

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, March 17, 2021/Phalgun 26, 1942 (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)

Total Number of Questions — 20

### Regulation of Social Media

†\*301. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint a regulator to make social media accountable and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by the Government against social media companies so far and the number of people whose social media accounts have been suspended during the last one year; and

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the impact of Government's control over social media *vis-a-vis* right to freedom of expression enshrined in the Constitution and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

### Inconvenience due to Non-Operationalisation of Trains

†\*302. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people are facing inconvenience due to non-operationalisation of trains on several routes owing to COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the time by which the trains, which are not running due to COVID-19, are likely to restart; and

(c) the total revenue loss suffered by the Railways due to suspension of operation of trains throughout the country due to COVID-19 pandemic?

### Shortage of Judges

†\*303. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the shortage of judges and the vacant posts in the courts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the process of recruitment has started against the said vacancies during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether any assessment has been made regarding the number of such vacant posts in Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof?

### Fare of Special Trains

\*304. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the trains running at present are special trains and the fares are also higher than the previous ones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to restart all the trains and reduce the fares to pre COVID-19 pandemic level;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether only ready-to-eat items are being sold in trains and if so, whether there is any plan to restart full catering services in trains; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Road Construction along Border

\*305. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:  
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 137 roads were proposed to be built in three phases along the Indo-China border and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these roads are adhering to the completion deadline;

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

(d) the details of the other ongoing road projects along Indian International border, sector-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these roads?

#### Chandrayaan Mission

\*306. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state the present status of India's aborted Chandrayaan mission which is considered as the nation's most ambitious space journey to Moon?

#### Telecommunication Towers in Villages

†\*307. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country including Deoria district in Uttar Pradesh, where telecommunication towers have been set up during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Telecom Company-wise;

(b) whether the telecommunication network condition/position in the villages is poor and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to improve the telecommunication network in such areas and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

#### Definition of Poverty

†\*308. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee/task force was constituted for making changes in the definition and in the criteria of poverty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date on which the said task force was constituted along with the date on which the task force submitted its report; and

(d) the reasons for delay in considering the said report?

#### GIS Mapping of Industrial Zones

\*309. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has been entrusted to promote Indian Industry, Industrial Management, E-commerce and Start-ups and facilitating Ease of Doing Business, etc. in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DPIIT has been working on creation of a GIS-enabled database of industrial zones to help entrepreneurs identify preferred locations for investments;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether DPIIT is developing the Industrial Information System (IIS) which provides plot-level data and availability of updated land-related information in real time; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Mobile and Internet Services in Rural and LWE Affected Areas

\*310. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in rural areas and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the country which are yet to be connected with mobile telephone and internet services, as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the schemes/programmes implemented by the Government to ensure mobile and internet services in each village of the country;

(c) the details of the funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of such unavailability of mobile telephone and internet services on its Digital India Programme;

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

(f) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

### e-Commerce Companies

\*311. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AICCI) has demanded the Union Government that some big e-commerce companies be banned from operating in India due to excessive discounts, low pricing and restrictions on goods and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the said e-commerce companies have also exploited loopholes in the FDI policy and foreign exchange regulations;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the action taken/being taken by the Government against these companies; and

(d) if no action has been taken/proposed to be taken, the reasons therefor?

### Implementation of PMGDISHA in Rajasthan

\*312. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals educated and certified as digitally literate under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) as on date;

(b) whether the implementation of the said scheme has been sluggish in the State of Rajasthan;

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

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

### PSKs in Assam

\*313. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Assam;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to open and operate more PSKs in Assam so as to facilitate the people in getting and renewing passports and other related services;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the places where these PSKs are proposed to be opened/operated; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Challenges Faced by Armed Forces

\*314. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country faces the challenges of modernising its ageing military hardware, indigenising its military hardware to ensure self-sufficiency and harmonising its combat power to ensure that it can defend its borders against security threats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government to meet these challenges; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in regard to the country's problems of prioritising spending and getting its armed forces to plan to fight together rather than coordinate their operations in integrated theatres?

### Landline Connections

\*315. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing landline connections in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the reasons for decline, if any, in the number of landline connections during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use the existing landline connection infrastructure/facilities for any other purposes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the future of the said infrastructure/facilities?

### Keralites Stranded in Gulf

\*316. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Keralites were stranded in Dubai enroute to Saudi Arabia due to recently imposed air travel restrictions in the Kingdom and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Keralites who had served 14 day quarantine in Dubai before leaving for Saudi Arabia have been affected and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to provide travel permits to the stranded Keralites in Dubai in consultation/co-ordination with the concerned Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of Pune-Nasik Railway Line**

†\*317. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for construction of Pune-Nasik railway line in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed along with the amount of funds likely to be spent in this regard?

**Redevelopment of Railway Stations**

†\*318. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to hand over 50 railway stations including Delhi and Mumbai to the private sector under Public Private Participation (PPP) model;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to levy user charges from the passengers for the redevelopment and improving facilities at major railway stations on the lines of airports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
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**Gulbarga Railway Division**

\*319. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Committee to submit the viability/feasibility report on Gulbarga Railway Division which was announced in 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Legal Literacy Outreach Programmes**

\*320. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Legal Literacy outreach programmes conducted in the past three years;
- (b) the total number of women legal representatives trained through these outreach programmes; and
- (c) whether the Government, through State Women Commissions, proposes to expand the areas covered and if so, the details thereof?

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