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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)

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VIP References

*321. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether VIP references for release of HO quota by the Ministry of Railways/Indian Railways/Zones are not being given priority in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of references received and quota released during the last three months, Zone-wise;

(c) whether complaints/representations from VIPs/Members of Parliament have been regularly received against officials of MR Cell for deliberate bias and irregularities in treatment of VIP references; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

authority empowered to act against companies following unethical business models and infringing on the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms in the country, particularly in e-commerce sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up a regulatory authority for the e-commerce sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring in a national e-commerce policy to set up legal and technological framework for restrictions on cross-border data flow and laying out conditions for businesses regarding collection or processing of sensitive data locally and storing it abroad; and

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

Startups

*322. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Startups registered and funds raised by these companies/ventures till date, especially during pre and post Covid-19 situation, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of the private equity and venture capital deals by Startups in the country during the last five years, sector, deal, year and State/UT-wise including Telangana?

Formation of Regulatory Authority for FDI

*323. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Apex Body of Trading Community in the country has sought formation of a regulatory

Dominance of Private TSPs in Telecom Sector

*324. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) firmly dominate the Telecom Sector in the country now and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided by the private TSPs and public TSPs till June, 2021, separately;

(c) the share of private TSPs in the total number of telephone connections;

(d) the factors responsible for less share of public TSPs in the Telecom Sector despite having huge infrastructures;

(e) whether the Government has examined the aforesaid factors and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the share of public sector TSPs in Telecom Sector and the success achieved by the Government so far in this regard?

Safety in Coal Mines

*325. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal companies are not paying sufficient attention to the safety, security and other facilities to labourers working in coal mines in the country, especially those working under contract;

(b) whether a large number of deaths are reported from different coal mines either private or Government owned each year due to accidents, ill health and other reasons;

(c) if so, the number of deaths reported during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the steps taken or instructions issued to coal companies for ensuring safety, security and other facilities to labourers working in coal mines;

(e) whether the Government proposes to amend Coal Mines Act keeping in view the present scenario in coal mines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Backlog of Court Cases

*326. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Government to aid the Judiciary in reducing backlog of cases in various High Courts of the country;

(b) the total number of vacancies for the post of Judges in all the High Courts of the country and the total sanctioned strength thereof;

(c) the total number of vacancies for which the Government is yet to receive names for appointment;

(d) whether the Government is planning to formulate a new Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) for appointment of High Court Judges and for improving the current collegium system for appointments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

Compassionate Ground Appointments

*327. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government extends special consideration to the families of Central Government employees who die in harness while working at his/her workplace and whose death is attributed to the Service for providing suitable employment to the Next of Kin on compassionate grounds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of Judges in Calcutta High Court

*328. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendations for appointment as Judges of Calcutta High Court made by Supreme Court collegium and sent to Union Government from 01.07.2019 to 01.07.2020;

(b) whether the then Additional Solicitor General of India alone was cleared for the post of Judge for Calcutta High Court by the Union Government but not the other State Government law officers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and details of sanctioned posts of Judges of the Calcutta High Court and vacancies that are lying therein; and

(d) the time by when all the posts of Judges would be filled up by the Government?

Vaccination for NRIs

*329. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is prioritising vaccination for NRIs who are currently in India and waiting to go back to their workplaces abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government plans to prioritise vaccination for such NRIs?

Semi High Speed Railway Line in Kerala

*330. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any project report from the State Government of Kerala for a 530 km dedicated Semi High Speed Railway Line connecting the two ends of the State;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is yet to give its final approval or definite clearance for the project although approval in principle had already been given for the same; and

(d) if so, the time by when the Government is likely to grant final/definite clearance for the said project?

Network Connectivity Problem in Tamil Nadu

*331. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the huge network connectivity problem in Kolli Hills of Namakkal district in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the number of VIP references received by the Ministry over the period of last ten years in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to install a new Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) tower in the aforesaid area and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of vacancies in BSNL in the districts of Namakkal and Karur in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) whether many broadband complaints are reportedly not being attended to by officers of BSNL due to the said vacancies and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Suburban Railway Services in Kerala

*332. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce more suburban railway services in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan with proposed dates thereof?

Judge-Population Ratio

*333. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge gap between sanctioned and actual strengths of Judges in Supreme Court, High Courts and Subordinate Courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any norms have been laid down regarding the ratio of the number of judges to the total population of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made or proposes to make any assessment of the judge-population ratio in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the judge-population ratio has deteriorated in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to improve the judge-population ratio in the country?

Industrial Corridors

*334. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development and upgradation of the industrial corridors in Tamil Nadu and adjoining States;

(b) the details of investment, land acquisition, funds allocated and released for the development and upgradation of the said corridors;

(c) the reasons for delay in the progress for development and upgradation of the said corridors; and

(d) the number and the details of jobs likely to be generated directly and indirectly due to the establishment of these industrial corridors in Tamil Nadu and neighbouring States during the next three years?

Ordnance Factories

*335. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:
SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of ordnance factories in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government has decided to go for corporatization of ordnance factories;

(c) whether all the 41 ordnance factories are proposed to be converted into seven corporations;

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

(e) the reaction of the employees/unions/federations thereto;

(f) whether the Government has taken into account the impact of such decision on security and defence preparedness of the country and also on service conditions of all the employees working in the ordnance factories;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

MoUs in Space Science & Technology

*336. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI
SOMABHAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has signed MoUs for cooperation in civil space science, technology and education with other countries during the financial year 2020-21;

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

(c) whether ISRO has allocated funds for the above cooperation in education sector and if so, the details thereof?

War Histories

*337. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the History Division of the Ministry will have a panel of bureaucrats for drafting and publishing official war histories from the vetted declassified records in five years' time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the officials can create the 'authoritative compilations' that may mould public understanding of historical events and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will consider including prominent military historians in the panel whose domain proficiency will ensure more authentic accounts;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of the new policy on declassifying, compiling, publishing and archiving war records including the significant declassification procedure from the Public Record Rules, 1997;

(f) whether the Defence organizations will implement an automated uniform system to categorize, preserve and declassify war records every five years till they are declassified in their 25th year;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allotment of 5G Spectrum to BSNL

*338. SHRI THIRUMAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allotted/allowed 5G trial spectrum to the largest public sector telecom service provider, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); and

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

Direct Railway Line between Hyderabad and Vijayawada

*339. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering any proposal to build a direct railway line between Hyderabad and Vijayawada along National Highway No.65;

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

(c) the details of the time currently taken and distance covered by trains during the journey between these two cities;

(d) whether this time and distance can be reduced significantly by connecting these two cities *via* a railway line along National Highway No. 65 and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of high speed trains running between these two cities currently and whether the Government is planning to increase their number; and

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

Commuted Pension

*340. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government permits retiring officials to commute their pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria/rules fixed by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the commuted portion of pension paid is recovered from the monthly pension of retired Government servant and if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed this scheme after its introduction;

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

(f) the year in which the recovery period for commuted pension was fixed and the rate of interest of banks at that time; and

(g) whether in view of the reduced rate of interest of banks now, the Government proposes to review the

recovery of commuted pension amount on the basis of prevailing rate of interest and if so, the details in this regard?

NEW DELHI;
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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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