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Questions For Written Answers

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Standard Code for Letter Heads/Pads

1611 Prof. Saugata Roy (Dum Dum):

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

- (a) whether there is any standard code for letter heads/pads for officials and public representatives of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, rank and protocol-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that even junior level officers are using golden emblems on their letter heads; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to check the misuse of such things?

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Vacant Posts

1612 Sh. M. B. Rajesh (Palakkad):

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are about lakhs of Central Government jobs/ posts lying vacant and the Government has not taken any steps to fill up these vacant posts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not filling up these sanctioned posts, category-wise;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government has slashed thousands of posts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines not to revive posts lying vacant for a specific period and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to fill up vacant posts in the Central Government Services in a time bound manner for various categories?

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### **Illegal Mining**

**1613 Sh. B. Senguttuvan (Vellore):**

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

(a) whether illegal mining of coal is being carried on with impunity in the remote regions in the State of Tripura, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a dozen miners working in the illegal rat-hole mines were either killed or reported missing recently when sudden cave-in and flooding occurred, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry took all possible efforts to rescue the miners trapped in the rat-hole mines, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether bodies of all the miners have been recovered, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the ex-gratia compensation paid to the poor miners is far too inadequate; and

(f) whether the Ministry would pay the bereaved families adequate compensation, if so, the details thereof?

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### **Income and Expenditure of ICCR**

**1614 Col. Sona Ram Choudhary, VSM (Retd.) (Barmer):**

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

(a) the steps being taken for making India a cultural superpower;

(b) the details of the works being done through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR);

(c) the details of the income and expenditure of ICCR during each of the last four years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is taking/ proposes to take any concrete steps on the report submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs by the Parliamentary Committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government intends to promote the cultural campaigns empowering ICCR in comparison to the foreign diplomacy by providing more financial assistance and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Employment Survey**

**1615 Sh. Ravneet Singh (Ludhiana):**

Will the **STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION** be pleased to

state that:-

(a) the number of jobs created according to the Employment Survey and other official statistics from 2014-2018, State-wise, especially in the State of Punjab;

(b) whether there have been more job losses than job increases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government jobs have declined in the last four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the number of estimated jobs reserved for the 10 percent economically weaker sections?

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### **Conferring Ashoka Chakra**

**1616 Sh. Harish Dwivedi ( basti):**

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

(a) the details of the guidelines laid down for awarding Ashoka Chakra to the citizens; and

(b) the names of the persons to whom Ashoka Chakra has been awarded during the last four years and the current year?

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### **Mobile Towers in LWE Affected States**

**1617 Sh. A. Arunmozhithevan (Cuddalore):**

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

(a) whether it is true that the Government has sanctioned the installation of 4072 mobile phone towers in 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States to improve connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the total cost involved for the said project is Rs. 7330 crore and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to provide adequate security to these mobile tower installations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Crimes in Moving Trains**

**1618 Dr. Kirit Somaiya (Mumbai-north-east):**

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

(a) whether registering cases of crime on running trains is a complicated process due to confusion of jurisdiction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether due to this, passengers face great difficulties to register theft and other criminal cases on moving trains and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railway Protection Force is not empowered to register crimes on a moving train;

(d) if so, whether to ease the situation the Government is planning to give powers to Railway Protection Force to handle the complaints of crimes on a moving train; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Automatic Weather Stations in NER**

**1619 Sh. Radheshyam Biswas (Karimganj):**

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

(a) whether any modern automatic weather stations have been set up in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to link these weather stations with micro insurance programmes for farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any Government programme to understand the nature of monsoon pattern in these areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Funds for Various Schemes**

**1620 Sh. Kirti Azad (JHA) (Darbhanga):**

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

(a) the details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of this Ministry;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion if any of the said works?

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### **Appointment of Retired Bureaucrats**

**1621 Smt. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh (Kandhamal):**

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

(a) whether a large number of retired bureaucrats at senior levels have been re-employed as consultants/advisers etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this practice has affected the morale of serving officials and also affected the overall efficiency in the Government offices and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether re-employment of retired bureaucrats has also affected the employment opportunity of the youths and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has framed any policy before making such appointments and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Mining by China**

**1622 Dr. K. Gopal (Nagapattinam):**

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

(a) whether China was conducting mining activity close to the border with Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has taken up this matter with the Chinese authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **MSIPS**

**1623 Sh. Anandrao Adsul(Amravati) :  
Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde(Kalyan) :**

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

(a) whether the Modified Special Incentives Package Scheme (MSIPS) is being used to attract investments in electronics design and manufacturing segment and to provide subsidy of 20 per cent on investments in special economic zone and 25 per cent for nonSEZ zone;

(b) if so, the funds allocated by the Central Government for MSIPS and Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the total investment proposals received by the Central Government of India under MSIPS for electronics manufacturing in the country and the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of Electronics and IT is facing shortage of funds needed for disbursement of incentives promised under its various schemes to boost electronic manufacturing in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Ministry has calculated the amount likely to be required for disbursement of subsidies in the financial year 2018-19; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it will be arranged?

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### **Status of ROBs/RUBs in Gujarat**

**1624 Sh. Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava (Bharuch) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Gujarat for construction of railway overbridges and railway under passes during the last three years including the proposal-wise details thereof;

(b) the reaction of the Government to the said proposals;

(c) the number of such proposals of State of Gujarat which are still pending with the railways at present including the location-wise details of these proposals; and

(d) the location-wise details of the railway overbridges and railway under passes being constructed in Gujarat at present and their present construction status thereof?

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### **Indians Held Hostage**

**1625 Sh. Chandrakant Bhauroa Khair(Aurangabad) :**

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

(a) the number of Indian citizens, who were kept as hostage in other countries due to some reasons, repatriated to India from the year 2014 till date, country-wise;

(b) the number of Indian citizens, who were kept as hostage, died in foreign jails or prisons from the year 2014 till date;

(c) the number of Indian citizens languishing in foreign jails or prisons at present along with the details of crimes for which they have been imprisoned; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to repatriate those Indian citizens who were not involved in any crime or have been proved innocent but they have to stay in foreign jails due to some reasons?

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### **POCSO Act**

**1626 Smt. Kirron Anupam Kher (Chandigarh):**

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

(a) the status of establishment of child friendly courts across the country as per the guidelines under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act);

(b) the steps taken to ensure that court processes and procedures during pretrial and trial are child and victim friendly; and

(c) the details of resources being allocated to enable conclusion of child sexual offences cases within a year?

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## National Law School

**1627 Sh. Ramcharan Bohra ( jaipur):**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Law School/University in each State/UT;

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

(c) whether there is also any proposal to set up institutes of excellence in all States in the field of law education and research;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to reduce the duration of degree courses in law; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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## Telecom Services in Rural and Remote Area

**1628 Dr. Nishikant Dubey( Godda) :**

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

(a) whether the various telecommunication services including mobile and internet facilities are not satisfactory specially in the rural, hilly/ remote and tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such areas with poor telecom services/connectivity, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve these services?

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## Nutritious Food

**1629 Dr. Anupam Hazra (Bolpur):**

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

(a) the initiatives taken to serve nutritious, hygienic and easily digestible food items like fruit, leafy vegetables, etc. instead of currently served spicy and oily food; and

(b) the steps taken to provide safe drinking water to passengers according to guidelines of WHO?

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## Breach of Data by Social Media Sites

**1630 Sh. Parvesh Sahib Singh (West Delhi) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has noted any cases of data breach by private social media websites operating in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently asked the social networking firm Facebook to provide India specific details on the company's latest security breach and if so, the details thereof and response thereto;

(c) the details of disciplinary actions taken by the Government against any social media website operators for not complying with cyber laws in India within the last four years;

(d) whether the Government finds existing cyber laws in India adequate for ensuring data privacy in India and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, whether it plans to strengthen it and if so, the plan of action in this regard?

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### **Electrification of Railway Lines in Karnataka**

**1631 Miss. Km. Shobha Karandlaje (Udupi Chikmagalur):**

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

(a) the total railway network in the country that is yet to be electrified, Statewise;

(b) whether Karnataka is among the three worst States in the country with regard to electrification and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Karnataka has a total network of 3281 Km. and only 19 of existing lines in Karnataka are electrified, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the current status of electrification of Birur-Talaguppa (161 Km.), MysoreMangalore (347 Km.), Kadur-Chikmagalur (46 Km.) and Chikkabanavar-Hassan (166 Km.) along with the total cost of these projects and the funds allocated during the last four years; and

(e) the details of steps being taken by the Government to achieve the expeditious completion of electrification in Karnataka?

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### **Funds for Various Schemes**

**1632 Sh. Ramesh Chander Kaushik (Sonipat):**

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

(a) the details of the funds released to State of Haryana under various schemes of this Ministry including for sonapat;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilised under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the said works?

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## **Rail Connectivity**

**1633 Sh. R. Gopalakrishnan ( madurai):**

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

- (a) whether the Railways have started work on railway linking connectivity of Madurai with Karaikudi via Melur in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the work; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the project?

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## **Railway Zones**

**1634 Sh. Jayadev Galla ( guntur):**

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

- (a) the details of the Railway Zones in the country;
- (b) when each of the above Railway Zones were created and the reasons for creating each of such zones;
- (c) whether every new Railway Zone created fulfilled the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern, operational and administrative requirements;
- (d) if so, Zone-wise details with statistics thereof; and
- (e) the Gross income of each Division since its creation, division-wise and zone-wise?

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## **Installation of Solar Panels on Vacant Land**

**1635 Sh. Manoj Kumar Tiwari (North East Delhi):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to utilise its unused land for installation of solar electricity projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise specially in Delhi NCR;
- (c) the details about any proposal from any MNC in this regard and the progress so far made; and
- (d) the details about the time-frame for the completion of the project?

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## **Bomb Blast Mock Drill**

**1636 Sh. T.G. Venkatesh Babu ( chennai North ):**

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

- (a) whether the Railways has recently conducted mock bomb blast drill at some major railway stations in the country;

- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether lack of coordination is reported from various agencies dealing with railway security;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve the security in the railway premises; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Coal Mine Auction Targets**

**1637 Sh. Dharmendra Kumar(Aonla) :  
Sh. Vinayak Bhaurao Raut(Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg) :**

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

- (a) whether State rules are undermining the Centre's coal mine auction goals;
- (b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether States are insisting on fresh environmental and forest clearance that have delayed the monetisation of auctioned blocks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether regulatory hurdles at the State level are creating trouble for the Centre in meeting its ambitious coal mine auction targets;
- (f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Union Government to speed up the approval process?

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### **Integrated Software**

**1638 Sh. Gowdar Mallikarjunappa Siddeshwara (Davanagere):**

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

- (a) whether the Railways has undertaken a major IT initiative for an integrated software which can optimize about Rs. 50,000 crore for the national carrier over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed integrated software envisages timely availability of actionable information for authorized persons at place of use and enable improved data analysis and usage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Innovation by Research Institutes and Companies**

**1639 Sh. S. Rajendran(Viluppuram) :**

**Sh. Gajanan Chandrakant Kirtikar(Mumbai-North-West) :**

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

(a) whether the research institutions/ companies in the country are unable to provide adequate facilities and competent faculty to train young brains to undertake innovations in the field of science and technology;

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

(c) whether the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has grante loans to various institutions/companies on easy terms and conditions for research and development;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the norms adopted for granting the loan;

(e) the number of companies to which the loan has been provided, the period of loan and the details of the projects being undertaken by them along with the present status of loan recovery; and

(f) whether any company has got sick after taking loan and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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**Roads Maintained by BRO**

**1640 Sh. Nihal Chand Chauhan (Ganganagar):**

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

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding poor condition of roads maintained by Border Road Organisation (BRO) from various States/UTs including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government or Border Road Organisation in this regard?

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**Expansion Plan for Konkan Railways**

**1641 Sh. Ramachandran Mullappally ( vadakara):**

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

(a) the present status of the expansion plan for Konkan Railway Line;

(b) whether the proposal of Konkan Railway Corporation in this regard has been vconsidered by the Government and taken any decision; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Petty Cases Pending in Courts**

**1642 Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh (Surat):**

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

(a) the total number of petty cases going on in the Supreme Court, High Courts and lower courts in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to dispose of cases related to various public movements going on in the courts together; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Guidelines for Safety of Coal Mines**

**1643 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato (Bhandara-gondiya):**

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

(a) whether there are guidelines for safety and security of coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines are reviewed from time to time;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether certain accidents took place in coal mines during the year 2014 to 2019; and

(f) if so, the number of people injured in these accidents along with the relief provided to families of deceased persons?

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### **Solar Panels on Roofs of Trains**

**1644 Sh. Vishnu Dayal Ram (Palamu):**

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

(a) whether the Railways has installed solar-energy panels on the roof of some trains on a trial basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such trial; (c) whether the railways proposes to install the same type of solar-energy panels on the roofs of other trains as well;

(d) if so, the zone-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **FDI in Space Sector**

**1645 Smt. Poonam Mahajan (Mumbai-north-central):**

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

(a) whether the Government has issued any policy guidelines as specified by the Department of Space with respect to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in commercial launch vehicle development in the space sector particularly with the objective of promoting launch of small satellites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its entry route and the percentage of equity or FDI cap pertaining to the same;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to frame FDI policy guidelines relating to commercial launch vehicle development in the space sector and if so, the details thereof including the timeframe to implement such guidelines; and

(e) whether the Government has received any proposals to formulate FDI policy in commercial launch vehicle operations sector and if so, the details thereof?

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### **New Post Offices in Gujarat**

**1646 Sh. Prabhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava (Bardoli):**

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

(a) the number and details of new post offices opened/made functional in the State of Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) the number of new post offices out of these made functional in Surat and Tapi districts of Gujarat and the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the Taluka level post offices of Surat and Tapi districts whose buildings have been constructed including the time by which the damaged post office buildings are likely to be constructed?

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### **Implementation of Leave Rules**

**1647 Sh. Shivkumar Chanabasappa Udasi (Haveri):**

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

(a) whether the Government has implemented the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission related to Leave rules and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of extant rules for Compensatory Holiday and Special Casual Leave for staff of Central Government;

(c) whether compensatory leaves can be availed by a Gazetted Officer within the stipulated time of twelve months which was earned while he/she was a nongazetted staff, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any leave/benefits are provided to the gazetted officer for attending to official works on sundays/ holidays, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is urgent need for provision in Leave rules to permit sharing of Child Care Leave (CCL) between Government spouse, similarly like recent provision by Government for CCL for single male parent; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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## **Contractual Engagement of Retired Staff**

**1648 Dr. Ponnusamy Venugopal (Tiruvallur):**

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

(a) whether the Railways has opened the doors for contractual engagement in certain categories against existing vacancies to tide over shortage of staff in some key areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has also decided to engage retired staff for preserving and reviving railway heritage properties such as steam locomotives, vintage coaches and signals among others; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Telecom System**

**1649 Sh. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):**

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

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated funds to make telecommunication system speedy, effective and to develop it and to ensure its benefits reach the consumers during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof year-wise/ State-wise;

(c) the State-wise number of waitlisted applicants registered particularly in Buldhana Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra and other backward areas as on date, category-wise/exchange-wise; and

(d) whether effective steps are being taken to address the continuously increasing complaints of the telephone subscribers and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Cantonment on Bank of Ganga**

**1650 Sh. Mukesh Rajput (Farrukhabad):**

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

(a) the steps taken to safeguard the cantonments located on the banks of river Ganga;

(b) whether there is any scheme for beautification of the cantonments on the banks of river Ganga and its ghats; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Defence Deals with Foreign Countries**

**1651 Sh. Sriram Malyadri (bapatla):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to enter into a defence deal with foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of countries and total quantum of money involved in the deals;
- (c) whether any Indian company is involved in the deals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Frequency of Trains from Jodhpur to Palanpur**

**1652 Sh. Devji Mansingram Patel (Jalore ):**

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

- (a) whether a large number of citizens including farmers, labourers, students and traders travel between Jodhpur and Palanpur and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether due to less number of trains on this route the people have to opt road route under compulsion and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether thousands of people of Jodhpur, Jalor, Raniwara, Bhinmal and Sanchore go to Palanpur every day for their treatment through private vehicles which results in wastage of lot of time;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to increase the frequency of 74841/74842 Jodhpur Bhildi Passenger train; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

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### **BSNL Landline Telephones in Rajasthan**

**1653 Sh. Arjunlal Meena (Udaipur):**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to disconnect landline telephone connections of BSNL in rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to make alternate arrangements for these disconnected landline telephones; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Stealth Frigates for Navy**

**1654 Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde (Kalyan):**

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

(a) whether the Government has approved the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) in collaboration with Russia's United Ship Building to build two guided-missile stealth frigates for the Indian Navy and if so, the details and the present status thereof and the construction time fixed therefor;

(b) whether India and Russia have earlier signed a contract for the construction of four projects 11356 frigates, two of them being planned to be built at the Yantar Shipyard in Russia's Kaliningrad while the other two will be constructed at India's Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the Indian companies have shown their displeasure for this collaboration and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Union Government to involve the Indian Companies;

(d) whether the cost and other details had been discussed with the Russian authorities in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project; and

(e) the extent to which this will boost the defence preparedness of the country?

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### **Indians in Prisons of Foreign Countries**

**1655 Sh. Rabindra Kumar Jena (Balasore):**

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

(a) the details of Indian under-trials lodged in prisons in foreign countries, according to their domicile, sex and offence committed-wise; and

(b) the details of Indian convicts lodged in prisons in foreign countries, according to their domicile, sex and offence committed-wise ?

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### **Fast Track Courts**

**1656 Sh. Harishchandra Deoram Chavan (Dindori):**

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

(a) the criteria fixed for setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) in the country;

(b) the number of FTCs opened during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and along with the total number of FTCs set up till date;

(c) whether the funds being provided to FTCs are not adequate to meet the recurring and non-recurring expenditure being incurred by such courts and if so, the details of the funds provided, State-wise including Gujarat for the last three years and the steps taken by the Government with regard to inadequate funds;

(d) whether the Government has further extended the scheme and increased allocation for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the objectives of setting of fast track court and the facilities being provided by them along with the number of cases resolved by these courts, State-wise?

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## AWSs in Kerala

**1657 Sh. Anto Antony (Pathanamthitta):**

Will the **ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the salient features of the Automated Weather Stations (AWSs) being installed by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in the country;

(b) the details of functional AWSs in the State of Kerala, location-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has recently received proposal from the State Government of Kerala seeking the installation of AWSs to predict weather conditions in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

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## Transparency in Administration

**1658 Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel (Dakshina Kannada ):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken various measures to utilise technological intervention to bring transparency in the day-to-day administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said measures are yielding the desired results in bringing transparency in the system of administration and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the benefits to people and savings to exchequer by implementing the said measures to bring transparency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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## Schemes for Welfare of Minorities

**1659 Sh. Om Birla ( kota):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken initiative to assess implementation of various welfare schemes including 15 point programme and recommendations of Sachar Committee by various Ministries/ Departments and Skill Development in Textile sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds were not allocated to some districts in various States including Maharashtra for these schemes and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of States have failed to pass on the benefits of welfare schemes to the minorities particularly to the Muslims in the country;

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

(e) the effective measures taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the schemes implemented for minorities actually reach the intended beneficiaries?

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### **Internet Shutdowns**

**1660 Sh. A.P. Jithender Reddy (Mahabubnagar):**

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

(a) the year-wise details of cases of Internet shutdowns in the past five years where the duration was more than seven days;

(b) the alternative steps that were taken to provide connectivity to students applying for or appearing in exams; and

(c) whether the number of shutdowns for longer duration are increasing and if so, the reasons therefor?

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### **Reserved Category for Haj**

**1661 Sh. Rajeshbhai Naranbhai Chudasama (Junagadh):**

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

(a) whether the reserved category for four time applicants has been removed for the next Haj season, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the basis for fixing 70 years age criteria for confirmed reserved category;

(c) whether it implies that those below 70 years age are healthy enough to wait for next year;

(d) if so, whether Government has plans to reduce the age limit in this confirmed category, considering the various representations of the senior citizens; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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### **Hindus in Muslim Countries**

**1662 Sh. Gopal Chinayya Shetty (Mumbai-north):**

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

(a) whether the Hindus residing in certain Muslim countries are not allowed to perform their religious ceremonies such as funeral rites, puja, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such countries;

(c) whether the Government has raised the said issue with these countries; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

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## **National Business Register**

**1663 Sh. Ajay Misra (Kheri):**

Will the **STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to create a national business register by registering business enterprises under economic census to ensure proper employment opportunities to unemployed youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this work is likely to be completed and the extent to which it is likely to help in employment generation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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## **Reservation Policy**

**1664 Sh. Nagarajan P. ( coimbatore ):**

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

(a) whether the Union Government is implementing reservation policy and formula while recruiting personnel in all jobs/services in Central Government offices across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of employees appointed in the Central Government offices on reservation basis in sanitary/ scavengers category jobs, community-wise for the last three years; and

(d) the total number of sanitary staff working in all Central Government offices and subordinate offices across the country as on date, State-wise and communitywise?

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## **SHAKTI Scheme**

**1665 Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki(Ahmedabad West ) :**

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

(a) the salient features of the SHAKTI scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the list of States/UTs that are currently eligible under the scheme; and

(c) whether the State of Gujarat is currently eligible under the scheme and if so, the details of the sanctioned/ongoing projects that are being undertaken by the State of Gujarat as well as the funds transferred under the scheme?

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## **Call Drops**

**1666 Sh. Joice George (Adv.)( Idukki ) :**

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

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had recommended in October, 2015 to levy penalty on all the telecom companies in case of call drop from 1st January, 2016 and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has issued show cause notices to the erring telecom firms for call drop violations recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been receiving many complaints about the issue and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has any compensatory provision for the customers on the call drop issue;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with compensation per call drop to be paid by the TSP; and

(f) whether the provision of informing their subscribers by the telecom companies regarding compensation has also been made in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Corruption in Judiciary**

**1667 Sh. Shivkumar Chanabasappa Udasi (Haveri):**

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

(a) whether allegations of corruption on judges being involved in a medical admissions scam were levelled and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the allegations of rampant corruption in the judiciary;

(c) if so, the number of such complaints received during each of the last three years;

(d) the details of the mechanism being followed to deal with the complaints against Judges; and (e) whether the Government proposes to take effective steps on judicial accountability issue and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Atomic Energy Based Power**

**1668 Sh. Parasuraman K. (Thanjavur):**

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

(a) the total percentage share of the atomic energy based power supply in the overall electricity generation of the country;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to increase the atomic energy based power generation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total financial implication that is incurred in generating 100 MW of electricity through atomic energy;

(d) whether there are any plans to establish new atomic power stations, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the list of international agreements concluded by India on atomic energy in the last five years?

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### **Passenger Amenities**

**1669 Dr. Kulamani Samal (Jagatsinghpur):**

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

(a) the types of passenger amenities provided by the Railways in different railway stations in the country;

(b) whether foot over-bridge, station boundary and waiting rooms for passengers are available in all railway stations of Cuttack to Paradeep railway link and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing system of monitoring and checking the availability of passenger amenities provided by the Railways in different railway stations in Odisha and especially in all railway stations of Cuttack-Paradeep railway link; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to significantly improve the passenger amenities in different railway stations in Odisha and especially in all railway stations of Cuttack to Paradeep railway link?

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### **Unmanned Railway Stations**

**1670 Sh. Rajan Baburao Vichare (Thane):**

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

(a) the zone-wise number of unmanned railway level crossings in Maharashtra;

(b) the zone-wise number of railway level crossings without gates in Maharashtra

; (c) the number of deaths occurred at these railway level crossings and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the deaths at railway level crossings?

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### **Functional Coal Mine**

**1671 Dr. Jayakumar Jayavardhan(Chennai South) :  
Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli) :**

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

(a) the total number of functional and non-functional underground and opencast coal mines in the country, location and Statewise;

(b) the quantity of coal extracted from the functional coal mines during the last three

years and the current year and the details of revenue earned by the Government from these mines;

(c) whether the Government proposes to revive the non-functional mines and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open new coal mines and/or start mining in some new coal blocks during the current year and the Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, mine/ location/State-wise along with the names of the companies, public and private, to whom these mines are likely to be assigned for development?

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### **Attacks on Passengers**

**1672 Sh. Asaduddin Owaisi (Hyderabad):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that attacks on a particular community in trains have increased in the recent past in the country especially in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases where passengers were beaten, robbed and humiliated in trains in the recent past;

(c) the number of cases registered by Indian Railways with local police and GRP for investigation;

(d) the number of arrests made so far of the persons involved in these cases; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by railways for safety and security of passengers in trains and stations?

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### **Employment Opportunities for Muslim Youth**

**1673 Sh. J.C. Divakar Reddy ( anantapur):**

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

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Union Government to implement the schemes like skill development, nai manzil, nai roshni to increase the employment opportunities among the Muslim youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and (

c) whether the State also requested to set up career guidance centres where the minorities are more and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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### **Model Villages for SC/ST Community**

**1674 Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli ) :  
Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati ) :**

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

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology proposes to chalk out a programme to develop model villages for SC/ST community in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the villages identified for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) the salient features of the programme and funds allocated for the same during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include more villages in the programme; and

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

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### **Drinking Water Facilit**

**1675 Sh. Shashi Tharoor (Thiruvananthapuram):**

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

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking water facilities at Neyyattinkara Railway Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up toilets at Neyyattinkara Railway Station;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up parking facilities at Neyyattinkara Railway Station; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to re-construct the roofing for the entire platform at Neyyattinkara Railway Station, given the present dilapidated condition of the existing roof?

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### **Cloud Seeding**

**1676 Sh. B.V. Naik ( raichur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has turned down the plans of some State Governments to go for cloud seeding to induce artificial rain recently;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has advised the State Governments that they will have to bear the exorbitant cost of the programme and that the results in stimulating artificial rain might not be effective in tune with the expenses incurred; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Zero Tolerance Policy for Corrupt Officers**

**1677 Sh. Vijay Kumar Hansdak (Rajmahal):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has adopted zero tolerance policy with regard to corruption;
- (b) if so, the number of corrupt officers identified under the said policy during the last three years, department-wise details thereof;
- (c) the action taken against such corrupt officers on the basis of action framework fixed under the above said policy; and
- (d) the outcome of the said actions as of now and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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### **Public Wi-fi System**

**1678 Sh. Konakalla Narayana Rao (Machilipatnam):**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has asked the telecom companies to provide a roadmap for building public wi-fi system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response and feedback of the telecom companies in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the public wi-fi system at the earliest?

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### **Development of Supercomputers**

**1679 Smt. Santosh Ahlawat (Jhunjhunu):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has inked a deal with foreign corporation to procure supercomputers for academic and research institutions, if so, the details thereof along with the financial details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to launch broadband services readiness index for States, if so, the details thereof along with the status of National Digital Communication Policy;
- (c) whether Government has held discussion with WhatsApp officials for tracing the origins of misinformation spread through its messaging platform; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the strategy of Government in case WhatsApp expresses its inability to trace the origin of misinformation?

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### **Integrated Legal Division**

**1680 Sh. Dinesh Trivedi (Barrackpur):**

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



- (a) whether the Ministry seeks to create an integrated legal division;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the clubbing of Ministries in the proposed plan and the reasons for clubbing the Ministries in the said manner; and
- (d) the challenges that might arise in the implementation of the proposed plan and the steps being taken to remedy the same?

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### **Scrap Management**

**1681 Sh. Ram Tahal Choudhary (Ranchi):**

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

- (a) the location-wise and quantumwise details of railway scrap lying at present;
- (b) the rules of scrap management in the Railways;
- (c) whether the said rules are not being followed; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

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### **Advanced Watering System**

**1682 Smt. P.K. Sreemathi (Kannur):**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Railways has any proposal for the installation of an advanced watering system for railway coaches; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise?

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### **Free Wi-fi Zones**

**1683 Sh. K.R.P. Prabakaran (Tirunelveli):**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is going to introduce free wi-fi zones in colleges/schools/public places etc. across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Ministry in this regard;
- (c) whether there has been any fund allocation for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Justice Zakiullah Khan Committee**

**1684 Sh. P.K. Kunhalikutty (Malappuram):**

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

- (a) the terms of reference for which Justice Zakiullah Khan Committee was set up;
- (b) the details of recommendations of the Committee; and
- (c) the modalities for implementation of the recommendations?

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### **Simplification of Passport Process**

**1685 Smt. V. Sathyabama (Tiruppur ):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has simplified the process of obtaining passports or renewal of passports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also eased the process of obtaining passports and visas for the Indian Diaspora and Persons of Indian Origin; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **First Aid Facilities in Trains**

**1686 Smt. Savitri Thakur (Dhar ):**

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

- (a) whether the modern first aid boxes and facilities are available in the long distance trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the railway employees have got primary training in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Train Diversion to Jhansi Line**

**1687 Sh. Bhairon Prasad Mishra ( banda):**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the trains running from Jabalpur are being diverted to Jhansi line directly adjacent to Vansa Pahar instead of operating these trains via Manikpur Junction;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has decided to provide a halt station there with the name Manikpur Gramin to save the local people from the inconvenience due to it and to make their journey comfortable;
- (c) if so, the time by which the construction of this halt station is likely to be started; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Rising Heat and Depleting Water Sources**

**1688 Sh. Sanjay(Kaka) Ramchandra Patil (Sangli):**

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct detailed study of rising heat and depleting source of water due to global warming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the modern technologies proposed to be used for the said purpose?

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### **Launch of Science Channel**

**1689 Sh. Anil (alias Padmakar) Gulabrao Shirole (Pune):**

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Science Channels and 24/7 Science Channels across the country;

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

(c) whether it is also true that an agreement has been signed with the concerned in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Track Maintenance Blocks**

**1690 Sh. G.Hari (Arakkonam):**

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

(a) whether the Railways proposes to use artificial intelligence to manage track maintenance blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the artificial intelligence, that can diagnose the condition of rail tracks, will be used by the Railways to prepare a repair and replacement calendar and improve punctuality of trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is true that the unplanned track maintenance work is often cited as a reason for train operations descend into chaos; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Dwarf Container Service**

**1691 Sh. K. Ashokkumar (Krishnagiri):**

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

(a) whether the Railways has introduced a commercial service to run double stack dwarf containers on trains to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to this double stacked dwarf container service, the Railways has received increased revenue of Rs.18.50 lakh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Suicide Cases in Defence**

**1692 Dr. Anirudhan Sampath, (Attingal):**

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

(a) the number of suicide and fratricide cases reported in the armed forces during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to stop such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Afforestation along Tracks**

**1693 Sh. Ashok Mahadeorao Nete ( gadchiroli-chimur):**

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

(a) whether the Railways has formulated any scheme for afforestation along both the sides of railway tracks passing through cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme has been finalised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

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### **Robbery in Trains**

**1694 Sh. Ranjanben Dhananjay Bhatt (Vadodara):**

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

(a) whether several incidents of passengers robbed in trains have been reported;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete and effective steps to ensure the safety of passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these steps are likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **New Emigration Rules**

**1695 Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Raver):**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new emigration rules and regulations to replace the existing Emigration Act, 1983 in view of the paradigm shift in volume of migration over the last 35 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute new authority to take care of this paradigm shift to study and review and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up new separate bureau to handle the volume of migration in respect of overseas migration as well as students pursuing higher studies abroad?

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### **Cases of Irregularities/Corruption**

**1696 Smt. Kamla Devi Patle (Janjgir-champa ):**

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

(a) whether cases of alleged irregularities/corruption or inordinate delay in the development of stations have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof along with the reasons for the delay;

(c) the current status of such cases;

(d) the details of the funds made available by the Government for the development of above stations during the above period along with the amount utilized as per information given by the developer; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure the development of these stations all over the country on time and to check the irregularities/corruption and inordinate delay in their development?

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### **Indians Facing Problems in Foreign Countries**

**1697 Sh. Alok Sanjar (Bhopal ):**

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

(a) whether the Government has got representations from Indian diaspora regarding problems being faced by them in the countries of their residence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise number of complaints which came to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the nation-wise details of the steps taken by the Government to resolve their problems through channels of embassies?

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### **Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation**

**1698 Sh. Elumalai V. (Arani):**

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

(a) whether India has urged for support from Russia, China, South Africa and Brazil with a view to create a new security forum to counter terrorism and radicalisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the forum could be realised through an understanding among the National Security Advisors of the member countries of the grouping; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Data on Sustainable Development Goals**

**1699 Sh. Akshay Yadav (Firozabad):**

Will the **STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether there is any data sharing policy with different State Governments on Sustainable Development Goals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the committee has recommended changes in the policy of data sharing and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to frame a policy to share data, doing away with the existing means that would centralize database on different variables with cross bifurcation of socio-religious groups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the mode of dissemination of data?

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### **Ongoing Railway Projects in Bihar**

**1700 Sh. Janardan Mishra (Rewa):**

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

(a) the present status of various ongoing railway projects in Bihar;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects in a time bound manner

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has proposed to bear some cost of the said projects for their timely completion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

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