

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, April 8, 2022/ 18 Chaitra, 1944 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Commerce and Industry;  
Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Electronics and  
Information Technology; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food  
Processing Industries; Heavy Industries; Railways; Textiles)**

Total number of questions -- 15

**Termination of employees of ITI Limited**

391 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for lack of implementation of order issued by the Regional Labour Commissioner to take back terminated employees of Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Limited;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the status of some workers was arbitrarily reduced to 'unskilled' from 'skilled', thereby affecting their salaries and income;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) Government's view on ITI's termination of employees who participated in the union, given that right to form unions is guaranteed under Article 19(1)(c); and
- (e) whether Government intends to adopt any policy framework to address nation-wide concerns of due payment of wages for the lockdown period?

**High Speed Rail Corridors**

392 **Shri John Brittas:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to introduce High Speed and Semi High Speed Rail Corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number and details of High Speed and Semi High Speed Rail projects that have been given in-principle and/or final approvals and the details of ongoing projects?

**Filling up of internal/routine vacancies**

393 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is not only taking up recruitment drive but also filling-up internal/routine vacancies at top levels like Zonal Managers, Divisional Railway Managers for the last many years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of cadre-wise recruitment drive along with internal promotions made in the last three years?

### **Marine Fisheries Exports**

**394 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that marine fisheries exports is falling since the last two years ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operation" to enhance production of marine fisheries in the country for export, particularly from the State of Maharashtra?

### **Strengthening of Horticulture Sector**

**395 # Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of Horticulture Sector in doubling of farmers' income and whether Government has formulated any strategy to strengthen the Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any classification of nurseries supplying decorative, forest, fruit bearing plants and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any survey about highly skilled, medium skilled and unskilled persons in Horticulture Sector, if so, the details thereof?

### **National Livestock Mission**

**396 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandrabha:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the National Livestock Mission;
- (b) whether there is any provision to provide assistance to States in establishing animal carcass utilization plant under this Mission; and
- (c) if so, the details of States availing benefit of the same?

### **Textile exports**

**397 Shri K.J. Alphans:**

Will the Minister of ***Textiles*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of textile exports in the last three years;
- (b) how has this been affected by COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) the countries that are major importers of textiles from India currently?

### **Status of ongoing railway projects in Uttar Pradesh**

**398 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of ***Railways*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of ongoing railway projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh including those announced in the last three Railway Budgets;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated/spent along with the funds lying unspent for the projects during the last three years, State-wise and project-wise, along with the reasons

for unspent funds;

(c) the reasons for the delay in timely completion of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Railways in this regard to avoid further escalation of cost of these projects?

#### **Benefits of agricultural scheme to farmers**

399 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes being implemented by Government to reduce the cost of agriculture, the details thereof;

(b) the budget allocated for the said schemes and the expenditure incurred on these schemes during the last five years;

(c) the number of farmers benefitted through the said schemes, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent of reduction per hectare in agricultural cost due to the implementation of these schemes and the extent of increase in the income of farmers along with the details thereof for the last five years?

#### **Draft National Blockchain Strategy**

400 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the draft National Blockchain Strategy which was released by the Ministry in January 2021; and

(b) the list of various blockchain-based projects implemented by both the Central and State Governments in different sectors in the country?

#### **Delay in completion of Central infrastructure projects**

401 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Commerce and Industry*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Central infrastructure projects in various parts of the country have reported delays in completion, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it would result in escalation of cost of the projects and the steps taken by Government to fix the completion in a time-bound manner; and

(c) the total anticipated increase in cost due to escalation, the details thereof, project-wise?

#### **FDIs through hybrid routes by circumventing rules**

402 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of ***Commerce and Industry*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that some Chinese companies are circumventing rules of FDI and sending investments through hybrid routes;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Chinese companies are also using the route of convertible redeemable preference shares or optionally convertible instruments to fund as these are considered as debt instruments; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Ministry to stop any such or other investments which are barred by the Central Government?

### Purpose of PLI Schemes

403 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes that have been launched;
- (b) the purpose of such PLI Schemes;
- (c) the details and budget of the PLI Schemes; and
- (d) the response and status of each PLI Scheme?

### Ensuring rebate on price of yarn and streamlining supply

404 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of **Textiles** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that handloom weavers are paying high price on raw materials like cotton yarn, silk, dyes and chemicals due to multi-level GST taxation;
- (b) if so, whether any step has been taken to ensure rebate/refund of taxes paid multiple times;
- (c) the efforts made by National Handloom Development Corporation to streamline supply of raw materials through apex societies and State Handloom Corporations, the details thereof;
- (d) whether price subsidy is actually reaching the end-beneficiaries;
- (e) whether any survey has been done to ensure that price subsidy reaches the weavers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### FTA with Canada

405 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any talks have been held between India and Canada to boost trade in goods and services and to expedite finalisation of Free Trade Agreement (FTA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether discussions have been held on any other international trade for mutual commercial gains between the two countries;
- (d) whether Canada agreed for facilitating Indian organic export products under APEDA; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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