

# 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)

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### SHAKTI Policy

\*121. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India) policy for better allocation of coal to present and future power plants in the country;

(b) the main features of SHAKTI policy and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(c) the list of States currently eligible under SHAKTI policy;

(d) whether SHAKTI policy has been transparent and has helped to address the coal linkage problems of all the stressed power plants;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the details of the sanctioned/ongoing projects under the said scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

### Lok Adalats

\*122. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set up more Lok Adalats in the country to clear pending cases in High Courts and Lower Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of Lok Adalats presently functioning in various States;

(c) the number of cases cleared by the Lok Adalats during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the extent to which it has reduced the number of pending cases in High Courts and Lower Courts?

### Reforms in Coal Sector

†\*123. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated schemes for making several important reforms in the coal sector keeping in view the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Campaign and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated schemes to grant approval to commercial mining in coal sector and to provide financial assistance for producing gas from coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any concrete scheme to reduce the import of coal and to increase its domestic production capacity and if so, the details thereof?

### COVID BEEP

\*124. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:  
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the COVID BEEP which was developed by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in collaboration with the IIT Hyderabad and the ESIC Medical College, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is India's first indigenous and cost effective monitoring system for COVID-19 patients and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to undertake the production of COVID BEEP on a large scale; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Railway Network in Gujarat

†\*125. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several areas in Gujarat are still not connected by railway network due to which people in the said areas are deprived of railway facility and development in these areas is stalled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to start projects to connect these areas of Gujarat by railway network to ensure railway facility for people living in the said areas and also development of these areas?

### Upgradation of Calicut Railway Station

\*126. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to upgrade Calicut railway station with the help of Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC);

(b) if so, the details regarding the plans proposed in this regard;

(c) whether any progress has been made by IRSDC in the development of Calicut railway station to international standards; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the works undertaken in this regard?

### Utilization of CSR Funds

\*127. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to utilize Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund of coal companies for the development of coalfields especially in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such development works being carried out;

(c) the quantum of funds accrued and utilized by coal PSUs for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the status of physical progress of such development works/activities;

(e) whether any of the coal PSUs has defaulted in spending CSR funds and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) whether any relief is being provided to the families of the miners who suffered accidents and if so, the details thereof?

### Restoration of MPLADS Fund

\*128. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has relaxed the conditions of MPLAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that in this pandemic when lakhs of people are dying, there is an emergent need to help people and Members of Parliament are not able to help these people because Government has frozen the MPLADS fund for two years, *i.e.*, 2020 and 2021;

(c) whether the Government in view of the emergency situation in the country, will restore the frozen funds; and

(d) whether the Government also plans to increase the MPLADS allocation from Rs.5 crore to Rs.10 crore?

### Land Monetisation Policy

\*129. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry/Army's Land Monetisation Policy has not been implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any land revenue loss due to non-implementation of the said Land Monetisation Policy and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the land of Sabeya Airbase in Gopalganj, Bihar is lying unused for many years and if so, the reasons for non-utilization of this land; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to use this land of Sabeya Airbase for defence purposes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Electric Loco Periodical Overhauling Workshop

†\*130. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Union Budget, the Government has approved a new railway project "Electric Loco Periodical Overhauling Workshop" for Kalahandi district in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said railway project is likely to be launched; and

(d) the funds allocated by the Government for the said project along with the details thereof?

### Foreign Aid

\*131. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRI BALUBHAU *ALIAS* SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of foreign aid received from April, 2021 till date, including the dates and destinations of such allocations;

(b) whether any foreign aid consignments are pending for allocation and if so, the details of the same including reasons for delay in allocation;

(c) the details of every foreign aid consignment received as COVID-19 relief from April, 2021 till date including the date of receipt, the quantum and nature of each consignment and the respective donor country; and

(d) the details of the procedure/formula followed to determine the allocation of these received resources, including the resource type and quantities to be distributed?

### IT Hubs in Small Cities

†\*132. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Information Technology (IT) Hubs in small cities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to give an impetus to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Railway Underpass

†\*133. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are 25 villages near Bandikui including Bhojwada and Deladi

villages where an underpass is needed to be constructed between pillar nos.175 to 500 of Bandikui-Baswa railway line and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also aware of the need to construct an underpass near Bhojwada village as one lakh people of around 40 villages are affected by the delay in the construction of the said underpass and people have to go an extra 45 kms and the farmers of the village are not able to approach their land as their land is on both sides of road;

(c) whether the Government is likely to include the construction of the said underpass under the National Rail Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Recruitment through RRBs

\*134. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the number of persons recruited through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) have been declining in the recent years and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(b) whether the number of contractual appointments are steadily increasing in the Railways in the recent years and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken note that the general public has expressed concern over privatization of Railways which is causing loss of jobs in the direct recruitment of RRBs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

### Reservation of Seats through Biometric Machines

†\*135. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme to reserve seats through biometric machines installed outside general coaches;

(b) if so, the trains wherein such arrangement has been implemented and the trains wherein such arrangement is proposed to be made;

(c) the trains originating from Etawah wherein such arrangement has been made; and

(d) in case such arrangement has not been made so far in the trains originating from Etawah, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be made?

**Covid-19 Drug**

\*136. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenously developed Covid-19 drug, 2-deoxy-D-Glucose (also known as 2-DG) has been priced at Rs. 950/- per sachet;

(b) if so, the reasons for not pricing the drug by the DRDO Lab at affordable price;

(c) the arrangements of marketing of 2-DG drug through Dr. Reddy's Laboratories;

(d) whether Dr. Reddy's Laboratories is being paid commission in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Development Works under Aspirational Districts Programme**

\*137. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:  
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts identified in Bihar and Assam under the Aspirational Districts Programme;

(b) the details of the development works carried out in the said districts along with the details of the institutes/agencies carrying out the said works;

(c) the district-wise details of the amount of funds allocated for the said programme;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to cover more districts under the said programme in view of high unemployment rate in various districts of Bihar and Assam; and

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

**TRIPS Waiver**

\*138. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether with an aim to enhance vaccine production for corona, India and other developing

countries have sought Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) waiver on covid related technology, raw material and component;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether World Trade Organization (WTO) has also supported this demand of developing countries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether recently Prime Minister also addressed G-7 nations and sought support in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present position on TRIPS waiver?

**New Cyber Security Policy**

\*139. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to frame/introduce a new Cyber Security Policy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for strengthening cyber security during each of the years between 2015 and 2021;

(c) the details of the capacity building exercises undertaken/being undertaken by the Government personnel to deal with cyber security threats; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to develop infrastructure to avert cyber attacks in all Government departments?

**Infrastructure for Coal Industries**

\*140. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the lack of proper infrastructure for coal industries in the State of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Odisha has been granted any specific funds to develop infrastructure for coal industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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