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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

e-Commerce Policy

*41. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn up a clear roadmap to exploit the benefits of the digital economy while safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government on the country's e-Commerce Policy to tackle cross border data flows?

Indo-US Industrial Security Agreement

†*42. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and USA propose to sign an Industrial Security Agreement for transfer of technology by a USA firm to its Indian partners in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the implications of such agreement on defence sector of the country;

(d) whether India and USA are likely to sign a key foundational defence agreement for mutual access to high accuracy geospatial maps; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

SDG India Index

*43. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has recently released the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country has made significant progress to meet the targets under the SDGs;

(d) if so, the details of progress made by the Government in meeting the various targets set under the SDGs so far; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to achieve the SDGs within the stipulated timeframe?

Linking Social Media Profiles with Aadhaar Number

*44. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any policy to link social media profile of the users with their Aadhaar number;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to keep a check on the spread of fake news, pornographic and anti-national content on the social media?

Free Holding of Properties in Cantonments

*45. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases for free holding of properties in Cantonments pending with the Ministry in which twenty five per cent of the land value has been paid by the applicants along with their applications in respect of Old Grant Bungalows and Leased properties; and

(b) the details of cases for free holding of properties in Cantonments which have been accorded approval till date separately in respect of Old Grant Bungalows and Leased properties?

Canteen Stores Department

*46. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) has been stopped in the areas where the number of serving army personnel is less than 100;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such Canteen Stores Department closed in the country, State/UT-wise?

Product Patent of Various Medicines

*47. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether product patents are granted to medicines for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), Tuberculosis (TB), Cancer, Cardiovascular diseases and Diabetes; and

(b) if so, the details of the patented molecule (International Nonproprietary Names) along with the date of the patent application, date of the patent grant, patent application number, patent number, name of the patentee and expiry date of the patent in respect of medicines patented for the treatment of each of the above mentioned diseases?

Railway Lines in Uttarakhand

†*48. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress report/current status of the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag and Tanakpur-Bageshwar railway lines in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether the construction work of the said railway lines has started;

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

(d) whether the demand to link Ramnagar-Chaukhutia railway line with Gairsain in Uttarakhand is being considered;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of Aadhaar Data

*49. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the rampant Aadhaar Fraud in the Kalyana Lakshmi Shaadi Mubarak Welfare Scheme introduced by the Telangana Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any investigation in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop such misuse of Aadhaar data?

Heritage Stations

*50. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any proposal to restore, modernize and beautify the railway stations, particularly heritage stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the purpose, station-wise and division-wise; and

(c) the estimated time line for the start as well as the completion of the said project?

Ban on Import of Chinese Products

†*51. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:
SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Chinese products whose import is proposed to be banned by the Government;

(b) whether the Government proposes to ban Chinese mobile phones which emit excessive radiation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details along with the number of imported Chinese products whose samples reportedly failed the tests conducted by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(d) whether the Government has identified/proposes to identify and ban the imported Chinese products whose quality is really bad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Multilingual App of the Supreme Court

†*52. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the new app 'Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software' launched by the Supreme Court of India is likely to become functional;

(b) the number of languages in which the app is going to provide updates about the legal proceedings;

(c) whether the provisions are also in place to make the information accessible to the visually impaired;

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

(e) whether any other new digitization initiative is being taken to increase the access to legal information by all the citizens of the country including print disabled citizens in near future and if so, the details thereof?

BharatNet Project

*53. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated under the BharatNet Project since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(b) the length of optical fibre cable laid down under the said project, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats that have been provided with broadband connectivity under the scheme till date, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of functional Wi-Fi hotspots in the country, State/UT-wise;

(e) the reasons for delay in achieving the targets under this scheme; and

(f) the time by which the Government proposes to achieve the target of providing broadband connectivity to all the 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats?

Absence of Proper Lighting at Stations

†*54. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that passengers face difficulties in identifying the station in darkness due to lack of proper lighting at railway stations located in rural areas;

(b) whether passengers also face difficulties due to the absence of an announcement system in the trains about the next station;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make arrangements for the advance announcement of name of the next station as well as written information in each coach through screening board on the lines of metro trains to address the said problem; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

GDP Growth Rate

*55. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that National Statistical Office (NSO) has estimated India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 at 5 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has dipped to its lowest over the last few years;

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

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to raise the GDP and the manner in which the Government proposes to address the adverse impact of the lower GDP in all spheres?

Coal Mines Operating without Clearances

*56. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mines of Coal India Limited (CIL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) or their subsidiaries are operating without valid Environment Clearance, Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate;

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

(c) the reasons for not procuring the required certificates from the concerned authorities;

(d) whether any action has been taken against CCL or its subsidiaries by the respective State Pollution Control Boards, State Environment Ministries, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) or any Central or State Government body including the State department of mines and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any monetary penalties or cess have been imposed on CCL or its subsidiaries for operating mines without proper permissions since the year 2014; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of penalties imposed on CCL and its subsidiaries, year-wise?

Illegal Occupation of Land in Cantonments

*57. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of illegal occupation of land of cantonment areas have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such encroachments have been causing serious operational problems and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to redress such problems and the outcome thereof?

Special Economic Zones

*58. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, State/UT-wise along with the share of SEZs in the total export from the country during the last four years;

(b) whether the Government has set up or has any proposal to set up any SEZ in the North Eastern Region (NER) and if so, the details and the locations thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has explored setting up of such zones in various States in the NER to boost trade with neighbouring countries and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has appointed any Panel for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the said Panel has suggested any changes in the SEZ Rules and if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken, if any, by the Government in this regard?

Consensus on Poverty Line

†*59. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consensus has emerged on the modified *modus operandi* for defining poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the present details in this regard mentioning the expected date of its declaration;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to work out a permanent solution for determining the poverty line by linking it to price index for ensuring that the poverty line could be more realistic; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line

*60. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey on the Thalassery-Mysuru railway line has been stopped and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railways has almost shelved the Nilambur-Nanjangud railway line project and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the revised Thalassery-Mysuru project had been the only hope for the people of Malabar for connecting Mysuru and Bengaluru directly through a railway line; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to restore the work of Thalassery-Mysuru railway line survey at the earliest?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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