

# 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; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Power; Road Transport and Highways)  
(नागर विमानन; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; जल शक्ति; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

### Assistance to MSME Sector

221. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance for the revival of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the interests of employers and employees of MSME sector;

(d) whether millions of people employed in MSME sector have lost their jobs during the Covid pandemic; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to provide jobs to those who were rendered jobless during the pandemic?

### Energy from Waste

222. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of waste-to-energy potential and installed capacity in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is implementing 'Programme on Energy from Urban, Industrial, Agricultural Wastes/ Residues and Municipal Solid Waste' and providing financial and other assistance for setting up plants;

(c) if so, the details of assistance given during each of the last three years and the current year to each State;

(d) whether it is true that the programme has been extended up to 2025-26, only to meet the already created liabilities and no new project is being sanctioned after 31st March, 2021; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely impact of the decision on the objective of generating power from waste?

### National Ropeways Development Programme - Parvatmala

223. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to undertake National Ropeways Development Programme - Parvatmala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of ropeway projects proposed under the programme in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government for improving transportation and road connectivity in remote hilly areas of the country?

### Power Projects

†224. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power projects being implemented in Khargone-Barwani Parliamentary Constituency along with the proposed new projects;

(b) whether any special power project would be implemented in the tribal villages of Khargone-Barwani which are deprived of electricity;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any power project for remote and hilly areas so that every household may get access to electricity and if so, the details thereof?

### Allocation of Funds by PSUs

†225. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry of Power to North Eastern States including Assam and other States including Haryana during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of schemes being implemented under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, State/UT-wise?

### Development of Airports

226. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new airports proposed to be developed in the country, State-wise including Tamil Nadu under the UDAN scheme;

(b) the details of revival of closed airports in Tier 2 cities in the country under the said scheme; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop airport at Hosur in Tamil Nadu under UDAN scheme and if so, the details and the status thereof?

### Return of Air India Flight from Ukraine

227. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air India flight had to return back midway in the morning hours of 24 February, 2022 after Ukraine closed its airspace for commercial flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that neither Ukraine nor Russia allowed Air India flights to land in their countries and if so, the details thereof?

### Price of Petroleum Products

†228. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is pressure to control the prices of petroleum products due to international reasons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to advise the petroleum companies to bear loss and reduce taxes on petroleum products in coordination with the State Governments so as to control the price of petrol;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made joint efforts with various departments to explore new areas for petroleum products and promote alternative energy sources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Inter-linking of Rivers

229. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to support States in various river linking projects in the country, particularly the Pennar - Cauvery Project in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposed projects, State-wise;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to expedite the projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the target date of completion of each of the projects; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Air Taxi Service

230. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any policy to bring Air Taxi Service in various cities across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which such service would be different from the existing domestic flights and also would be cost effective;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend Air Taxi Service to inter-city and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether introduction of such service would affect other modes of transport in the cities and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has selected any potential company for the said purpose or invited proposals from the interested companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government to encourage Air Taxi Service in the country and extend its reach to common people?

### Projects under AMRUT

†231. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Maharashtra under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) since the year 2015;

(b) the number of districts in Maharashtra where projects under AMRUT are underway, along with the details of projects undertaken in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Parliamentary constituency;

(c) whether the targets fixed for various cities under the said mission have been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of projects/developmental works carried out in various cities of the country under AMRUT; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and spent under the mission so far, State-wise?

### Affordable Rental Housing Complexes for Urban Migrants

232. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total funds sanctioned for development of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) for urban migrants/poor under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban;

(b) the total number of such complexes that have been developed and are in the process of development;

(c) the number of beneficiaries under the said sub-scheme; and

(d) the details of ARHCs developed and number of beneficiaries in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the details of operational guidelines of the scheme?

### Utilisation of Funds under Jal Jeevan Mission

233. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the utilisation of funds under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the percentage of rural households in Srikakulam having tap water connection;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite record funds of Rs. 937.71 crores being available for JJM in 2021-22, Srikakulam recorded 83 per cent decline in the number of new tap water connections in 2021-22 as compared to 2020-21 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for sharp fall in the number of new tap water connections in Srikakulam in 2021-22; and

(e) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh releases its share of funds in time and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Issuance of Letter of Intent

†234. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants who have been issued Letter of Intent (LOI) by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) in Nagpur district from 2004 to 2014 along with the details of those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the number of applicants out of those who have not been allotted petrol pumps during the period and the details of SC and ST candidates among them;

(c) the number of petrol pumps out of these which are currently functional and the number of petrol pumps yet to be made operational;

(d) the time by which the petrol pumps will be allotted to them along with reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to allot petrol pumps to these people at the earliest?

### Control of Airfare during Crisis

235. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the reports that exorbitant fares are being charged by private airlines for rescue of students from Ukraine and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;

(b) whether the Government has any mechanism to control private operators and ensure that they do not fleece the people in crisis; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to impose some control on private operators during such exigencies and if so, the details thereof?

### Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Bike

236. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL  
GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Research and Development Centre has developed the country's first hydrogen fuel cell powered bike and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to launch four wheeler powered on green fuel in near future and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the details of existing hydrogen refuelling stations at present in the country including their capacity and volume of sales in monetary terms;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of hydrogen refuelling stations in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of present source of hydrogen as green fuel in the country; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to infuse more funds in the Research and Development of using hydrogen as future fuel in the country?

### Four-Lanning of Silchar-Imphal Highway

237. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND  
HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert Silchar-Imphal National Highway (NH) from two-lane to four-lane;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to connect Silchar with Aizawl under Bharatmala Pariyojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Role of NMDFC

238. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) is functioning exclusively for the welfare of the minorities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role and responsibility of NMDFC along with the aims/purpose for setting up of the same; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries under NMDFC during the last three years, minority community-wise in each State?

### Loans under PMEGP

239. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM  
ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the individuals seeking loan under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) are being asked for hypothecation and collateral and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether such a move would cause impediments in the success of the programme; and

(c) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to do away with the conditions of hypothecation and collateral for seeking loan under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

### Bio-CNG Plants

†240. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL  
GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Bio-CNG Plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of CNG targeted to be produced each year in the country as a result thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to include more cities under the said scheme in view of the benefits of the same and if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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