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Parliamentary and Constituency Performance Report

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Personal Note to the Chief Minister

Member of Parliament's Personal Message to the Hon'ble CM

To

Shri Naveen Patnaik ji
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha
Bhubaneswar

Sir,

Pranam and Namaste!

At the outset, these three months have been very significant and you have not left a single stone unturned in the glorious arrangement of Rath Yatra. You have guided the state in the correct direction by focussing on the startups and thus under your leadership Odisha has been crowned as Startup Superstar. We also congratulate you for the “Khani Vikas Puruskar” that was bestowed on Odisha. The IT Policy 2022 is a move in the right direction to position Odisha as a preferred IT outsourcing destination and boost investments and employment in consonance with the 5T principles of good governance. Sir, you will be remembered for your extra effort in ensuring that the daughter of Odisha assumes the highest constitutional office in Odisha. We would also like to congratulate you on being conferred with the Capital Foundation ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ in recognition of your distinctive and outstanding leadership qualities. We appreciate the intent of the Odisha Budget 2022 in terms of its focus on public healthcare, education, skill empowerment, agriculture, food security and rural development besides boosting infrastructure development. All in all, a pro people, pro women and children and pro poor budget along with an aspiration for investment, growth and inclusive development and that is what makes you the most popular Chief Minister year after year. We seek to move forward to achieve and implement your vision as Biju Janata Dal is completing 25 glorious years of service for Odisha.



Thank you.

Kind Regards

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Parliamentary Engagement

Questions

Date	Title	Type	Ministry or Category
08.08.2022	Tax Exemptions to District Mineral Foundations	Unstarred	Finance
02.08.2022	Promotion of Millet Production	Unstarred	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
01.08.2022	Star Rating System	Unstarred	Environment, Forest and Climate Change
29.07.2022	Status of PCPIR Policy	Unstarred	Chemicals and Fertilizers
28.07.2022	Beneficiaries Covered under Saubhagya	Unstarred	Power
27.07.2022	Railway Projects in Odisha	Unstarred	Railways
26.07.2022	Release of Funds under MGNREGS	Starred	Rural Development
22.07.2022	Jobs reserved for Ex-servicemen	Unstarred	Defence
21.07.2022	Development of New NHs	Unstarred	Road Transport and Highways
20.07.2022	Super Fast Train between Puri and Katra Railway Station	Unstarred	Railways



Committee Meetings

S.No.	Date Of Sitting	Committee	Subject Considered
1	11/07/2022	Joint Committee on the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021	The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021
2	19/07/2022	Joint Committee on the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021	The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021
3	27/07/2022	Joint Committee on the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021	The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021
4	28/07/2022	Privileges	(1) Oral evidence of Shri Raghu Ramakrishna Raju Kanumuru, MP (respondent) in connection with further examination of the Disqualification Petition given by Shri Margani Bharat, MP and Chief Whip of YSRCP in Lok Sabha against Shri Raghu Ramakrishna Raju Kanumuru, MP under the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India and Rules made there under. (2) Oral evidence of Shri Rajendra Bharud, IAS, former District Collector, Nandurbar, Maharashtra, in connection with further examination of notice of question of breach of privilege dated 03 August, 2021 given by Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP against Shri Rajendra Bharud, former District Collector, Nandurbar, Maharashtra for allegedly instructing the officers of the District not to attend any meetings organized by MP/MLA and for not inviting her to the programme organized by the District Administration in her constituency in connection with inauguration of bike ambulance. (3) Oral evidence of Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP and leader of AITC in respect of the Petition given by him under Rule 6 of The Members of Lok Sabha (Disqualification on Grounds of Defection) Rules, 1985 seeking disqualification of Shri Sisir Kumar Adhikari, MP under Paragraph 2(1) (a) of the Tenth



			Schedule read with Article 102(2) of the Constitution of India.
5	03/08/2022	Railways	Consideration and adoption of draft Report on Action Taken by the Govt. on the Observation/Recommendations contained in their 8th Report on "Passenger Reservation System of Indian Railways."
6	09/09/2022	Privileges	(1) Oral evidence of Smt. Ranjeeta Koli, MP in connection with notice of question of breach of privilege dated 20 May, 2022 given by her against the officials of Urban Improvement Trust (UIT), Bharatpur for allegedly infringing her privileges in connection with inauguration of developmental work in her constituency. (2) Oral evidence of Shri Kamal Ram Meena, (RAS), Secretary, Urban Improvement Trust, Bharatpur, Rajasthan in connection with Notice of question of breach of privilege dated 20 May, 2022 given by Smt. Ranjeeta Koli, MP against the officials of Urban Improvement Trust (UIT), Bharatpur for allegedly infringing her privileges in connection with inauguration of developmental work in her constituency. (3) Oral evidence of Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP in connection with notice of question of breach of privilege dated 27 June, 2022 given by him against the Deputy Commissioner, Latehar, Jharkhand for wrongfully restraining the driver of the car accompanying him in which other elected representatives belonging to his party were travelling. (4) Oral evidence of Dr. Subodh Agrawal, IAS, Secretary (Mines) in connection with Representation of Shri Rajkumar Ora against M/s. Mangalam Cement Ltd., located at Village-Morak, Tehsil-Ramganj Mandi, District-Kota (Rajasthan) alleging blatant violation of environment and other laws thereby putting lives of local population in peril – initiating proceedings against Dr. Subodh Agrawal, Secretary (Mines), Rajasthan, for Breach of Privilege and Contempt of the House and its Committee.



Kandhamal Constituency - Efforts and Roadmap

Guided by the words and direction of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, in accordance with the 5T's philosophy specified by him, I am proud to have worked humbly for the people of Kandhamal these past few months.

July 2022

17/07/22

Discussion with the Members of Parliament before the Monsoon Session about the matters to be raised and election of President





18/07/22

Meeting in the Parliament for taking up relevant issues of public importance



August 2022

06/08/22

Voting for the President with unanimity among BJD MPs to vote for the daughter of Odisha



24/08/22

Meeting with the Biju Janata Dal Karyakartas for the celebration of completion of 25 years of BJD





24/08/22

Meeting with the district level officials at Phulbani



24/08/22

Meeting aiming to create wellness for the tribal children in Kandhamal District



24/08/22

District Health Mission and Governing Body Meeting of Zilla Sahitya



24/08/22

Inspection of KISS Lunibahal Campus





24/08/22

Discussion with district authorities on matters of urgent importance for Kandhamal and way ahead



Annex 1

Questions and Answers

Questions 1: Q 666

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.666
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

**SUPER FAST TRAIN BETWEEN PURI AND KATRA RAILWAY
STATION**

666. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to introduce direct super-fast train between Puri and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station to connect these two places of religious importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the new direct super-fast trains are likely to be introduced between Puri and other major cities of India and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. At present, there is no immediate proposal to introduce train service from Puri to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and other cities of India, due to operational constraints including terminal constraints at Puri and severe path constraints in enroute sections. However, introduction of train services over Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification, etc.



Questions 2: Q 911

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 911
ANSWERED ON 21st JULY, 2022**

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NHs

911. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्गमंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of new National Highway (NH) on the Palasa-Ramanguda-Bissamcuttak-Bhabanipatna-Padmapur stretch along Odisha and Chhattisgarh Border which had been accorded in-principle approval by the Government; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide access to the district of Kandhamal with this proposed NH keeping in view the lesser access in terms of road/ rail connectivity in Kandhamal district; and

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

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(Shri NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The stretch of road from Palasa -Ramanguda- Bissamcuttack – Bhawanipatana- Padamapur- Chattisgarh border was earlier approved as in-principle NH and DPR for development of this stretch to 2-lane NH was taken up. However, the said stretch of road has not been declared



as NH. Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments/UTs, etc., including from the State of Odisha for declaration / up-gradation of State roads as National Highways (NHs). Ministry considers declaration of some of the State roads as NHs from time to time based on the requirements of connectivity, traffic levels, inter-se priority and availability of resources subject to fulfilment of criteria for declaration as new NHs.

(b) & (c) Kandhamal district is presently connected by 3 National Highways, namely, NH-59, NH-157 and NH-157A.



Questions 3: Q 1017

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1017
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd July, 2022

JOBS RESERVED FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

1017. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quota of jobs reserved for ex-servicemen in central Government jobs, including Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs), Ministries, Railways, Sainik Boards and public banks;
- (b) the details of jobs reserved for ex-servicemen in the five wings of paramilitary forces, namely The Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Shastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF);
- (c) the details of number/percentage of jobs that lie vacant under the reserved jobs for ex-servicemen to date in Government entities and paramilitary forces;
- (d) whether the employment rate of ex-servicemen has been significantly low, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure a high employability rate of ex-servicemen?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Reservation for Ex-servicemen in respect of Central Government jobs, including Railways, is governed by the ex-servicemen (Re-employment in Central Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 1979. These reservations are applicable to all Group 'C' and Group 'D' Central Civil Services & Posts and posts upto the level of Assistant Commandant in all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), which includes Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Shastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

The details of existing quota of reservation available for Ex-servicemen is as under:

- Reservation in Central Govt Ministries (including Railways)/Departments including Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)

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- 10% in all Direct recruitment posts upto the level of Assistant Commandant in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).
- 10% in Direct recruitment posts in Group 'C'
- 20% in Direct recruitment posts in Group 'D'
- Reservation in Central Public Sector Undertakings
 - 14.5% in all Direct recruitment Group 'C' Posts
 - 24.5% in all Direct recruitment Group 'D' Posts

(including 4.5% for Disabled ESM and dependents of Service personnel killed in action)

- 100% in Defence Security Corps.
- Employment in RajyaSainik Boards falls under the purview of the concerned State Government and each of the State Government has provided reservation/priority for appointment for Ex-servicemen in State Government jobs as per their welfare policy.

(c): The reservation prescribed for ESM is Horizontal in nature and depend on occurrence of vacancies per year and not as per the number of Posts.

(d): Adequate number of ESM are not qualifying for these Posts for want of requisite educational qualification prescribed for the Posts.

(e): The Government endeavors to explore every possible avenue for increasing employment opportunities for the Ex-servicemen through various initiatives including pre and post-retirement trainings and awareness programmes. Suitable training is also imparted to the willing Ex-servicemen to prepare them for self-employment ventures.



Questions 4: Q 133

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 133
ANSWERED ON 26/07/2022

RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER MGNREGS

*133. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds that have been released by the Union Government towards material and admin component for the first quarter of Financial Year 2022-23 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) including previous year liability, if any, to the Government of Odisha;
- (b) whether there is any delay in release of the said funds and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the State Government has requested for early release of such material component and if so, the details thereof including the timeframe;
- (d) whether it is a fact that such delay heavily impacts the creation of livelihood assets as well as its use by beneficiaries who need it most; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.



Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 133 for 26.07.2022

(a)to(c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment scheme. Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, States furnish fund release proposals to the Government of India. Fund release to the States is a continuous process and Central Government is committed in making funds available to States for the implementation of the Scheme.

The Ministry releases funds periodically in two tranches with each tranche consisting of one or more installments, keeping in view the “agreed to” Labour Budget, demand for works, opening balance, pace of utilization of funds, pending liabilities, overall performance and subject to submission of relevant documents by the State. Also, States can make advance payments subject to recoupment after the release of funds from the Central Government.

In the month of March 2022, an amount of Rs. 639.68 crore was released to the State Government of Odisha for material and administrative components under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS and as informed by the State Government, an amount of Rs. 225 crore was available as an unspent balance as on 01.04.2022.

In the current FY 2022-23, an amount of Rs. 499 crore has been released **as first installment of first tranche** for material and administrative components under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS to the Government of Odisha.

(d)&(e): Funds were available with State Government in the beginning of the financial year 2022-23. Also, State Government can make advance payment to State Nodal Agency. The same can be adjusted against future releases by Central Government.



Questions 5: Q 1619

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1619
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

1619. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for railway connectivity between Nabarangpur to Junagarh and Malkangiri to Bhadrachalam;**
- (b) whether there has been delay in starting the work for the two railway projects and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the time by which these two railway projects are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Final Location Surveys (FLS) for new railway lines between Junagarh to Nabarangpur (118 km) and Malkangiri to Bhadrachalam (125 km) have been sanctioned. The surveys have been taken up. Further consideration of the project is possible once the Detailed Project Report (DPR) becomes available and results thereon are firmed up.



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2044
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022**

BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER SAUBHAGYA

2044. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries who have been provided with electrical access under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya in the State of Odisha, during the last three years and the current year, district-wise;**
- (b) the quantum of expenditure incurred there under during the said period in the State of Odisha;**
- (c) whether there is a significant lack of knowledge dissemination with respect to incentives provided under the said yojana and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government faces hurdles in providing last mile power availability especially in districts like Kandhamal; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government thereon?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e): The Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj BijliHar Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in October, 2017 with the objective of achieving universal household electrification, by providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country including State of Odisha. Under the scheme, as on 31.03.2019, Odisha had reported 100% electrification of all the willing un-electrified households in both urban and rural areas including in Kandhawal district.

Specifically under Saubhagya, the state has reported electrification of a total of 9,57,509 household; the district wise breakup of which is enclosed as Annexure.

There was no upfront allocation of funds for any State/District under Saubhagya scheme since then closed as on 31.03.2022. Funds were released for sanctioned projects in installments based on the reported utilization of the amount

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released in the previous installments and fulfillment of stipulated conditionalities. Year-wise details of funds disbursed to Odisha State under Saubhagya in the last three years is as under:

Sanctioned cost	Project Closure Cost	Rs in Crore				
		Grant released and utilized by Odisha State under Saubhagya Scheme				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total	Funds Utilized
525	430	-	-	52	52	51

Under the scheme, campaign for mass awareness were launched in the form of movement of special vehicle namely Saubhagya Rath across Districts, door to door campaign, publication in Print and Electronic Media, Organisation of camps in villages / cluster of villages were organized for on-the-spot registration and release of connections. Even after saturation of particular district/village special camps and Saubhagya Raths were planned in areas to ensure electricity connection to each and every willing un-electrified household. In addition, a dedicated 24x7 toll free helplinenumber1800-121-5555 was set up to facilitate any left out un-electrified household under Saubhagya scheme.



ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2044 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2022

District wise details of households electrified under Saubhagya Scheme in Odisha (as per closure)		
Sl. No.	District	No of Households electrified
1	Anugul	29252
2	Balangir	89642
3	Baleshwar	49072
4	Bargarh	19391
5	Baudh	12318
6	Bhadrak	17705
7	Cuttack	25422
8	Debagarh	2967
9	Dhenkanal	37991
10	Gajapati	16831
11	Ganjam	47831
12	Jagatsinghapur	19064
13	Jajapur	38368
14	Jharsuguda	16968
15	Kalahandi	45558
16	Kandhamal	34401
17	Kendrapara	23195
18	Kendujhar	24689
19	Khordha	50064
20	Koraput	63182
21	Malkangiri	14964
22	Mayurbhanj	33724
23	Nabarangapur	76207
24	Nayagarh	30148
25	Nuapada	9514
26	Puri	21644
27	Rayagada	36274
28	Sambalpur	31034
29	Subarnapur	4351
30	Sundargarh	35738
	District Total	957509



Questions 7: Q 2164

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2164
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

Status of PCPIR Policy

2164 : **SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:**

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

PROF. RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has undertaken extensive stakeholder consultation for preparation of a draft Policy on "Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions" in India (PCPIR Policy) 2020-2035 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Viable Gap Funding (VGF) for development of PCPIR at Paradeep could be revised and increased to Rs. 3000 crore as against the limit of Rs. 1000 crore sanctioned previously;

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

(d) whether the assistance/funding under PCPIR policy could be in the form of a grant rather than a VGF, taking into consideration the current market sentiments for PPP; and

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

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) to (e): The Government is undertaking stakeholder's consultation for revising the PCPIR Policy, 2007. Till the policy is revised and notified, the existing provisions will prevail. The assistance/funding under PCPIR policy can't be in the form of a grant as there is no provision of grants in the existing policy.



Questions 8: Q 2459

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2459
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

STAR RATING SYSTEM

2459. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the star rating system for Environmental Impact Assessment to incentivise State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) to be efficient and time-bound in granting an Environmental Clearance (EC) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the yardsticks of granting more points to SEIAAs who grant ECs in less than 80 days, may have the unfortunate effect of SEIAAs handing out hasty ECs in the hope of a better star rating and discouraging site visits and seeking essential details for the assessment process?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) and (b): The Ministry issued an Office Memorandum (OM) dated 17th January 2022 regarding criteria/methodology for rating the State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs). The ranking system is completely based on the existing provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and various guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time. The rating criteria does not seek to change any process or time-line as already provided in the EIA Notification, 2006. The aforementioned OM does not come in the way of SEIAA carrying out all necessary due diligence before taking any decision regarding any project/activity placed before it. In case of deficiency in proposals, SEIAA/SEAC (State Expert Appraisal Committee) are at a liberty to seek additional information/documents and the period for which the reply is pending with project proponent shall not be counted for calculating the number of days taken by SEIAA/SEAC in arriving at its decision regarding the concerned project/activity.



Questions 9: Q 2691

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2691
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2022

PROMOTION OF MILLET PRODUCTION

2691. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to promote millet production considering that millet is more nutritious than wheat and rice and needs very little water for production;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to link small and marginal millet farmers to online marketing platforms such as the Electronic Agricultural National Market (eNAM), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to modify the current processing machines through research and development considering that most types of millets have tough seed coats and need more processing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) The millets are climate resilient, healthy and nutritious crops/products. In order to promote millet production, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from 2018-19. Under NFSM–Nutri Cereals, incentives are provided to the farmers, through the states/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/ resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity



through print and electronic media etc. The interventions such as formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for Nutri Cereals, setting up Centers of Excellence (CoE) and seed hubs for Nutri Cereals have also been supported under NFSM.

To create domestic & global demand of millets, Government of India had proposed to the United Nations for declaring the year 2023 as International Year of Millets (IYoM). The Resolution of India was supported by 72 countries and United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution and declared 2023 as International Year of Millets in March, 2021. The Government of India has already planned activities for celebrations of IYoM-2023. The action plan of IYOM-2023 focuses on strategies to enhance production, consumption, export, strengthening value chain & branding, creating awareness for health benefits etc.

All categories of farmers including small and marginal are free to register on e-NAM Portal and sell their produce through online transparent and competitive bidding method, which is encouraging them to join increasingly on e-NAM platform. Also Agricultural Produce & Livestock Market Committees (APMCs) help farmers in registering as sellers in e-NAM.

(c) & (d) Various institutes like Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), ICAR-Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), ICAR - Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE) etc. are strengthening the processing capacity alongside improving the processing efficiency by designing and retrofitting machinery. ICAR-IIMR in collaboration with NIFTEM is working on technological backstopping of micro-processing units under the scheme Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).

Further, ICAR-CIAE has developed and commercialized the machineries for millet processing viz; Millet Thresher cum Dehusker, Improved Millet Mill, Millet Flaking Machine, Millet Popping Machine etc.



Questions 10: Q 3501

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3501

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 8th AUGUST 2022/SRAVANA 17, 1944 (SAKA)

“Tax Exemptions to District Mineral Foundations”

**3501. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:
SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:**

“Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to continue the exemptions given to specified incomes of District Mineral Foundations including the District Mineral Foundation Trusts of Odisha under the Income Tax Act, 1961 from the financial year 2022-23 onwards so that the benefits extended to the people, especially those in mining affected areas, in the form of development and welfare under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana, can continue seamlessly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its timeframe, as the current exemptions were only from financial year 2017-18 to financial year 2021-22; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY)

(a) All eligible bodies including District Mineral Foundation Trusts can apply for exemptions as per the provisions of Section 10(46) of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Specified income arising to such body or authority or Board or Trust or Commission (by whatever name called), or a class thereof shall be exempt, if found eligible and the Central Government issues a notification in the Official Gazette in this regard.

(b) & (c) In view of (a) above, it does not arise.



Minutes of the meeting of the committees

28/07/2022

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES (SEVENTEENTH LOK SABHA)

The Committee met on Thursday, 28 July, 2022 from 1500 hrs. to 1630 hrs. in Committee Room '2', Parliament House Annexe Extension, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Shri Sunil Kumar Singh — Hon'ble Chairperson

MEMBERS

2. Shri Kalyan Banerjee
3. Shri Raju Bista
4. Shri Dilip Ghosh
5. Shri Chandra Prakash Joshi
6. Shri Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya
7. Shri Omprakash Bhupaisinh alias Pawan Rajenimbalkar
8. Shri Talari Rangaiah
9. Shri Janardan Singh Sigriwal

SECRETARIAT

Shi Raju Srivastava - Director
Shri Bala GuruG. — Deputy Secretary

2. At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee. The Committee, thereafter, took up for consideration the Disqualification Petition given by Shri Margani Bharat, MP and Chief Whip of YSRCP in Lok Sabha against Shri Raghu Ramakrishna Raju, MP under the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India and Rules made there under.

3. *Thereafter, the witness in this matter, Shri Raghu Ramakrishna Raju, MP was called in and was examined on oath.*

(The witness, then, withdrew)

4. After some deliberation, the Committee took up for consideration the notice of Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP on the question of breach of privilege in the matter regarding



Email/Notice/Complaint etc., dated 03 August, 2021 given by her against Shri Rajendra Bharud, former District Collector, Nandurbar, Maharashtra for allegedly instructing the officers of the District not to attend any meetings organized by MP/MLA and for not inviting her to the programme organised by the District Administration in her constituency in connection with inauguration of 'bike ambulance'.

5. *Thereafter, the witness in this matter, Shri Rajendra Bharud, IAS was called in and was examined on oath.*

(The witness, then, withdrew)

6. After some deliberation, the Committee took up for consideration the notice of Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP and leader of AITC in respect of the Petition given by him under Rule 6 of the 'The Members of Lok Sabha (Disqualification on Grounds of Defection) Rules, 1985' seeking disqualification of Shri Sisir Kumar Adhikari, MP under Paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule read with Article 102(2) of the Constitution of India.

7. *Thereafter, the witness in this matter, Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP and leader of AITC, MP was called in and was examined on oath.*

(The witness, then, withdrew)

8. A copy of the verbatim of the proceedings of the sitting of the Committee has been kept.

The Committee, then, adjourned.



विशेषाधिकार समिति की सत्ताईसवीं बैठक का कार्यवाही सारांश
(सत्रहवीं लोक सभा)

समिति की बैठक गुरुवार, 28 जुलाई, 2022 को 1500 बजे से 1630 बजे तक समिति कक्ष '2', संसदीय सौध विस्तार भवन, नई दिल्ली में हुई।

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श्री बाला गुरु जी. - उप सचिव

2. सर्वप्रथम, माननीय सभापति ने समिति की बैठक में सदस्यों का स्वागत किया। तत्पश्चात समिति ने भारत के संविधान की दसवीं अनुसूची और उसके अंतर्गत बनाए गए नियमों के तहत श्री रघु राम कृष्ण राजू सांसद के विरुद्ध लोक सभा में



वाईएसआरसीपी के मुख्य सचेतक और सांसद, श्री मारगनी भरत द्वारा दी गई निरर्हता याचिका पर विचार किया।

3. तत्पश्चात् इस मामले में साक्षी, श्री रघु राम कृष्ण राजू सांसद को बुलाया गया और शपथ दिलाकर उनसे पूछताछ की गई।

(तत्पश्चात्, साक्षी साक्ष्य देकर चले गए)

4. कुछ विचार-विमर्श के बाद, समिति ने डॉ. हिना विजयकुमार गावित, सांसद के दिनांक 03 अगस्त, 2021 के ईमेल/नोटिस/शिकायत आदि से संबंधित मामले में महाराष्ट्र के नंदुरबार के पूर्व जिला कलेक्टर, श्री राजेंद्र भारुद के खिलाफ कथित तौर पर जिले के अधिकारियों को सांसद/विधायक द्वारा आयोजित किसी भी बैठक में शामिल नहीं होने का निर्देश देने और 'बाइक एम्बुलेंस' के उद्घाटन के संबंध में अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में जिला प्रशासन द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में आमंत्रित नहीं करने के लिए दिए गए विशेषाधिकार हनन के नोटिस पर विचार किया।

5. तत्पश्चात् इस मामले में साक्षी श्री राजेंद्र भारुद, आईएस को बुलाया गया और शपथ दिलाकर उनसे पूछताछ की गई।

(तत्पश्चात्, साक्षी साक्ष्य देकर चले गए)

6. कुछ विचार-विमर्श के बाद, समिति ने भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 102(2) के साथ पठित दसवीं अनुसूची के पैरा 2(1)(क) के तहत श्री शिशिर कुमार अधिकारी, संसद सदस्य की निरर्हता की मांग करते हुए 'लोक सभा के सदस्य (दलबदल के आधार पर अयोग्यता) नियम' 1985' के नियम 6 के तहत श्री सुदीप बंदोपाध्याय, सांसद और एआईटीसी के नेता द्वारा दिए गए नोटिस को विचार करने के लिए लिया।

7. तत्पश्चात्, इस मामले में साक्षी, श्री सुदीप बंदोपाध्याय, सांसद और एआईटीसी के नेता को बुलाया गया और शपथ दिलाकर उनसे पूछताछ की गई।



(तत्पश्चात, साक्षी साक्ष्य देकर चले गए)

8. समिति की बैठक की शब्दशः कार्यवाही की एक प्रति रिकॉर्ड में रखी गई है।

तत्पश्चात, समिति की बैठक स्थगित हुई।



03/08/2022

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (2021-22)

The Committee met on Wednesday, the 3rd August, 2022 from 1500 hrs. to 1530 hrs. in Committee Room 'B', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Shri Radha Mohan Singh - Chairperson

MEMBERS

LOK SABHA

2. Shri A. H. Khan Choudhury
3. Ms. Diya Kumari
4. Smt. Jaskaur Meena
5. Smt. Keshari Devi Patel
6. Shri Mukesh Rajput
7. Shri N. Reddeppa
8. Shri Achyutananda Samanta
9. Dr. Amar Singh
10. Smt. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo
11. Shri Kodikunnil Suresh
12. Shri Gopal Jee Thakur
13. Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur
14. Dr. Farooq Abdullah

RAJYA SABHA

15. Shri Narhari Amin
16. Smt. Phulo Devi Netam
17. Ms. Saroj Pandey
18. Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha

SECRETARIAT

1. Smt. Suman Arora - Joint Secretary
2. Smt. Maya Lingi - Director
3. Shri Ram Lal Yadav - Addl. Director
4. Smt. Archana Srivastva - Deputy Secretary



2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee. Thereafter, the Committee took up for consideration the draft Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee contained in their 8th Report on the "Passenger Reservation System of Indian Railways".

The Committee adopted the above-mentioned Report without any modifications.

3. The Committee authorized the Chairperson to finalize and present the Report to the Parliament.

The Committee then adjourned.



09/09/2022

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES (SEVENTEENTH LOK SABHA)

The Committee met on Friday, 09 September, 2022 from 1130 hrs to 1310 hrs in Committee Room No 2, Parliament House Annexe Extension, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Shri Sunil Kumar Singh – Hon'ble Chairperson

MEMBERS

2. Shri Kalyan Banerjee
3. Shri Chandra Prakash Joshi
4. Shri Talari Rangaiah
5. Shri Janardan Singh Sigiwal

SECRETARIAT

Shi Raju Srivastava - Director
Dr. Faiz Ahmad - Under Secretary

2. At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee. The Committee, thereafter, took up for consideration the notice of question of breach of privilege dated 20 May, 2022 given by Smt. Ranjeeta Koli, MP against the officials of Urban Improvement Trust (UIT), Bharatpur for allegedly infringing her privileges in connection with inauguration of developmental work in her constituency.

3. *Thereafter, the witness in this matter, Smt. Ranjeeta Koli, MP was called in and was examined on oath.*

(The witness, then, withdrew)

4. *Thereafter, the official witness in the matter Shri Kamal Ram Meena, Secretary, Urban Improvement Trust (UIT) was called in and was examined on oath.*

(The witness, then, withdrew)

5. After some deliberation, the Committee took up, the notice of question of breach of privilege dated 27 June, 2022 given by Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP against the Deputy Commissioner, Latehar, Jharkhand for wrongfully restraining the driver of the car



accompanying him in which other elected representatives belonging to his party were travelling.

6. *Thereafter, the witness in this matter, Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP was called in and was examined on oath.*

(The witness, then, withdrew)

7. After a brief deliberation, the Committee took up the matter pertaining to “Representation of Shri Rajkumar Ora alleging M/s. Mangalam Cement Ltd., located at Village-Morak, Tehsil-Ramganj Mandi, District-Kota (Rajasthan) of blatant violation of environment and other laws thereby putting lives of local population in peril – initiating proceedings against Dr. Subodh Agrawal, Secretary (Mines), Rajasthan, Smt. Sreya Guha, former Principal Secretary (Forest & Environment) and Shri Shikhar Agrawal, Principal Secretary (Forest & Environment) for ‘Breach of Privilege’ and ‘Contempt of the House’ and its Committee.”

The Committee, however, did not take the evidence of Dr. Subodh Aggrawal, IAS, Secretary (Mines) due to pre-occupation with other pressing agenda.

8. A copy of the verbatim of the proceedings of the sitting of the Committee has been kept.

The Committee, then, adjourned.



विशेषाधिकार समिति की अट्ठाईसवीं बैठक का कार्यवाही सारांश
(सत्रहवीं लोक सभा)

समिति की बैठक शुक्रवार, 09 सितंबर, 2022 को 1130 बजे से 1310 बजे तक समिति कक्ष संख्या 2, संसदीय सौध विस्तार भवन, नई दिल्ली में हुई।

उपस्थित

श्री सुनील कुमार सिंह – माननीय सभापति

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सचिवालय

श्री राजू श्रीवास्तव - निदेशक
डॉ. फैज अहमद - अवर सचिव

2. सर्वप्रथम, माननीय सभापति ने समिति की बैठक में सदस्यों का स्वागत किया। तत्पश्चात, समिति ने श्रीमती रंजीता कोली, संसद सदस्य द्वारा कथित रूप से उनके निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में विकास कार्यों के उद्घाटन के संबंध में उनके विशेषाधिकारों का हनन किए जाने पर नगर विकास न्यास (यूआईटी), भरतपुर के अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध दिनांक 20 मई, 2022 को दी गई विशेषाधिकार हनन के प्रश्न की सूचना पर विचार किया।



3. तत्पश्चात्, इस मामले में साक्षी, श्रीमती रंजीता कोली, संसद सदस्य को अंदर बुलाया गया और शपथ दिलाकर उनका साक्ष्य लिया गया।

(तत्पश्चात्, साक्षी साक्ष्य देकर चले गए)

4. तत्पश्चात्, इस मामले में आधिकारिक साक्षी, श्री कमल राम मीणा, सचिव, नगर विकास न्यास (यूआईटी) को अंदर बुलाया गया और शपथ दिलाकर उनका साक्ष्य लिया गया।

(तत्पश्चात्, साक्षी साक्ष्य देकर चले गए)

5. कुछ विचार-विमर्श के पश्चात्, समिति ने श्री विष्णु दयाल राम, संसद सदस्य द्वारा उनके साथ चल रही कार, जिसमें उनके दल के अन्य निर्वाचित प्रतिनिधि यात्रा कर रहे थे, के चालक को गलत तरीके से रोकने के लिए उपायुक्त, लातेहार, झारखंड के विरुद्ध दी गई दिनांक 27 जून, 2022 की विशेषाधिकार हनन के प्रश्न की सूचना पर विचार किया।

6. तत्पश्चात्, इस मामले में साक्षी, श्री विष्णु दयाल राम, संसद सदस्य को अंदर बुलाया गया और शपथ दिलाकर उनका साक्ष्य लिया गया।

(तत्पश्चात्, साक्षी साक्ष्य देकर चले गए)

7. संक्षिप्त विचार-विमर्श के पश्चात्, समिति ने "ग्राम-मौराक, तहसील रामगंज मंडी, जिला कोटा (राजस्थान) स्थित मैसर्स मंगलम सीमेंट लिमिटेड के खिलाफ कथित रूप से पर्यावरण और अन्य कानूनों के घोर उल्लंघन, जिससे स्थानीय आबादी की जान खतरे में पड़ गई है तथा सदन और उसकी समिति की अवमानना के लिए डॉ. सुबोध अग्रवाल, सचिव (खान), राजस्थान, श्रीमती श्रेया गुहा, पूर्व प्रधान सचिव (वन और पर्यावरण) तथा श्री शिखर अग्रवाल, प्रधान सचिव



(वन और पर्यावरण) के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई शुरू करने को लेकर श्री राजकुमार ओरा की ओर से दिए गए अभ्यावेदन” के मामले पर विचार किया।

यद्यपि, समिति ने अन्य महत्वपूर्ण कार्यसूची में पूर्व-व्यस्तता के कारण डॉ. सुबोध अग्रवाल, आईएएस, सचिव (खान) का साक्ष्य नहीं लिया।


8. समिति की बैठक की कार्यवाही की शब्दशः प्रति रखी गई है।


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