

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; 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

Radiation Norms

†*221. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any instructions to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) regarding the implementation of norms pertaining to adverse effects of Electromagnetic Field Radiation from Base Transceiver Stations;

(b) if so, the details of such instructions; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against such TSPs not following/adhering to the said instructions during the last three years?

Services Provided by BSNL and MTNL

†*222. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed merger of BSNL and MTNL is likely to help in improving the quality of services being provided by the said companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said companies would be able to provide 4G and 5G services; and

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

Animal Deaths due to Train Accidents

*223. SHRIMATI PRATIMA
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of animal deaths recorded due to train accidents during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the animals injured in accidents are provided proper treatment;

(c) the list of places providing such care/treatment, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect wildlife from train accidents?

High Court Benches

*224. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish High Court Benches in various States including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the criteria adopted/formalities required by the Government for establishment of these Benches; and

(d) the details of the States where such Benches have already been established?

Railway Projects

*225. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status/progress of works relating to new railway lines, doubling,

gauge conversion, electrification and signalling during the last three years, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised on the said projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?

Decline in FDI Inflow

*226. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) into India has declined in the financial year 2018-19 as compared to previous years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the same;

(c) if so, the details and the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has the data of FDI invested and/or proposed in the States of Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure Projects

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

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the data published by his Ministry, about 355 infrastructure projects, each worth more than Rs.150 crore, have shown cost overrun by 20 per cent;

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

(c) the extent to which delay in the clearance and implementation, slow down in economy and labour unrest are responsible for cost escalation of infrastructure and other projects; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for restriction of cost escalation and timely completion of projects?

Catering Services in Railways

†*228. SHRI DILESHWAR
KAMAIT:
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to increase the rates of food items being provided in various trains including Rajdhani and Shatabdi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the responsibility of making arrangements and supervision of catering services in these trains has been entrusted to the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation or any third party;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps for improving the quality of food served in trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner/extent to which the said hike will help in improving the quality and quantity of catering services in the Railways?

Import of Chicken Legs

*229. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic poultry sector has been adversely affected due to the import of chicken legs from the United States, especially in the Namakal district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of chicken legs imported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has a system in place for the import of livestock products, especially chicken legs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to block the cheaper imports so as to protect the domestic poultry market; and

(e) whether the Government has assessed the impact of consumption of highly freezed chicken on the health of people, if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to protect the Indian poultry sector?

Collision of Trains

*230. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether two trains collided at the Kacheguda station in Telangana recently and if so, the details thereof and the number of casualties reported therefrom;

(b) the amount of compensation proposed to be paid to the families of the deceased and those injured in the said accident;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted to ascertain the reasons for this accident and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government against those responsible for the accident; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid such type of accidents in future?

Recruitment through Outsourcing

†*231. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH ALIAS LALAN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to retrench employees working in the Railways and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether this retrenchment is limited to only Group-D and Group-C employees or it applies to the Group-A and Group-B employees also;

(c) the total number of employees working in the Railways as on date, Group-wise along with the number of employees belonging to OBC, SC, ST and General category;

(d) the Group-wise number of posts vacant in the Railways at present and the number of posts likely to be filled by the year 2020, group and category-wise; and

(e) whether employees have also been recruited/appointed through outsourcing in Railways and if so, the details thereof along with the total number of employees recruited/appointed through outsourcing as on date including the last date of their contract, Group-wise?

Evaluation of Private Train Operation

*232. SHRIMATI RAKSHA
NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a special task force comprising Secretaries to evaluate the private train operation and station re-development projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the review of the first private train Tejas for its operative criteria?

Rail Over Bridges/Underpasses

†*233. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suggestions/proposals received for the construction of Rail Over Bridges/Underpasses in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the number of Rail Over Bridges/Underpasses sanctioned for construction at railway crossings out of the above;

(c) whether the work relating to Rail Over Bridges at Vyara, Madhi and Dastan on Udhna-Jalgaon railway line (Tapti) in Bardoli is stuck up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in this regard and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Train Ambulance Services

*234. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT
PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways provides train ambulance facility in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways is considering to have dedicated train ambulance services to transfer the poor sick passengers from one destination to another and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has any facility to transport dead bodies from one place to another by train and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Railways is considering to develop such facility so that people can transport the dead bodies of their relatives?

Use of Landline Telephones

†*235. DR. BHARATIBEN
DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of landline telephones has decreased considerably and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has assessed/ascertained the reasons for the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote the usage of landline telephones by lowering the landline tariff on the basis of zero rental or on the lines of mobile phone rates so as to restore/enhance the faith of the people in landline phones and also to utilise the established infrastructure of the Department/telephone exchanges; and

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

Anti-Collision Device

†*236. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of installation of anti-collision device to control rail accidents;

(b) whether this device has been successfully checked and installed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the action plan to improve the device and make it more effective to control rail accidents;

(d) whether any machine/equipment is also being used in addition to taking assistance of Railway employees to know the condition of rail tracks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the mechanism used in other countries to know/assess the condition of rail tracks?

Sainik Schools

*237. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry runs/operates Sainik Schools and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether a number of requests from different States including Jharkhand and Tripura for opening of Sainik Schools are pending with the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in sanctioning of Sainik Schools;

(c) whether it is a fact that girls are not allowed to take admission in Sainik Schools; and

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

Mining of Potash

†*238. SHRI HANUMAN
BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether potash mineral reserves have been found during survey in Nagaur and Bikaner districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the places where the said reserves have been found, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate and implement any policy for rehabilitation and development of villages/areas likely to be affected from mining of potash before such mining and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total amount likely to be spent for the development of concerned districts out of the revenue received from the said mining of potash; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Performance Analysis of Tejas

*239. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR
SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has made any analysis to find out the performance of Tejas Express so far and if so, the details thereof along with the details of operational expenditure and earning of Tejas Express so far;

(b) whether the privatized Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express has earned around Rs. 90 lakhs in the first month of privatization and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also examined the factors and analysed the

reasons and methods of operation by a private firm that are responsible for such profit *vis-a-vis* the other passenger trains of Indian Railways which are not earning to that extent and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the average occupancy of private trains is much higher than the other trains run by the Indian Railways and if so, the facts thereof;

(e) the average amount for private trains fixed for utilization of Indian Railways infrastructure along with the share of profit and fees to be paid by the private players for using Indian Railways capital and infrastructure; and

(f) whether such operational system is proposed to be implemented in other trains across the country for smooth functioning without loss to the Government and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Towers

*240. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH
SHEWALE:

NEW DELHI;
November 28, 2019
Agrahayana 7, 1941 (Saka)

SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a scheme to install mobile towers at 2199 locations identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 9 States which are affected by Left Wing Extremism and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the present status of such towers;

(b) the cost of the project along with the financial assistance provided by the Government to BSNL for installation of such towers since inception of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government/BSNL is lagging behind in installation of mobile towers on the said locations from the target set in the scheme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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