

(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

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[ATOMIC ENERGY - COAL - COMMUNICATIONS - DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION - EARTH SCIENCES - ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - LAW & JUSTICE - MINORITY AFFAIRS - PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS - RAILWAYS - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SPACE - STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION - PLANNING and Prime Minister].

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Welfare Schemes for Minorities

***41 Sh. Pinaki Misra (Puri):**

Will the **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether any new welfare schemes for the minority section of the society have been launched in the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of fund allocation for each of the schemes and the percentage of funds that has been utilized during the last three years ending 30.11.2018?

New Telecom Policy

***42 Sh. Ashok Kumar Dohrey(Etawah) :**

Will the **COMMUNICATIONS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the telecom sector is passing through a crisis due to heavy debt, tariff war and irrational spectrum costs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to ponder over the policy measures to minimise the over bidding of assets during auctions and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a New Telecom Policy (NTP) to develop the telecom sector as an economy booster rather than a revenue generator;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which NTP is likely to be framed and implemented; and

(e) whether the new telecom policy would present a roadmap for the development of

the telecom sector in the next five years which is facing a serious financial crisis and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the new telecom policy?

Reduction in Water Consumption

***43 Dr. Pritam Gopinath Munde(Beed) :**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Railways has joined hands with the United Nations Environment Programme to draw out a roadmap for achieving 20 per cent reduction in water consumption at rail establishments and if so, the details thereof along with the annual water consumption of the Railways and the average bill thereof;

(b) whether the Railways does not have centralised data on the water usage by its zones and production units and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is taking a huge step towards the preservation of water and rolling out a new policy that is likely to be game-changer and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(d) whether the Railways has decided to encourage private players to set up water treatment plants specifically for this purpose and if so, the manner in which this will ensure that water is not wasted and the annual water bill of the Railways is reduced; and

(e) the services and areas where this policy will be implemented and the extent to which the new water policy will be promoting a better water management system that will curtail water wastage and consumption?

Automatic Weather Stations

***44 Sh. Bharta Singh(Ballia) :**

Will the **EARTH SCIENCES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Automatic Weather Stations with an objective to provide accurate weather information to people, particularly farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Collaboration in Earth System Science

***45 Sh. Sanjay Haribhau Jadhav (Parbhani):**

Will the **EARTH SCIENCES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Earth System Science Organisation and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the salient features of the said MoU;

(c) the extent to which India and the United States have collaborated in the field of Earth System Science through sharing of technical knowhow to address the scientific challenges so far along with the present status of the proposal for developing Wind Profiler System as agreed between the two countries under the said MoU;

(d) the other details of the benefits earned by the country in the field of Research & Development from the said MoU so far; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Governments of both the countries for cooperation in the field of Earth System Science?

Defence Corridors

***46 Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar (Kachchh):**

Will the **DEFENCE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether defence corridors are being set up in the country for defence equipment production;

(b) if so, the details of the locations where the said corridors are being set up along with the amount of funds estimated to be spent thereon;

(c) the present status of the defence corridors;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up at least one defence corridor in Bihar in view of the backwardness of the State; and

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

Awareness about Welfare Schemes

***47 Sh. Bheemrao Baswanthrao Patil (Zahirabad):**

Will the **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of its awareness campaign initiated to create awareness of the schemes/programmes among the minority communities meant for their welfare and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether there is an increase in beneficiaries of the said schemes/ programmes after such awareness campaign and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Coal Linkages

***48 Sh. Dipsinh Shankarsinh Rathod(Sabarkantha):**

Will the **COAL** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is aware that coal linkages provided to State Government

companies or MSME organisations through PSUs like BCCL, CCL, ECL and MCL under CIL are not being operated by them and instead coal is being fraudulently sold to other big companies at a higher price;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any steps to check the said corrupt practices in the coal linkages; and

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

Hiring of Consultants by UIDAI

***49 Sh. Vinod Kumar Boianapalli (Karimnagar):**

Will the **ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether UIDAI hires NonGovernment consultants for performing some of its functions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether consultants were hired for drafting the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 and the Regulations under the Aadhaar Act and if so, the details of each consultant hired and the fees paid to them; and

(c) the list of other consultants hired and fees paid to them for other projects?

Utilisation of Atomic Energy

***50 Sh. Rodmal Nagar (rajgarh):**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether any agency/institution is being set up to ensure more effective utilization of atomic energy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the targets fixed regarding generation/utilisation of power from atomic energy for the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plans;

(c) whether the said targets have been achieved and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of future action plan for atomic energy?

Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express

***51 Sh. Dipsinh Shankarsinh Rathod (Sabarkantha):**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of operational feasibility, the NDLS-ADI Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express has not been extended upto Rajkot and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any representations have been received to carry out all types of maintenances at New Delhi instead of Ahmedabad, which would enable the rake for extension upto Rajkot and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the said rakes could be utilized for extension upto Rajkot, like Gatiman Intercity Express during lie over period which could generate revenue to the Railways; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Induction of Women in Military Police

***52 Smt. m.Vasanthi (Tenkasi):**

Will the **DEFENCE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is true that the induction of women in the military police is proposed to be done in a graded manner in order to make up 20 per cent of its strength;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame set in this regard;

(c) whether it is also true that their role would range from probing rape and molestation cases to assisting the Army wherever required; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development Assistance

***53 Sh. Sushil Kumar Singh (Aurangabad):**

Will the **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has provided any development assistance to any other country in the financial year 2017-18; (b) if so, the details of such assistance, country-wise;

(c) the details of development assistance provided by the Government between the years 2008 and 2017, country and project-wise; and

(d) the number and the details of Small Development Projects (SDPs) implemented by India in various countries?

Agricultural Weather Forecast

***54 Sh. Ashok Mahadeorao Nete (gadchiroli-chimur):**

Will the **EARTH SCIENCES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen agricultural weather forecast services to utilize advanced information technology to address the risk in agriculture sector and provide early weather information to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the capacity of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to meet these challenges; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for modernization and development of devices and equipments for publicity of accurate and regionspecific agricultural weather information at district level?

Amendment of Cantonment Act

***55 Sh. Krupal Balaji Tumane (Ramtek):**

Will the **DEFENCE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether her Ministry has constituted an expert committee to study and amend the Cantonment Act, 2006;

(b) if so, the names of persons who have been appointed as members of the said committee along with the criteria adopted for appointment of such members;

(c) whether the local members of Parliament have been included in the said committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Members of Parliament of local cantonment area are likely to be included in the said committee; and

(e) whether members of All Cantonment Citizen Welfare Association are also likely to be included in the said committee and if so, the details thereof?

Stoppage of Trains

***56 Sh. R. Gopalakrishnan (madurai):**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Railways has identified a number of railway stations in and around the railway junctions/stations of the major cities for stoppage of all the trains there, including the Madurai Railway Station, to decongest such major railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways plans to provide stoppage of all the trains at Koodalnagar, Thiruparankundram and Thirumangalam railway stations of Madurai; and

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

Jobs to Displaced Persons

***57 Dr. Banshilal Mahto (korba):**

Will the **COAL** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has any provision to provide jobs to the persons getting displaced due to acquisition of land for mining work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several cases related to giving jobs to the persons displaced in the State of Chhattisgarh, particularly in Korba area, for rehabilitating them in a proper manner are pending with the South Eastern Coalfields Limited;

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

(e) the time by which the pending cases are likely to be settled?

Rail Services to Eastern Parts

***58 Mrs. Rama Devi (Sheohar):**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether there is no scope of introducing new rail services from Delhi to eastern parts of the country as the major routes remain busy and over utilized;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Nuclear Power Reactors

***59 Sh. George Baker (Nominated Anglo-indian):**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the number of nuclear power reactors operational across the country, State/UT-wise along with the details of their total installed capacity;

(b) the details of the number of nuclear power reactors under construction across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal and Gujarat along with the details of their total installed capacity;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for these under construction nuclear power reactors across the country, State/UT-wise along with the details of the targets set and achievements made thereunder so far;

(d) whether the Government has recently accorded administrative approval and financial sanction to some of the States including West Bengal and Maharashtra to establish nuclear reactors in their States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise and the reasons therefor along with the funds sanctioned for this purpose?

Delay of Trains

***60 Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde(Kalyan) :**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether despite claims made by the Government, the problem of delay in running of trains has not been solved and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the number of trains which ran late or reached their destinations late during the last three months along with the number of days on which they ran late or reached their destinations late and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has been unable to streamline the signalling system and make arrangements for smooth running of trains in foggy conditions;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the views of the Government in this regard;
and

(e) the steps being taken by the Railways for timely departure of trains from source station, their timely arrival at destinations and proper functioning of the signalling system in foggy conditions?

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