

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; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(नागर विमानन; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; जल शक्ति; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

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Inter-linking of Rivers

†*341. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of inter-linking of rivers project;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far;

(c) the details of present status of this project; and

(d) whether the Government is aware of the benefits of this project for most of the drought affected districts of Northern India and if so, the details thereof?

Rationalisation of Electricity Tariff

†*342. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed by the Government to determine electricity tariff in the country;

(b) whether the electricity tariff collected by the private power distribution companies is much higher than the prevailing tariff in other developed/developing countries;

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

(d) the steps taken by the Government to rationalise electricity tariff in the country?

River Water Usage

*343. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of river water put to use in the country;

(b) the details of schemes/programmes undertaken by the Government for proper utilisation of water resources including river water;

(c) whether any data is available with regard to the loss of water resources in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Development of Cycle Tracks in Kochi

*344. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin Smart Mission Limited (CSML) is committed to create a cycling friendly environment in Kochi and if so, the details thereof including development of cycle tracks across the roads of Kochi city;

(b) whether these cycle tracks ensure that the people use clean and healthy means of transportation and encourage them to ride on these cycle tracks for their daily needs, if so, the estimated time for completion of the project and the estimated cost thereof and also the number of roads;

(c) whether the Government has set up any mechanism to assess the progress of the cycle track project and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of roads selected for this cycle track project along with the date of commencement of construction and the likely date of completion?

Expansion and Development of Airports

*345. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the identification of small towns for expansion and development of airports under Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) regional connectivity scheme; and

(b) if so, the details of the towns identified in each State so far?

New Air Connectivity under RCS-UDAN

*346. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase passenger flight services for new air connectivity along with cargo logistics and allied services from the newly connected airports under RCS-UDAN across the country;

(b) if so, the details of such identified airports, if any;

(c) whether any request has been received from the airlines to develop new air connectivity and new airport establishments to start the logistics operations especially handling the agricultural produce and perishable items like banana including Jalgaon Airport in Maharashtra State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Water Storage Capacity

*347. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of water consumption demand in the country;

(b) whether there is a need for storing water to meet its requirement and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the total water storage capacity created in the country upto March, 2021;

(c) whether the existing storage capacity is sufficient to meet the water consumption demand in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any targets to increase the water storage capacity in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the schemes formulated by the Government to achieve the said target?

NH Projects in Maharashtra

*348. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) proposed to be constructed and NHs under construction in the State of Maharashtra along with the estimated cost thereof;

(b) the details of NHs in the State which have been completed and the funds spent thereon during the last five years; and

(c) the details of NH projects which are pending due to non-availability of land?

Black Spots on NHs in Telangana

*349. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 500 black spots have been identified on National Highways (NHs) in the State of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Vikarabad; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to clear these black spots in the State?

Beneficiaries under PMAY-U

†*350. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries who have been allocated houses in Washim-Yavatmal and Ramtek in Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U);

(b) the amount of funds provided under PMAY-U for Washim-Yavatmal during financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21;

(c) the number of houses allocated to the beneficiaries under PMAY-U during the said period; and

(d) the number of remaining eligible beneficiaries in Washim-Yavatmal who have not been provided funds for housing under the said yojana?

Norms for Approval/Clearance of Projects

*351. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether delays in obtaining approvals and clearances had forced some investors to shelve projects in the past and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to allow Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to start projects without any approvals or clearances needed for three years;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the salient features/objectives of the aforesaid proposals;

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to ease the norms for approvals and clearances of the projects; and

(e) the extent to which it has helped the investors to start their projects?

Review of Speed Limit

*352. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of speed limit on various roads for different categories of motor vehicles particularly for private car within Delhi;

(b) whether the Government has constituted any committee of experts to review the speed limit in Delhi and if so, the details and the main recommendations thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note that many people are getting a lot of traffic challans frequently even on a traffic free road;

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to increase the speed limit in these sectors; and

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

Solar Pumps to Farmers under PM-KUSUM

*353. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) has removed farmers' dependence on diesel and kerosene and linked pump sets to solar energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned/spent thereon till date, State-wise including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether the electricity generated from solar pumps distributed under the PM-KUSUM will be available free of cost to the State Government's DISCOMs and if so, the details thereof?

Trade under MSME Sector

*354. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reinstated the retail and wholesale trade under MSME sector;

(b) the initiatives taken by the Government to formalize the retail sector;

(c) whether the limit of the turnover has been increased for retail businesses to get priority sector loans; and

(d) whether the retail business has dropped during the last six months?

Schemes for Tribal Areas

†*355. SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes related to sports and youth welfare proposed for hilly and inaccessible locations in the tribal areas;

(b) the details of efforts made in this regard so far;

(c) whether any action plan is proposed for future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Youth in Sports

†*356. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps currently being taken by the Government to increase international participation of India in the field of sports;

(b) whether the Government is of the view that India can perform better in sports competitions at the international level including Olympic Games with increased participation;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is considering the need to build new sports stadia or sports complexes to increase participation of youth in sports and to encourage them in this field;

(e) if so, the details thereof in respect of Madhya Pradesh;

(f) the schemes being implemented by the Government to increase participation of youth in sports and provide benefits/facilities to the players along with the details thereof; and

(g) the role of the States in this regard?

Redressal of Grievances of Auto Industries

*357. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from Auto Industries and other stakeholders in this sector in the recent past requesting for redressal of their grievances; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

Ban on Indian Sailors

*358. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:
SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of Indian sailors are facing job losses due to China's ban on entry of Indian sailors in its waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a few months ago many Indian sailors were stranded off China for several weeks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to protect the interests of Indian sailors/seafarers from losing their jobs; and

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

Sewage Water Treatment Plants in Cities

†*359. SHRIMATI KAVITA SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Sewage Water Treatment (SWT) plants in the cities located along the tributaries of the river Ganga under Namami Gange Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up SWT plants at various places in the cities located on the banks of the Saryu river also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Water Schemes in Karnataka

*360. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state the implementation status of Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Atal Bhujal Yojana in Karnataka particularly in Hassan Lok Sabha Constituency?

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