

# 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

### Construction of Roads

†\*81. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding road construction projects received from the State Governments of Maharashtra and Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number and details of proposals approved by the Union Government and the proposals lying pending for consideration; and

(c) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

### Sports University

\*82. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Sports University in Manipur as on date and the amount allocated and spent for the same till date;

(b) whether every North Eastern State would be provided with a college or campus for sports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of students enrolled every year in the University and the courses offered therein; and

(d) the number of seats allotted for every State as quota, if available, State-wise?

### Completion of National Highway Projects

\*83. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of national highway projects which are on the verge of completion, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to complete these projects during the next three months and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of Delhi-Meerut greenfield expressway along with the time by which it is likely to be completed?

### Air Connectivity to Small Cities

\*84. SHRIMATI RAMYA  
HARIDAS:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide air connectivity to small cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action plan chalked out in this regard;

(c) whether the airports at those cities have been revamped and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the air service is likely to commence from these cities and the details of the airports to be expanded during the next three years in the country?

### Charging of Arbitrary Fares by Airlines

†\*85. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding charging of arbitrary fares by the airlines from the passengers and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fix the prices of air tickets or limit the maximum percentage of hike on these tickets;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether flexi fare scheme on the lines of Railways can be applied in air travels and if so, the details thereof?

### Housing for All

\*86. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND  
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses to be constructed during the period 2019 to 2022 under the Government's vision of 'Housing for All' in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds earmarked for this purpose, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the target for sanctioning of construction of affordable housing under the vision would be achieved as per the proposed deadline of 2022; and

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

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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### Disinvestment of Air India

\*87. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to disinvest Air India and its subsidiaries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the present stage of disinvestment and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve Air India's operations and financial performance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the financial assistance given to Air India during each of the last five years and its resultant impact on the financial health of Air India?

### Welfare of Safaikaramcharis

\*88. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the death of safaikaramcharis deputed to clean the sewage drains is on the rise due to lack of proper safety masks and gears for use by such workers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering for prohibiting the deployment of Safaikaramcharis into the sewage drains without proper masks and other body gears as well as equipments for their safety and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is considering for awarding stringent

punishment including life imprisonment to those employers who depute safaikaramcharis for cleaning of drains without providing them safety masks and gears and if so, the details thereof?

### Modernisation of Airports

\*89. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international/domestic airports across the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Union Government is planning to makeover/modernise busiest airports in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) the funds estimated for this makeover across the country, State/UT-wise along with the details of the targets set in this regard; and

(d) whether the Union Government has signed an MoU with the State Government of Tamil Nadu in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of Drinking Water

\*90. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that 600 millions of Indians face high to extreme water stress and about 2 lakh people die every year due to inadequate access to safe water;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps the Government would initiate in the near future to tackle the huge shortage of drinking water;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to provide piped water to every household in the country by 2024; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Use of Sea Water

\*91. SHRI SU. THRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to make necessary amendments in the existing Act to facilitate industries that are located within 100 kms. from the seashore to use water from desalination to save ground water and to avoid paucity of drinking water as well as water used for agriculture;

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

(c) the other steps being taken by the Union Government to increase ground water level across the country?

### Unemployment Rate in Minorities

\*92. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has updated data on unemployment rate

prevailing in the Muslim community and other minorities (post-Sachar Committee Report);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### New Mass Transport System-LRT-Metrolite

\*93. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI SRIRANGA APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to bring in a New Mass Transport System-LRT-Metrolite for Tier-II and Tier-III cities;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the names of the Tier-II and Tier-III cities selected for implementation of the said system in the country, particularly Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government has finalized the standards and specifications for Metrolite; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

### Entry of Stray Animals on the Runways of Airports

†\*94. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of entering of stray animals on the runways of various airports in the country have increased during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported from various airports during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government/Airports Authority of India to prevent such incidents and for the protection of the aircraft as well as the passengers?

#### Depletion in Groundwater Level

†\*95. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the groundwater level is continuously depleting across the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the States witnessing larger depletion of groundwater level; and

(d) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government to deal with this situation?

#### Dope Tests for Cricketers

\*96. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued some directives to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in the matter of doping tests for cricketers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether BCCI defies the Government's directives on dope tests for cricketers taking the stand that National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has no jurisdiction over Indian cricketers and that BCCI's present anti-doping system was robust and therefore would not change its anti-doping policies and not allow NADA to test Indian cricketers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government/Ministry thereon?

#### Bharatmala Pariyojana in Kerala

\*97. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has commenced works under Bharatmala Pariyojana of NHAI on National Highway Nos. 744, 183 and 183A in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the funds allocated during the last and the current year on the basis of work; and

(c) the details of the status of the new National Highways in Alappuzha-Kodaikanal and Kayamkulam-Munnar in Kerala and the steps taken by the Government to augment the work in this regard?

#### Norms for Power Tariff

\*98. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/criteria laid down by the Government to fix power tariff in the country;

(b) whether the power tariff being charged by the private power distribution companies in the country is much higher as compared to the tariff in other developing/developed countries;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to rationalise the power tariff?

#### Closure of Jet Airways

\*99. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jet Airways is on the brink of closure as the lenders consortium led by State Bank of India has refused to infuse the committed interim fund of Rs. 1,500 crores and if so, the details

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thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(b) whether thousands of airline employees have become unemployed due to sudden closure of Jet Airways and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to bailout the Jet Airways by providing a package for the same and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard so far?

#### Modernisation of Ports

†\*100. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and present status of the work related to expansion/modernisation of major ports including the Vishakhapatnam port in the country;

(b) the details of the financial expenditure incurred in this regard including investments made through public-private partnership mode, port-wise;

(c) the details and the present status of setting up of a sub-port in Vadhavan locality near Dahanu in Maharashtra; and

(d) the estimated cost of the project and the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

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