

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*Wednesday, November 27, 2019/Agrahayana 6, 1941(Saka)*

**(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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स 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

#### Decline in Coal Output

\*121. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the decline in coal output;

(b) the manner in which such decline will affect the thermal power sector; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the coal output, considering the current economic situation?

#### Recruitment in Army

†\*122. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recruitment in the Army is conducted on the basis of the population of a State;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the percentage of population of a State eligible to be recruited along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the time since when the said rule has been in place;

(d) whether the said rule is uniformly applicable to all the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Broadband /Internet Facility

†\*123. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of rural population is deprived of broadband/

internet facility, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of villages provided with internet connectivity under the BharatNet Project so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has not been successful in achieving the target fixed for providing internet/broadband connectivity to villages and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the broadband project design for rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the expert committee related to the National Optical Fibre Network has suggested measures to revive the Bharat Broadband Network and demanded to set up an empowered project group and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Government has asked the States to submit the report on BharatNet project and certain States have proposed their own broadband network model, if so, the details thereof?

#### Vernacular Languages in Examinations

\*124. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations for allowing the candidates to use Scheduled language including Kannada to appear in the examinations conducted by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of candidates who used vernacular languages in their examinations during the last three years, year and Scheduled language-wise?

#### Divisional Railway Managers

\*125. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines for short listing and posting of Divisional Railway Managers in the Indian Railway [No. E(O) (III-2016/p2/02 dated 16/08/2016)];

(b) the reasons for the absence of guiding principles for exercise of discretion by Chairman, Railway Board in clause 3.1 of the above guidelines;

(c) the meaning and scope of the expression 'Public Interest' occurring in clause 15 of the above guidelines;

(d) whether the expression 'Public Interest' mentioned in clause 15 of the above guidelines includes providing opportunity for career advancement to highly motivated officers who have been consistently given "outstanding grade" in Annual Confidential Reports for a long period *i.e.*, 8-10 years by giving them age relaxation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether relaxations under clause 15 of above guidelines have been given to any officer and if so, the details thereof along with the grounds for such relaxations?

### Ban on Sand Mining

\*126. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to ban all the sand mining activities in the Yamuna river in the near future;

(b) if so, the details including the plan outlay and implementation procedure thereof, especially in Delhi/NCR; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Hindi Medium for Competitive Examinations

†\*127. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competitive examinations held for the Indian Forest Service, Indian Economic Service, Indian Statistical Service, Geological and Engineering Service cannot be written in Hindi medium due to their technical nature;

(b) if so, whether the Government has ever selected Hindi as a medium for such technical education related competitive examinations;

(c) if so, the basis on which Hindi has been deprived as a medium for such examinations; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

### Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

\*128. SHRIMATI SANDHYA  
RAY:

SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has been made functional and if so, the details thereof along with its structural and financial status;

(b) the projects taken up by the RVNL for implementation during the last three years and the current year and the status of their implementation;

(c) whether the RVNL has achieved the objectives for which it was set up and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the performance of the RVNL has been very poor in executing the railway projects during the last three years; and

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

### Startup India Scheme

†\*129. SHRI NABA KUMAR  
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Startup India' scheme of the Government has been implemented in Assam also;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder during the last three years;

(c) the details of the criteria laid down/ fixed for availing benefits under the said scheme; and

(d) whether there are any special provisions for the General Category, Other Backward Classes and Minority Community under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

### Railway Projects

\*130. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA  
CHARANDAS  
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) the status of those projects along with the estimated cost, expenditure incurred and the scheduled date of their completion?

### National Statistical Office

\*131. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding restructuring of statistical system by merging the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) to form the National Statistical Office (NSO);

(b) the details of impact of merger on the independence of NSSO-generated statistical information system and the current status of the National Statistical Commission, particularly following the resignation of two such statisticians; and

(c) whether the centralization of data is likely to affect the timely release of the statistics for public research and debate, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

### Incentives for Electronics Manufacturers

\*132. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposed fresh incentives and subsidies for electronics manufacturers;

(b) whether the Government proposes to incentivize the States by matching fifty per cent of the investments made by them in the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and Intelligent Electronics Segment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of renewal for the Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (MSIPS), Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) and the Electronic Development Fund (EDF);

(d) whether the incentives proposed by the Government would also include setting up of new IT Parks and Centres in the country in addition to the existing IT SEZs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the probable formation of new clusters and

special zones in Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru?

#### Upgradation of Signalling System

†\*133. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to upgrade the signalling system to cope up with the pressure of traffic on Delhi-Rewari railway line and to run more trains on this section and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal has been received to divide the lengthy block from Khalilpur to Rewari into two parts for signalling purposes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the work to increase the height of Bhojawas halt platform is pending for more than one year as tender was cancelled due to paucity of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time limit for completion of the said work?

#### Tumkur-Chitradurga-Davanagere Railway Line

\*134. SHRI A. NARAYANA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the survey for Tumkur-Chitradurga-Davanagere Railway line along with the reasons for delay in conducting the survey, if any;

(b) the status of land acquisition for Chitradurga-Davanagere Railway line;

(c) the details of land acquisition completed so far for the project; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the land acquisition process along with the reasons for delay, if any, in this regard?

#### International Support on J&K Issue

†\*135. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is reportedly getting frustrated and spreading false propaganda against India after removal of Article 370 and 35-A from Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan is being condemned and not being taken seriously on this issue by the international community and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India is getting extensive international support on this issue and Pakistan has become isolated from the international community; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### Rail Projects

†\*136. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of under construction/pending Rail Overbridges (ROBs)/Rail Underbridges (RUBs) as well as unmanned/manned level crossings in Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the said rail projects are going on in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cost escalation is taking place due to delay in the implementation of the said projects and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take steps for early completion of the said sanctioned and under construction projects in Maharajganj, UP; and

(e) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

#### Defence Space Research Agency

\*137. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Defence Space Research Agency (DSRA);

(b) whether India has developed deterrence capability against adversaries who may attack Indian satellites to cripple systems in times of war; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage students to take part in Space research?

#### Cyber Warfare Threats

\*138. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Armed forces are prepared for handling cyber warfare threats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken steps and allocated funds to enhance the capability for undertaking offensive cyber warfare attacks?

#### One Country-One Voter List

†\*139. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for preparing 'one country-one voter list' in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the time by which such list is likely to be completed?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Mining Activities**

†\*140. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted permission to private companies for mining, particularly in backward and

tribal dominated areas of the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that private companies engaged in mining activities in the said areas set up industries in tribal dominated areas only; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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**LOK SABHA**  
**CORRIGENDUM**

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Question No.	Correction
137	Name of Ministry: <u>for</u> "PRIME MINISTER" <u>read</u> "DEFENCE"

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**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA**  
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