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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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Total Number of Questions — 20

Shortage of Skilled Workers

†*261. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturing industry has been suffering due to shortage of skilled workers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any concrete policy for providing skill development training to the rural youth so as to provide trained manpower to manufacturing industries and lead the country on the path of progress; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Tourist Places

*262. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS: SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of domestic and foreign tourists has increased or decreased during the last four years and if so, the details thereof in absolute and percentage terms;

(b) the number of foreign tourists estimated to visit the country during the year 2019 along with the names of the countries from which maximum number of foreign tourists visited the country during the last one year and their favourite destinations, country-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the decrease in foreign tourists has affected the revenue of some States and if so, the details thereof along with the details of revenue earned by the States during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise;

(d) whether the Government has identified the monsoon and winter places of tourist interest in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme to develop

tourism in areas less favoured by tourists as well as new places of tourist interest in the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Promotion of Tourism

†*263. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL: SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released any financial assistance to the States of Maharashtra and Jharkhand for organizing Mahotsavas during the last three years and the current year so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, Mahotsava and year-wise along with the steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in Maharashtra and Jharkhand?

Indo-German Skill Development Venture/Partnership

*264. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-German skill development venture/partnership has been signed in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said venture/partnership is on track to achieve its targets and if so, the details of targets/objectives set and achievements made therefrom so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the said partnership has resulted in scaling up of apprenticeship training and if so, the details thereof?

Cultural Development Programmes

*265. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of zonal cultural centres operating in the country in each State, especially in UP and its Hathras region at present;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of existing cultural development programmes in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to further promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country, especially in the said region of UP; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the culture of our country?

National Tourism Advisory Council

*266. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

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

(a) the special steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh along with the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government has constituted a National Tourism Advisory Council;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the composition and terms of reference of the said Council; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Government to promote India as a global tourism hub?

Trade with Uzbekistan

†*267. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has offered to export sugar, mango and potato to Uzbekistan *in lieu* of import of moong, gum, walnut and chickpeas from Uzbekistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact and the benefits likely to accrue to the country?

Enterprise-Level Survey

*268. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to launch Enterprise-Level survey in August, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the results of the survey, which is aimed at estimating job creation in the unorganized sector, will take at least a year to come through and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the survey will be conducted on quarterly basis by the labour bureau; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Price of Petroleum Products

*269. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of petroleum products is increasing day-by-day across the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to stabilise these prices;

(b) whether decontrol of petroleum products is practised only when the price in international market goes up and the Government controls the prices of petroleum products when their price comes down in international market, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

Industrial Training Institutes

†*271. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there is a need for improvement in training quality of such institutes currently in operation and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(c) whether new ITIs are proposed to be set up across the country including Madhya Pradesh to impart industrial training to more and more youth for their skill development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

*272. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) are being disbursed to the youth in various States including Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government proposes to revisit the deregulation of determining fuel prices and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has proposed to increase the production of crude oil which might help/lead to decrease in the prices of petrol and diesel in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the fresh measures taken/being taken by the Government to curtail increasing prices of petroleum products including petrol and diesel in view of the sanction imposed on Iran by the United States of America recently and provide relief to citizens of the country along with the time by which the prices are likely to be checked?

Deemed Universities

†*270. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that deemed universities are not complying with the reservation policy;

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

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the quantum of loans given to the youth in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh under the said scheme and the targets fixed/achieved during the said period;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the said targets; and

(e) whether the Government has made any assessment of achievements under PMEGP, if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the further steps being taken in this regard?

Indian Universities

*273. DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Universities had not been able to make it to the list of World's top Universities;

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

(c) whether the Government had asked these Universities to treat it as a big challenge and work hard to distinguish themselves from others; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Tourism in Bastar Region

†*274. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote tourism in the Bastar region which is endowed with natural beauty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided for development and protection of tourist places in the Bastar region and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the schemes formulated for development of amenities at tourist places in the region?

Growth of Domestic Production

†*275. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target to increase the growth rate of domestic production in infrastructural industries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total investment made so far in the infrastructural industries along with the details of investment target fixed in this regard;

(c) the percentage increase in domestic production of infrastructural industries during the last financial year and the reaction of the Government to the said increase; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

MoU with IGNOU

*276. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in the field of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and

(b) if so, the details including the salient features of MoU and its impact on the targeted audience?

Pending Patent Applications

*277. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending applications regarding patent and trade mark;

(b) whether it is a fact that the total number of pending patent applications is rapidly increasing;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed action plan to develop infrastructure in all patent offices in the country so as to reduce the pending applications; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with

the mounting number of patent and registration applications?

Spiritual Tourism Circuit

†*278. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to consider to include the Mithilanchal region in the Spiritual Tourism Circuit in view of the prevalence of several pilgrim places associated with Sita Mata in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Computer Literacy

†*279. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any specific policy to ensure computer literacy among school students in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey on computer literacy among school students; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome of such studies/surveys, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

e-Cigarettes

*280. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has never formally defined its stance on e-cigarettes and if so, the facts in this regard;

(b) whether India is importing e-cigarettes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and if so, the names of the countries from where these are imported

along with its trade marketing value, country-wise;

(c) the names of the major importers of e-cigarettes or ENDS and the total volume of imports of e-cigarettes and ENDS in the country during 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(d) whether countries all over the world are clamping down on the use of vapourisers and e-cigarettes, with many choosing to ban the devices altogether and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering ban on import of e-cigarettes or ENDS and if so, details thereof along with the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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