

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Minority Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Monsoon Prediction

*1. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted normal monsoon during the current season and if so, the details thereof, region-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that several foreign agencies including the Japanese Meteorological Department have predicted below normal monsoon during the current season;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, agency-wise;

(d) whether average error in IMD's monsoon forecasts has come down during

each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to update the IMD system as well as to avoid inaccurate predictions by IMD?

Nuclear Power Plants

*2. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear power plants proposed to be set up in the country during the next twenty years, State-wise;

(b) the total estimated cost of each project along with the production capacity of these plants, State-wise;

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the installation and commissioning/ operationalisation of these projects;

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(d) whether the Government is considering to increase the capacity of the existing nuclear power plants in the country; and

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

Revenue Earnings by India Post

*3. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Post is increasingly earning revenues from non-traditional sectors like e-commerce and Payments Bank and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the revenues earned by the Department of Posts in terms of percentage from various value added services/non-traditional sectors during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the future expansion plans proposed by the Government in the aforementioned sectors/services in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the number of postal payments bank accounts in the said State, post office-wise?

Thunderstorm Studies

*4. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thunderstorms are a regular feature during the pre-monsoon season in India but thunderstorm studies in the country are very rare and the people working on thunderstorms are very few and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether in the wake of deadly thunderstorms that struck frequently in the north-west and eastern parts of the country, the Government has decided to set up an expert group on thunderstorms;

(c) if so, the details and the modalities to be examined by the expert group and the timeline set for the same;

(d) whether the Government has also plans to engage scholars from Universities and outside experts by funding thunderstorm prediction research and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote thunderstorm studies in India, improve IMD thunderstorm predictions and upgrade IMD to provide timely information in the affected areas?

Interconnection Usage Charge

*5. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) proposes to amend the norms on Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether TRAI has sought views and comments from the telecom industry on the said proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by TRAI in this regard?

Rail Eco-tourism

†*6. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing any scheme for rail eco-tourism;

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

(c) the amount spent for Nilgiri Mountain Rail Service and the amount of income earned during the last three years along with the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to compensate the loss being caused to this heritage service; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Scholarship for Education

*7. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls benefited by the Government's scholarship for education in the country during the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on the scholarship for education programme for minorities in the country; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate education to the girls of the minority communities in the country?

Mobile Services in Naxal Affected States

†*8. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Government in providing mobile telephone services in naxal affected States during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide mobile services at 4072 tower locations identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(c) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the funds sanctioned and utilised under this scheme so far, State-wise?

Installation of Anti-Collision Device

†*9. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of installation of anti-collision device to check railway accidents;

(b) whether this device has been successfully checked and installed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the action plan formulated to improve this device to make it more effective in preventing railway accidents;

(d) whether any machine/device is also being used to identify the railway track flaws apart from taking help from the railway employees and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the arrangements made in other countries in this regard?

Military Expenses

†*10. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the military expenses have gone up five times in the country in the last four years due to procurement of arms and ammunition, rifles, tanks etc. from foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount spent on purchase of arms/weapons/fighters/ammunition from foreign countries during the above period;

(c) whether the details of purchase made for the Army in the last four years have been released in a recent report of the Ministry of Defence and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government maintains transparency in defence dealings and if so, the details thereof along with the most favoured country of India for purchase of arms; and

(e) the effective steps taken by the Ministry of Defence and the Government

for not purchasing defence equipment from foreign countries so far?

Guidelines for Stoppage of Trains

†*11. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received complaints from public representatives and people during the last six-seven years regarding providing stoppage of both Rani Menamma and Haripriya Express going towards Tirupati from Kolhapur (Maharashtra) at Jaysingpur railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the stoppage of both these trains at other stations has been provided as per the guidelines; and

(d) if so, the list of those stations as well as the guidelines prescribed by the Railways for provision of stoppage of trains?

Purchase of Spares

*12. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine has alleged that kickbacks have been given to Indian defence officials in purchase of spares for military transport aircraft An-32;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the name of the company through which purchase was made along with its share holders and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any defence personnel, their relatives or friends are associated with the said company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Marhowra Diesel Locomotive Factory

*13. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Marhowra (Saran, Bihar) diesel locomotive manufacturing factory/project including the progress made so far, the date of completion of the factory/project along with the expenditure incurred over the years and the future estimated expenditure;

(b) the number of diesel locomotives and the time frame for manufacturing these diesel locomotives at the Marhowra factory;

(c) the number of diesel locomotives that have been imported over the last ten years, year-wise along with expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the details of production units for diesel locomotives in the country along with their output/capacity utilisation during the last five years, year-wise?

Capacity of Trains

*14. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken steps to increase the capacity of trains and services on the busiest routes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified such busiest rail routes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the rail route involving Madurai is also one among them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for increasing the capacity on the Madurai rail route?

Deficiencies in Railway Services

*15. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways used to be known for being tardy and dirty and had numerous deficiencies in their services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken to improve the customer-oriented services;

(c) whether the Railways have examined the issue of providing emergency care to passengers and equipment onboard trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

publicity of information under the said programme?

Companies Violating Employment Laws/Norms

*17. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing laws/norms/guidelines/rules in vogue are being followed by all the companies/firms/industries including the private and foreign companies situated/setup in India for providing employment across various fields including education/social security/women development etc.;

(b) whether the Government is aware that recently many companies especially Andheri East, Mumbai situated companies have violated such norms by withdrawing the offer(s) of employment made to the brilliant students of various colleges in the country including St. Stephens College of Delhi just four/five days before the date of their joining, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the educational as well as career opportunities of such students have come to a halt and are at stake as a result of it, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the legal action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to blacklist such companies including the aforesaid one and direct them to compensate the affected students by paying at least ten years salary and perks to them without any delay?

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

*16. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR: DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the proposal for renaming and restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) recently and if so, the details thereof along with the objective behind the move;

(b) whether the Government has approved its continuation during the remaining period of the 14th Finance Commission and if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds required and sanctioned for the continuation of the restructured programme;

(c) whether the criteria for identification of Minority Concentration Towns and Clusters of Villages have been rationalized and if so, the details thereof along with the name and the number of districts being covered under the renamed programme, State-wise;

(d) whether MsDP has made substantial progress in achieving its target for the identified areas and has created useful infrastructures/assets for the people in the areas with substantial minority population and if so, the details thereof along with the construction undertaken during the last four years and the total beneficiaries under PMJVK; and

(e) the steps being taken to bring transparency, ensure monitoring and

Review of Foreign Policy

*18. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to review the foreign policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the slogan of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pension Scam in Railway Hospital

†*19. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pension scam in railway hospital, New Delhi has come to the notice of the Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of pensioners reported to be affected due to this scam; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government against the persons involved in the scam as well as the assistance provided to these pension holders?

NEW DELHI;

July 12, 2018

Ashadha 21, 1940 (Saka)**Construction of Level Crossings**†*20. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI
PATIL:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of several manned/unmanned level crossings, Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) has been delayed across the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof along with the present status of these level crossings/bridges;

(c) whether the construction cost of the said level crossings/bridges has increased due to delay in their construction during the said period and if so, the zone-wise details thereof;

(d) the number and zone-wise status of such level crossings/bridges the cost of which has been shared by the concerned State or private company; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure timely construction of such level crossings/bridges in the country?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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CORRIGENDUM**

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Correction

11	Part (a); line 5: <u>for</u> "Menamma" <u>read</u> "Chennamma"
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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General