(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

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[ATOMIC ENERGY - COAL - COMMUNICATIONS - DEFENCE - 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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Telecom Towers in Villages

*141 Dr. Nishikant Dubey (godda):

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

- (a) the total number of villages in rural areas of the country where telecom towers have been installed, State/UT and telecom company-wise during each of the last two years and the current year; and
- (b) the number of such towers targeted for installation in rural areas in the coming financial year, State/UT-wise?

Misuse of Social Media

*142 Sh. Gaurav Gogoi (Kaliabor):

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

- (a) whether the senior official of his Ministry had a meeting with legal experts and privacy advocates to discuss various issues relating to making social media safer and to govern social media platforms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has since taken any concrete and effective steps to check the misuse of social media by criminals and anti-national elements; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Monitoring of Court Cases

*143 Sh. Maheish Giri (East Delhi):

Will the LAW & JUSTICE be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any step to establish web portal for each Ministry/Department of the Government where they can upload the details of cases which are pending in various courts and the status of these cases so as to help in effective monitoring of court cases by the Department of Legal Affairs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has started any structural legal framework of mediation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Level Crossings

*144 Sh. Pinaki Misra (Puri):

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

- (a) the total number of level crossings, across the country at present;
- (b) the total number of unmanned level crossings on all available and operational lines;
- (c) the deadline fixed by the Government to do away with the unmanned level crossings on all the operational lines;
- (d) the alternative provisions that the Government has made for the users where the unmanned level crossings have been done away with; and
- (e) the number of people killed at level crossings in the country during 2014-15 and the action taken by Government to minimise such accidents?

Misleading Advertisements by Telecom Companies

*145 Sh. Rahul Kaswan (Churu):

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

(a) whether the telecom companies are disseminating obscene, misleading and undesired advertisements through e-mail, WhatsApp messenger, Facebook, etc. for their financial benefit; (b) if so, the details of the complaints received in this regard; (c) whether the said disseminated messages are against the traditions of Indian culture and society which are adversely affecting the young generations; (d) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken to check the dissemination of the said messages; and (e) whether mobile subscribers are facing the problem of call drops, cross connections and unavailability of network as the networks of telecom companies are not functioning properly, if so, the details thereof and the details of schemes formulated to address the said problems?

Coal Allocation through e-Auction Process

*146 Sh. Devji Mansingram Patel (Jalore):

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

- (a) whether the Government has discontinued the e-Auction Process through which coal is allocated to D.D. holder:
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the revenue loss being suffered by the Government and the employment opportunities being dried up as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any steps in this regard so as to make up for the revenue loss as well as to increase employment opportunities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Help offered by Countries/ Organisations

*147 Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty (Gauhati):

Will the EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has refused to accept the help from various countries and organizations for the revival of Kerala which was devastated by the torrential rain and flood in the month of August, 2018; and (b) if so, the names of the countries and organizations which offered financial as well as technological help for reconstruction of the State and the reasons for not accepting such help from friendly countries?

Ladies Compartments in Trains

*148 Sh. Vikram Usendi (Kanker):

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

- (a) whether there is very less number of ladies compartments in various trains running on important routes in the country and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the region/zone-wise number of cases of rape, molestation and assault on women registered by RPF and GRPF in the country during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of ladies compartments/coaches to ensure adequate safety of women passengers in trains and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for safe and convenient travel of women passengers?

Special Courts for SCs and STs

*149 Sh. Tamradhwaj Sahu (Durg):

Will the LAW & JUSTICE be pleased to state that:-

- (a) the total number of special courts set up throughout the country for hearing cases registered under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, as amended in the year 2016;
- (b) the number of cases disposed of within a period of sixty days along with the number of cases lying pending till date; and
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the atrocities taking place against the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs) and to provide them speedy justice?

Use of Air Force Helicopters

*150 Sh. C. N. Jayadevan (Thrissur):

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Kerala has been asked to pay about Rs. 34 crore for using the services of small planes and helicopters of the Air Force in the rescue operations during the recent floods in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments are obliged to pay for the services rendered by the Defence Ministry for relief actions in such natural calamities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Death of Soldiers during Terrorist Attacks

*151 Sh. Krishnan Narayanasamy Ramachandran (Sriperumbudur):

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

- (a) the details of Indian soldiers killed on the India-Pakistan border in frequent terrorist attacks during the last two years;
- (b) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and (c) the time by which the terrorists would be flushed out?

Digital Hubs

*152 Sh. M.Udhayakumar (Dindigul):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the RailTel is turning railway stations into digital hubs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the RailTel is considering to provide free Wi-Fi at many more stations across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Selling of Private Information

*153 Sh. Rakesh Singh (Jabalpur):

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

- (a) whether selling of private information of users by social networking sites has come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any rule to prevent the misuse of sharing of private information of users without their consent;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken any action to deal with the said issue and if so, the details thereof?

Replacing Passenger Trains with MEMU

*154 Smt. m. Vasanthi (Tenkasi):

Will the RAILWAYS be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Railways is planning to replace its passenger trains with MEMU;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the move is expected to reduce journey time and decongest high traffic routes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Special Packages to Boost Electronics Export

*155 Sh. Sukender Reddy Gutha (Nalgonda):

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

- (a) the details of the incentives being given to the electronic industry and those included in the National Electronics Policy;
- (b) whether the Government is proposing to announce special packages to boost the electronics export and remove the hindrances in such export as a part of facilitating the ease of doing business programme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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New Trains

*156 Smt. Renuka Butta (kurnool):

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

- (a) the details of new trains that are proposed to be introduced by the Government and also those which have been introduced in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the last four years; and
- (b) the number of persons likely to be benefited therefrom?

Minorities Living Below Poverty Line

*157 Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad (Latur):

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to carry out any survey for identifying the minorities including Muslims living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in each State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the schemes formulated for improving the economic condition of the minorities;
- (d) the amount allocated under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the details of the plan for proper implementation and monitoring of these schemes?

Stoppage of Trains

*158 Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar (Nalanda):

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

- (a) whether a verbal announcement was made for the stoppage of trains at Rampur 12 Km. from Daniyawa to Bihar Shariff railway line in Nalanda district of Bihar;
- (b) whether neither the tickets are issued nor the passenger facilities are available at Rampur as the Government has not issued orders regarding this;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to make the said stoppage official/formal and provide passenger facilities at this station through official/ formal orders?

Free Internet Facility

*159 Sh. Hemant Tukaram Godse (Nashik):

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

(a) whether the Government is mulling over providing free internet facility to the

consumers;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the places selected for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has a plan to offer free internet services within the net neutrality framework;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the model of free data delivery offered to the consumers within TRAI guidelines?

Capital Investment

*160 Sh. Ram Kumar Sharma (Sitamarhi):

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

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog has proposed a scheme to make India a 4 trillion dollar economy from the present 2.7 trillion dollar economy by the year 2022-23;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether increase in capital investment is required to achieve the said target and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any assessment has been made regarding the requirement of additional investment and if so, the details thereof including the estimated additional amount of capital investment required therefor along with the sources thereof; and
- (e) whether any target has been fixed for increasing employment opportunities also along with the growth of the economy and if so, the details thereof?

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA, Secretary General.

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