the said project on strengthening border and coastal road networks in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the budgetary allocation made and its utilization under the said project since inception;

(d) the number of complaints of irregularities in implementation of the said project which have come to the notice of the Government since inception along with the action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project in a time-bound manner?

Safe Drinking Water

†*125. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Uttar Pradesh where the citizens are falling victims to various diseases due to consumption of toxic underground water;

(b) the details of arsenic and other toxic elements detected in water along with the details of provisions made for safe drinking water in these districts, district-wise;

(c) the details of programmes implemented by the Government for tackling drinking water crisis in Uttar Pradesh including the amount of funds spent in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the number of areas benefited and the target fixed for future in this regard?

Funding of NH Projects

*126. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private sector banks such as HDFC, Kotak Mahindra and Yes Bank have shown interest to fund some National Highway (NH) Projects under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any formal request has been received from such banks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Renaming of Airports

*127. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Union Government to rename the airports in the country;

(b) the names of airports which were renamed during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is lack of any firm and explicit instructions/guidelines for renaming of airports in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government would consult State Governments before arriving at any decision on renaming airports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to keep the name of airport in the name of the main city it serves; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to rename some of the airports in the

country including in Tripura and Maharashtra for which proposals have also been received from the States concerned, if so, the details thereof and the status of such proposals along with the time-frame fixed for the purpose?

Implementation of MGNREGS

†*128. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is facing new challenges in its implementation;

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

(c) whether the Government has received recommendations from the National Advisory Council regarding effective implementation of the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to remove the shortcomings?

Schemes/Projects in Civil Aviation Sector

*129. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Schemes/Projects implemented/run by his Ministry in the

country including Gujarat during the last three years and the current year, Scheme/Project and State-wise;

(b) the targets fixed and the achievements made under various schemes/projects being implemented in the Civil Aviation sector in the country including Gujarat during the above period, schemes/projects and State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons/families benefited from the schemes/projects implemented/run by his Ministry in the country including Gujarat during the said period, scheme/project and State-wise?

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund

*130. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) in the country and if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(b) the number of sportspersons who have benefited from the Fund along with the quantum of funds provided to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State and sport-wise along with the criteria/procedure adopted to determine the quantum of assistance to be granted to sportspersons from the Fund;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of the Fund and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of medal winning sportspersons living in indigent condition and suffering from various diseases, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to extend financial assistance to such sportspersons from the said Fund; and

(e) whether any proposal for grant of assistance from the said Fund is pending with the Government and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

*131. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) recently and if so, the details including the salient features thereof along with the activities undertaken for Panchayati Raj Institutions under RGSA;

(b) the total funds released and spent on each scheme under this Abhiyan along with the monitoring mechanism developed by the Government in this regard till date;

(c) the number of schemes covered in the first phase of the Abhiyan along with the achievements made by the Government therein, State/UT-wise;

(d) the period of time during which the second phase of the said Abhiyan is likely to be implemented along with the details of the targets set to be achieved during the said period and the number of

villages proposed to be covered, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the model village scheme now includes 12 flagship welfare programmes and has been extended to more villages and if so, the details thereof?

Planning and Monitoring Arrangements under MGNREGS

†*132. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to make better technique, planning and monitoring arrangements for works being carried out under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the role of the State Government of Rajasthan in this regard?

Sabbaaram to Sheelanagar Road

*133. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sabbaaram to Sheelanagar road project and the six-laning of Anandapuram to Anakapalle section have been taken up under the Bharatmala Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of the projects and the time-frame for completing the same?

Construction of International Airport at Rajkot

*134. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI: SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the construction of new international airport at Rajkot and if so, the details thereof along with the total estimated cost of the project, including land acquisition and preconstruction activities;

(b) whether pre-feasibility study for the proposed site has been carried out by the Airports Authority of India and if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the details of studies/surveys, clearances and NoCs required for the purpose;

(d) whether this project will be undertaken by the Union Government or jointly by the Union Government and State Government or on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any employment potential is likely to be generated locally during the construction period of the new international airport, if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which the new international airport is likely to be operational?

Operation of Old Power Plants

*135. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many old power plants in the country are currently operating at a very high cost of more than Rs. 3.5/ kwh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the implementation of tolling arrangement on a large scale will bring significant benefits to various stakeholders and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the discoms will see reduction in the cost of power purchase leading to significant savings and if so, the details thereof?

Cleaning of Check Dams

†*136. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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 number of functional check dams in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the said dams are regularly cleaned and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the monitoring mechanism working for regular cleaning of these dams;

(d) whether it has been detected by the monitoring mechanism that regular

cleaning of such dams has not taken place during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

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

MGNREGS

*137. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of days of work given per employed household during the last five years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the percentage of the total households that were able to get 100 days of work as promised under the said scheme; and

(c) the percentage of GDP allocated to MGNREGS during the last five years preceding the current year?

Utilization of Funds under TSC/SBM

*138. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have not fully utilized the amount allocated under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)/ Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines for utilization of funds in this regard in order to ensure effective implementation of TSC/SBM; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Buy-Back Policy for
Highway Projects**

*139. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to introduce buy-back policy for National and State Highway Projects, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is planning to buy-back 20 National Highway and 19 State Highway projects;

(c) if so, the names and details of these projects along with their cost and completion schedule, State-wise;

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(d) whether private players have failed to speed up the construction of important National and State Highway Projects to meet the increased traffic demand and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether NHAI has taken any action against them or imposed penalty for delaying projects and if so, the details thereof?

Collection of Toll Tax

†*140. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that toll tax at Ghanghri Toll plaza located at Giridih district of Jharkhand State is being collected by drunkards and criminals instead of toll plaza employees and the incidents of assault on Government employees and citizens have taken place there several times;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to shut down the said toll plaza or to relocate it within the radius of 3 km of Bagothar police station so that the complaints of travellers are acted upon immediately;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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