

Lok Sabha

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

Total No. of Questions - 20

Rail Connectivity from Barhni to Kathmandu

***161 Sh. Jagdambika Pal (domariyaganj):**

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start a rail line from Barhni to Kathmandu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the work on the said project has been started, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for expeditious completion of the above project in a time bound manner?

LHB Coaches

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

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

(a) the number of trains in the country equipped so far with Linke Hofmann

Busch (LHB) coaches;

(b) whether the Government proposes to equip all the trains with LHB coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working on any other project to modernise trains after the introduction of Train-18 and Train-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure passenger safety and security and to check accidents; and

(e) whether any scheme is being implemented in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Televisions from Vietnam

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

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

(a) whether the Government has received any request from electronics manufacturing industry with regard to banning of import of televisions from Vietnam after a twenty five times jump in the import of the same from Vietnam within the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the extent to which the electronics industry of the country is likely to be benefited by the said ban?

Maintenance under Northern Railway Facility

***164 Sh. Mohanbhai Kalyanji Kundariya (Rajkot):**

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

(a) whether the Government has received any representations requesting for carrying out the maintenance of 12957/ 12958 (Ahmedabad-New Delhi Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express) under the facility of Northern Railway instead of Ahmedabad and if so, the details thereof;

- (b) the action taken by the Government on such representations;
- (c) the existing handling capacity for carrying out primary maintenance/secondary maintenance/terminal attention etc. for all sorts of trains under the Northern Railway facility; and
- (d) the details of all trains and general time taken for carrying out such maintenance?

Doubling of Rail Track

***165 Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi (Thoothukkudi):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has accorded approval for doubling and capacity expansion of 160 KM long MaduraiVanchimaniyachi-Thoothukudi railway track, if so, the details and the present status thereof; (
- b) whether the said project is progressing as per time schedule, if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated and utilized in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the time and cost overrun; and
- (d) the effective measures being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the project without any further delay?

Revamping of Railway Stations

***166 Sh. Rebati Tripura(Tripura East) :**

RAILWAYS :-

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to revamp all the Railway Stations of Aspirational Districts in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time-frame set for the completion of these projects in various States and UTs including Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and North-Eastern States?

Refurbishment of Stations

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

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

(a) whether the Railways proposes to refurbish certain stations across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the historical Thane railway station at the central railway route has been selected for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of works proposed to be carried out in this regard;

(d) the time by which the refurbishment of the said station is likely to be started; and

(e) the amount of funds allocated for the purpose and the present status of the said project?

Trade between India and Central Asia

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

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY :-

(a) whether the volume/quantum of trade between India and the countries of Central Asian region is not upto the desired level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study and survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase trade with Central Asian countries during the last three years and the current year along with the success achieved therefrom?

Eliminating Unmanned Level Crossings

***169 Sri Nisith Pramanik(Coochbehar) :**

RAILWAYS :-

(a) the total number of level crossings across the country at present, State/UTwise;

(b) the total number of unmanned level crossings on all the existing and operational rail lines;

(c) the time-limit, if any, set by the Government to eliminate/convert unmanned level crossings into manned level crossings on the operational rail lines;

(d) the details of alternative provisions made by the Government for the users at places where unmanned level crossings have been eliminated; and

(e) the total amount of funds spent/ likely to be spent on the aforesaid project?

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit

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

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS :-

(a) whether India participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit held recently in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the countries which participated in the said summit;

(c) the details of leaders of different countries with whom India held meetings outside the SCO summit at Bishkek along with the issues discussed and consensus arrived at the meetings;

(d) whether leaders of different countries have asked India and Pakistan to resolve issues bilaterally and start discussion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Banswara-Ratlam-Dungarpur Rail Project

***171 Sh. Kanakmal Katara (Banswara):**

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

(a) whether the Government has accepted in principle an ambitious railway project to connect tribal areas of Banswara with Ratlam and Dungarpur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total land acquired for the purpose and compensation paid by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the said railway project keeping in view the welfare of tribal people?

Construction of Motorable Suspension Bridge

***172 Shri. Tapir Gao (Arunachal East):**

Will the **DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs. 19.00 crore for construction of Motorable suspension bridge between BRTF road and Komsing at Sangam point in Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for non-completion of the bridge even after a decade;

(b) the present status of the bridge construction and the manner in which monitoring of the bridge is being done; and

(c) the time by which the bridge is likely to be completed and the number of such bridges pending for construction in the State of Arunachal Pradesh?

Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

***173 Sh. M. Selvaraj(Nagapattinam) :**

RAILWAYS :-

(a) the details along with the total number of railway projects viz., electrification of railway lines, conversion of meter-gauge into broad-gauge, construction of ROB (Railway Over Bridges) etc. that are pending and incomplete across the country, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed in all respects; and

(c) the total funds allocated and spent for these projects during the said period, project and State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu?

Entry of Women in Sabarimala Temple

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

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

(a) whether the Government is considering or is in the process of drafting any legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution, to overturn the judgement of the Supreme Court of India in Indian Young Lawyers Association & Ors. vs the State of Kerala & Ors. in writ petition (Civil) No. 373 of 2006 which allowed women of all ages to enter the Sabarimala temple;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dedicated Freight Corridors

***175 Sh. Suresh Kodikunnil (Mavelikkara):**

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

(a) whether the Government has approved and sanctioned major and capital intensive rail infrastructure projects as part of the year 2022 deadline and if so, the details thereof along with the details of works completed in each segment including the status of such projects in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has also expedited the works of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DFC comprises of southern States of India including Kerala, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the reasons, if any, for the delay in completion of DFC; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issues at all places particularly for the stretch in Uttar Pradesh to meet the deadline of target including fixing of responsibility of officials for the delay in completion of DFC?

Data Collection by Mobile Applications

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

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of large amount of personal data collection by mobile application developers in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has put in place/proposes to bring in any mechanism for ensuring safety and prevention of misuse of the data collected by such mobile application developers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints pertaining to data misuse by mobile application developers/ companies in the country during each of the last five years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Electrification of Railway Lines

***177 Sh. Kaushal Kishore(Mohanlalganj) :**

RAILWAYS :-

(a) whether the Government is planning to take up electrification of railway lines in the country;

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

(c) the details of the electrification of railway lines being taken up passing through Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh along with the quantum of funds estimated to be spent thereon;

(d) the details of steps being taken by the Government to achieve/ensure the expeditious completion of electrification in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, particularly Chennai-Kanyakumari railway line; and

(e) the quantum of funds estimated to be spent on the electrification of all railway lines in the country, State/UT-wise?

Influx of Chinese Products

***178 Sh. Sunil Kumar Mondal (Bardhaman Purba):**

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether huge influx of Chinese products in the Indian market has affected the domestic manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Pine and Lemongrass in Railway Offices/Trains

***179 Shri. Ravindra Shyamnarayan (Gorakhpur):**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide pine and lemongrass in railway offices and trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said arrangement is likely to be made; and
- (c) the name of the agency selected to make the said arrangement?

New Tracks and High Speed Trains

***180 Shri. D. K. Suresh (Bangalore Rural):**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to transform India's railway network with new track and high speed trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made any progress so far in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of new tracks laid and high speed trains introduced in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government has set any time frame to achieve the said objective and if so, the details thereof?

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,

Dated: June 27, 2019.

Secretary General.