

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Commercial Coal Mining

*441. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ
JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has opened commercial coal mining to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when it has been opened;

(c) whether currently the Coal India Limited (CIL) is the world's largest miner being allowed to sell coal to end-users and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CIL has not been able to fulfil its responsibility due to which the commercial coal mining has been allowed/opened to the private sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that the opening of coal mines to the private sector is transparent?

Protection of Interests of Outsourced Employees

†*442. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared by the Government to monitor the entire process relating to protection of the interests of the employees recruited through outsourcing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of the measures taken by the Government for the protection of the interests of employees from outsourcing agencies?

Translation of SC Judgments

*443. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a new App to read the Supreme Court (SC) judgments has been developed/is in the process of being developed to read judgments in various languages including Telugu and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;

(b) whether the Government is aware that SC judgments would be translated and uploaded on its website in some vernacular languages of the country including Telugu language;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the names of such languages and the progress made in this regard so far including the steps, if any, taken by the Government to include Tamil language for this purpose; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated and utilised so far for this purpose?

Start-up India Scheme

*444. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR
ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the start-up India Scheme and the number of

registrations done under this scheme since its inception across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised and the targets set/achieved thereunder so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the State Governments which have formulated start-up policies in their respective States at present;

(d) the names of the top five States with the highest number of registrations and execution of start-ups in the country; and

(e) the number of registrations done under the scheme during the last two years in the State of Odisha?

Problems Faced by Indians Living Abroad

*445. MOHAMMED FAIZAL
P.P.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which have been brought to the notice of the Ministry/Government concerning the issues of Indians living abroad, particularly from the Gulf countries during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is any committee or body in the Ministry which regularly reviews the problems being faced by the Indians living abroad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Flexi Fare System

†*446. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people are preferring to travel by flights instead of trains due to higher fares in trains having flexi fare system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of passengers in the passenger trains with flexi fare system has declined;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of seats/berths booked in such trains as per their passenger capacity and the seats/berths that remained vacant since the inception of flexi fare scheme, till now, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government is likely to start normal ticket pricing fixation system after discontinuing the flexi fare system in view of its failure; and

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

Environment Friendly Technology

†*447. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways is one of the largest consumers of energy in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Railways to use environment friendly technologies to expand its network judiciously; and

(c) the quantum of solar energy being utilised by the Railways at present?

Unmanned Level Crossings

*448. SHRI BALASHOWRY
VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unmanned crossings in the country, zone and State-wise and in the newly proposed South Coastal Railway Zone;

(b) whether the Railways has decided to advance 2020 deadline to get rid of unmanned level crossings and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds/budget allocated for removing unmanned level crossings in the country during the last three years and the current year, year and zone-wise;

(d) the details of funds spent and utilised during the above said period, year and zone-wise; and

(e) whether the Government is going to do away with 19,500 manned level crossings and if so, the details thereof?

Tenure/Service Period of Senior Officers

*449. SHRI RAMCHARAN
BOHRA:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing prescribed rules/instructions/guidelines

including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission for posting/transfer/rotation of the Railway Government officials;

(b) the details of the officers in the Railways who are posted/working in Delhi and in zonal headquarters beyond the prescribed period of tenure along with the reasons for over staying the prescribed period of their tenure and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strictly implement the guidelines/instructions in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that many officers get their posting in Delhi in Northern Railway, Railway Board, PSU or on deputation and continue there for decades and/or get their posting back in Delhi in short period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to limit the total tenure/service period of senior officers at one place, *i.e.*, in Delhi or Zonal Headquarters and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

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

Modernisation of Railways

*450. SHRI A.
GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to modernise the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the process of modernisation is going to be taken up

along with the sectors/areas decided for the purpose;

(c) the total budget earmarked for modernisation and funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year; and

(d) the time by which the modernisation of Railways is likely to be completed?

Padma Awards for Sainik School Teachers/Staff

*451. SHRI ANNASAHEB
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recommended or proposes to recommend through the Sainik School Society, the names of teachers/staff of Sainik Schools who have done exemplary work in their respective fields for Padma Awards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Fast Track Courts

*452. DR. MOHAMMAD
JAWED:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the States/UTs to set up Fast Track

Courts (FTCs) to speed up disposal of pending cases and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more FTCs in the country, especially in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FTCs are not being set up in some States, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds allocated to the States to strengthen the judicial system during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has also directed the States to establish FTCs to expedite cases relating to offences against women, children, differently abled persons, senior citizens and marginalised sections of the society, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Conference of CMs and Chief Justices held in 2013 and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the States thereto?

Accommodation to Military Personnel

*453. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the military personnel/armymen are facing difficulty in getting official accommodation for their families in the metros like Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide official family accommodation for serving personnel in such cities, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether changing schools mid-term due to transfer of armymen is a major challenge to them;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for changing the transfer procedure; and

(e) whether the army personnel posted in risk areas are facing difficulty in getting insurance cover or insurance claims, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

*454. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated the work of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) Project from Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the current status of the project, State-wise;

(c) whether in some States, it would be on single line and without electric line;

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

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be fully operationalised?

Encroachment on Railway Land

†*455. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:
MS. ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether encroachment on railway land is still prevailing and if so, the details thereof as on date, zone-wise;

(b) the problems being faced by the Government in removing such encroachments;

(c) whether such encroachments are reportedly taking place in collusion with the Railway officials and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

Upgradation of Railway Stations

†*456. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to upgrade 400 railway stations including Chitrakutdham Karwi railway station under North Eastern Railway in view of tourism and commercial importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard;

(c) whether Sawai Madhopur station has been included therein, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of developers who have shown keenness to redevelop these railway stations?

Construction of ROB

*457. SHRIMATI NAVNEET
RAVI RANA:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to construct Road Over Bridge (ROB) between Amravati-Badnera Chaman Nagar, Panch Bangla;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Mobile/Internet Connectivity

*458. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether approximately eleven thousand villages in the State of Odisha have no mobile connectivity, the highest in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the mobile towers in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the State have low radiating antennas with low bandwidth thereby restricting the internet facility to insignificant levels, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the mobile/internet connectivity in the villages and the LWE areas of the State and the time by which the said task is likely to be accomplished?

Adarsh Railway Station

*459. SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coimbatore Junction in Salem Railway Division (Southern Railway) was selected under the Adarsh Station Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including date on which it was selected along with the funds allocated/utilised thereunder and the passenger amenities upgraded so far; and

(c) the time by which the modernisation programme is likely to be completed?

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New Trains between Jammu and Katra

†*460. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of passengers travelling between Jammu and Katra has been steadily increasing and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to run more new trains or DMUs keeping in view the said increase;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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