

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, July 25, 2018/Shravana 3, 1940 (Saka)

(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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी 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

Adarsh Railway Station

†*101. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop Malkapur railway station in Buldhana district of Maharashtra as Adarsh railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the allocation of funds proposed for this purpose during the next financial year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mobile Internet Access

*102. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural India has much less mobile internet access;

(b) if so, the details thereof in comparison to urban areas; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote use and access of mobile internet in rural areas of the country?

Promotion of BPOs

*103. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of India BPO Promotion Scheme in training and employment till date;

(b) whether this scheme provides assistance and incentives to huge profit

making private institutions/companies/ business houses at the cost of tax payers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether small companies and start ups/new entrepreneurs are being discriminated/kept out of incentive sharing in comparison to bigger and established players, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government intends to put in place an upper limit in the scheme to keep the big players out and whether there is a condition of a minimum turnover requirement, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to create level playing field for all in order to support participants/ contenders and also small and new entrepreneurs?

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project

*104. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land acquisition issue is plaguing the ambitious Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether so far the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has acquired only 0.9 hectares of land for the above project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said project is anticipated to be completed by 2022-23 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the collaborators in the bullet train project have asked the Government to expedite the acquisition of land; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Broadband Penetration in Rural Areas

*105. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE
PATIL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of broadband penetration in the rural areas *vis-a-vis* the total broadband subscribers in the country;

(b) the percentage increase in the rural broadband penetration during the last three years;

(c) whether the broadband services in rural areas have not seen any progress so far despite huge progress in the telecommunication sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Defence Budget

*106. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a marginal increase of 6 per cent in the defence budget including

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Rs.86,488 crore for modernization is likely to adversely affect stagnate the defence modernization prospects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether China's annual defence budget outlay is almost triple the size of India's annual defence budget outlay; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Government proposes to modernize the Indian forces with a meager increase of 6 per cent in the defence budget to match the might of the neighbour's modern technical strength supported by immense defence budgetary outlay?

Coal Imports

*107. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal imports have increased due to transport constraints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trend of coal imports is expected to continue as power, cement and steel industries are expected to witness improvement in demand and capacity utilisation; and

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

Reforms in Bureaucracy

*108. SHRIMATI SAJDA
AHMED:
SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to reform the bureaucracy which is long overdue and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether lateral entry in bureaucracy has taken place earlier also, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for lateral entry at this stage;

(c) whether the move of the Government for lateral entry into senior positions will demoralise the civil servants, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend lateral entry in Government run educational institutions also and if so, the details thereof?

Defence Land

*109. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated area of defence land under his Ministry in the country, State and area-wise;

(b) the total area of defence land acquired by the Ministry after independence of the country;

(c) the total estimated area of defence land which has been transferred to other agencies/institutions, till date, institution-wise;

(d) whether the Government has approved transfer of defence land to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the construction of Kendriya Vidyalayas in some parts of the country recently and

if so, the details including the terms and conditions thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline the data of defence land in the country?

Strategic Partnership Model

*110. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dhirendra Singh Committee had recommended in 2015 that the Government should adopt a strategic partnership model, whereby a private firm may be chosen for the development of a specific identified platform and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to forge joint venture of Defence PSUs with foreign companies under its ambitious strategic partnership model and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has created a level-playing field for all the stakeholders to build key military platforms like submarines and fighter jets in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has envisaged clear role for major Defence PSUs like HAL, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and BRML which are leading producers of key military platforms and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken/being taken for indigenisation of defence manufacturing?

Bullet Train Project

*111. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited has floated tender for India's first bullet train project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this tender would be for the first of the 60 bridges on the 508 kilometer high speed corridors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Punctuality of Trains

*112. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of passenger trains running very late in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of trains that were late during 2017-18 and the average delay noticed during the last six months, zone-wise;

(b) the reasons noticed for late running of the passenger trains;

(c) whether stopping of trains at outer signals due to non-availability of vacant platforms at railway stations is also a major reason for delay of passenger trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to monitor platforms properly for timely operations of passenger trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Railways have recently extended the arrival time of 185 trains to address the punctuality issue and if so, the details and the results achieved as a result thereof along with the other steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure punctuality of all trains?

Post Offices

*113. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal along with the total number of savings accounts in these post offices, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the number of such accounts has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money deposited therein, State/UT-wise and the amount of money out of the said total amount remaining unclaimed in these post offices, State/UT-wise along with the manner in which the said unclaimed amount of money is likely to be utilized;

(d) whether the Government proposes to offer digital banking services for aforementioned post offices savings account holders across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) the details of the services being provided to such account holders along with the details of schemes, if any, proposed by the Government for these account holders?

Kalwa-Airoli Elevated Rail Corridor

†*114. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Kalwa-Airoli elevated rail corridor has not been started so far despite the fact that Bhumi Pujan ceremony of the said work has already been performed;

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

(c) the time by which displaced persons due to the said project are likely to be rehabilitated along with the place identified therefor and the present status of rehabilitation work;

(d) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has made any contribution in the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in Recruitment Process of SSC

*115. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unnecessary delay has been reported in the recruitment process

of graduate as well as matric level posts by the Staff Selection Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts of various levels filled up across the country during the said period, post, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to fill up the posts of the said levels in a time bound manner keeping in view the rising level of unemployment across the country and shortage of staff; and

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

New Train Services

†*116. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down to introduce new train services on any route;

(b) the reasons for not introducing new train services on East bound routes from Delhi despite the fact that waiting list remains 300 to 400 every day on East bound trains from Delhi; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Production of Coal

†*117. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has failed to increase the production and sale of coal;

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

(c) whether less production of coal is directly affecting the power production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to increase the production of coal and the outcome thereof?

Construction of ROBs

*118. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in construction of Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) in the country including those in the eastern railways;

(b) whether delay in budgetary allocations is the main reason for such delays and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has consulted various State Governments for reconciling issues of land acquisition which is also a reason for the delay in construction of railway development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the progress of arbitration with the State Government of West Bengal?

Review of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

*119. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the States to evaluate the achievements *vis-a-vis* targets periodically;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, scheme, year and State-wise;

(c) whether there is any provision of penalties for non-performing States under the various schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the improvements/corrective steps proposed to be undertaken along with the time by which these improvements/steps are likely to be undertaken; and

(e) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that benefits under various schemes reach the targeted population in non-performing States?

Auxiliary Polling Stations

*120. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the participation of differently-abled persons in the election process is very low and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(b) whether the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to establish auxiliary polling stations for the people with disabilities during the elections and if so, the details thereof along with its features;

(c) whether ECI has also launched the distribution of Electoral Photo Identity Cards with Braille features for visually challenged voters;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be distributed to visually challenged persons; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for maximum participation of persons with disabilities in the election process?

INDEX
(Ministry-wise)

<i>Prime Minister</i>	:	
<i>Atomic Energy</i>	:	
<i>Coal</i>	:	107, 117
<i>Communications</i>	:	102, 105, 113
<i>Defence</i>	:	106, 109, 110
<i>Development of North Eastern Region</i>	:	
<i>Earth Sciences</i>	:	
<i>Electronics and Information Technology</i>	:	103
<i>External Affairs</i>	:	
<i>Law and Justice</i>	:	120
<i>Minority Affairs</i>	:	
<i>Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions</i>	:	108, 115
<i>Planning</i>	:	119
<i>Railways</i>	:	101, 104, 111, 112, 114, 116, 118.
<i>Science and Technology</i>	:	
<i>Space</i>	:	
<i>Statistics and Programme Implementation</i>	:	

NEW DELHI;
July 19, 2018
Ashadha 28, 1940 (Saka)

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General