

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, April 4, 2018/Chaitra 14, 1940 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and  
Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel;  
Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Unemployment among graduates, post- graduates and Ph.D holders**

\*391. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 550 persons are losing their jobs daily in the country;

(b) if so, the details of laying off sector-wise and State-wise during 2016-17 and 2017-18 till 31st March, 2018;

(c) the details of number of graduates, post-graduates and Ph.D holders who were unemployed during 2013-14, separately; and

(d) the details of graduates, post-graduates and Ph.D holders who are unemployed during 2017-18, separately?

#### **Staff strength of the Ministry**

\*392. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees/staff

strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi; how many of these positions have been filled in as of January 31, 2018; the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies and what action is the Ministry taking to overcome these problems; and

(b) what is the mother-tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry headquarters in Delhi and what efforts, if any, are being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

#### **Regularisation of grants for theatre and dance groups**

\*393. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since last three years different theatre and dance groups all over the country are not getting their annual grants due to shortage of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of time-frame and plan

of Government to ensure regularisation of grants to theatre and dance groups therein?

**Increasing investment from EPF in equity market**

\*394. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the quantum of amount from Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) for being invested in equity market since 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with year-wise cap;

(c) whether Government is expecting different Rate of Return (RoR) for the amount invested in different years with the increasing of cap; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Purchase of advanced weapons for Paramilitary forces**

\*395. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any plans to purchase and procure advanced pistols, rifles and other small arms with state-of-the-art technology for BSF, CRPF, CISF, STF and other police forces in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase funds for the purchase of advanced pistols, rifles and other small arms with state-of-the-art technology;

(d) whether Government has allocated any funds for BSF, CRPF, CISF, STF during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Acquisition of shares in overseas oil and gas fields**

\*396. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian energy companies are aggressively into the process of buying shares in overseas oil and gas fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which are the countries where shares in oil and gas fields have been acquired till 2017; and

(d) whether the Indian companies would import crude oil to India or set up their own refineries in the respective countries?

**National policy for Domestic Workers**

\*397. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far has the consultation progressed for drafting the National Policy for Domestic Workers;

(b) whether a timeline has been set for finalizing the draft and its implementation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of number of comments received from the public; and

(d) whether any experts and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) or other organisations working with domestic workers are being consulted during the drafting process, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Hot metal production target as per  
SAIL's Corporate Plan**

\*398. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) when will Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) achieve 23.6 MT hot metal production, which was envisaged ten years ago in 2007-08 as per SAIL's Corporate Plan 2012, and which was to be completed by 2012 year end given the fact that SAIL's hot metal production is still lying at just above 15.0 MT since 2007-08; and

(b) whether SAIL lost the market opportunity between 2010 and 2015 due to delay in completion of Modernisation and Expansion Plan (MEP), given the fact that dumping, global over supply and declining demand were maximum during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017?

**National Employment Policy**

\*399. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring National Employment Policy for creation of quality jobs across sectors through economic, social and labour policy interventions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to give incentives to Small and Medium Enterprises and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs and MSMEs) to successfully create more jobs; and

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

**Persons, monuments and sites  
associated with freedom struggle**

†\*400. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the persons associated with political, non-political revolutionary organisations concerned with independence of the country and details of their published biography listing their contribution to the freedom struggle; and

(b) with regard to (a) above, State-wise details of the maintenance of famous monuments and sites of importance in view of history of freedom struggle?

**Status of proposed Petroleum &  
Natural Gas Safety Industry  
Board**

\*401. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1625 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 2014 and state:

(a) the updated status of the proposed Petroleum and Natural Gas Safety Industry Board;

(b) whether the Ministry has invited/received views/representations from all stakeholders in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) by when the proposed Board will start functioning?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Programmes undertaken by NSDA**

\*402. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes and activities undertaken so far by the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA);

(b) the targets set and achievements made in skill development since its inception;

(c) the details of the shortfall in achievements, if any, along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being undertaken to achieve the targets?

**Selection of police officers for courses abroad**

\*403. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper criteria fixed for the selection of police officers (IPS/non-IPS) by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) for courses abroad thereby giving way to a lot of favouritism and malpractices;

(b) if so, what action Government is taking to stop such practices and ensure that the deserving officers get chance for foreign courses purely based on merit; and

(c) if not, what is the foolproof criteria that Government would adopt to ensure that all such selections are purely based on

merit and no favouritism would deprive the deserving officers?

**Extension of ESI coverage to new districts**

\*404. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to extend the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) coverage to new districts;

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

(c) the details regarding present network of ESI and additions made thereto during the last three years;

(d) whether State-wise details regarding present network of ESI and additions made thereto during the last three years are available; and

(e) if so, the details in respect of Rajasthan?

**Release of funds for tourism projects**

\*405. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Telangana requesting for release of funds to the tune of ₹400 crores for the development of tourist spots and historical monuments like Golkonda Fort, Nagarjuna Hill - a buddhist place, Salarjung Museum, Charminar, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and by the Central Government on such  
(c) whether any decision has been taken request, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 28th March, 2018*  
*Chaitra 7, 1940 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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(Ministry-wise)

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