

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Steel; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Line Capacity Utilization

*201. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the 'Line Capacity Utilization' of the Railways, zone-wise, especially for the Vijayawada division;

(b) whether the Government has any plans to construct a Dedicated Freight Corridor along the Vizag-Chennai industrial corridor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a need has been felt to undertake an evaluation survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the congestion on rail routes connecting Visakhapatnam-Sambalpur and Raipur-Vizianagaram line; and

(e) the details of the measures being taken to resolve the congestion?

One Nation One Ration Card Plan

†*202. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued instructions to the State Governments to issue ration cards to the eligible beneficiaries in a new standard format as part of One Nation One Ration Card plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the beneficiaries under the said plan can get ration from any fair price shop in the country under National Food Security Act (NFSA); and

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

Survey of Khargone-Barwani Rail Project

†*203. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special railway project is likely to be initiated in Khargone-Barwani so that the tribal community gets benefited from the project;

(b) if so, the name of the Districts through which the said railway project is likely to pass and the time by which it is likely to be completed along with the details thereof;

(c) whether this railway project has already been surveyed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the survey of Khargone-Barwani rail project is likely to be completed?

Antimicrobial Copper

*204. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement in February, 2021 that certain copper alloys provide long-term effectiveness against viruses, including SARS-COV-2;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plans to utilize antimicrobial copper in train coaches, railway stations and platforms to prevent the spread of infections during times such as the current pandemic and provide inbuilt 24x7 safety systems to the passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Approval for K-Rail Project

*205. SHRI HIBI EDEN:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted new documents/clarifications for the K-rail (Silver Line) project for approval and permission, on or after 02 February, 2022 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has re-examined the project on or after 02 February, 2022 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the grant of approval/permission/NOC by the Government for the project is likely to depend on the technological/economic/financial viability of the said project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Union Government that the State Government is moving ahead with the project without conducting proper environmental impact studies and if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to increase the speed of existing trains passing through the State?

Vacancies in Railways

*206. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has notified vacancies and conducted the recruitments for filling up various posts in the Railways during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise along with the future initiatives in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken or being taken for improving the services of the railway canteen;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints from passengers in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps/initiatives taken in this regard?

Royalty Rates of Minerals

*207. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised the royalty rates with respect to major minerals found in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the royalty rates of the major minerals were last revised and the steps taken by the Government for revision of rates of major minerals?

Special Recruitment Drive

†*208. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in all category groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Railways across the country, zone-wise/region-wise;

(b) the number of posts for which appointments have been made in all category groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start any special recruitment drive to fill these vacant posts;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be initiated; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

One District One Product

*209. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic value has been created, exports increased, employment generated and entrepreneurship encouraged under 'One District One Product' scheme in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal Reserves

†*210. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal reserves available in the country at present;

(b) the quantum of coal in tonnes produced by the Coal India Limited during each of the last three financial years;

(c) the quantum of coal in tonnes imported in the country during the last three financial years; and

(d) the details of the special measures initiated by the Coal India Limited to increase the production of coal?

Exploration of Minerals

†*211. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) conducts regular explorations to mine new minerals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any survey has also been conducted in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the minerals likely to be found in various districts of Madhya Pradesh where survey has been conducted by GSI?

One Station-One Product

*212. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to popularise the 'One Station-One Product' concept of the Railways, to help local businesses and supply chains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has planned to introduce 400 Vande Bharat trains and 100 Cargo Terminals for logistics over the next three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 2,000 km of network is likely to be brought under Kavach, the indigenous world-class technology for safety and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for integration of Postal and Railways networks to provide seamless movement of parcels?

Loco Pilot Training Centre

†*213. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps to open a state-of-the-art upgraded Loco Pilot Training Centre, Upgraded Railway Track Training Centre or Multi-departmental Training Centre in Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Discontinuation of Halt at Dabra Station

†*214. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the halt of Gondwana Express has been discontinued at Dabra station, which has resumed operations from 05 July, 2021;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is the only important train for the people of Dabra and adjoining areas to travel to Delhi; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the discontinuation of the halt at Dabra station even after getting adequate revenue from this train and the steps taken/likely to be taken to re-instate the halt at this station?

Discrimination in Procurement of Crops

†*215. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central agencies are showing discrimination towards certain States in the procurement of crops under Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove such discrimination;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints from various States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government against such agencies;

(e) the State-wise details of the crops procured from the farmers on MSP fixed during the last seven years;

(f) whether the Government proposes to determine the MSP based on the price fixed by the farmers; and

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

Rubber (Promotion and Development) Bill 2022

*216. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought public opinion regarding repeal of Rubber Act, 1947 and the

introduction of the new Rubber (Promotion and Development) Bill 2022 and if so, the details thereof including the number of suggestions received in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has received requests/representations not to withdraw the Rubber Act, 1947 and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to withdraw the move to repeal the Rubber Act, 1947 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereto;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has suggested modifications to the draft Rubber (Promotion and Development) Bill 2022 and draft Spices (Promotion and Development) Bills 2022 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is likely to consider the modifications suggested by the State before finalizing these bills and if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh

*217. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing and pending railway projects in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh including Bhind-Datia Parliamentary constituency; project/area-wise;

(b) the details of targets fixed during the current year for development of new lines/gauge conversion/doubling projects in Madhya Pradesh including Bhind-Datia Parliamentary constituency;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the development of railway projects in Madhya Pradesh in the budget during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23;

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Railways to speed up these pending railway projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(e) the number of projects out of the above that are lagging behind the schedule; and

(f) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Foreign Trade Policy

†*218. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for formulation of foreign trade policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also taken any initiative for free trade agreement with various countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the likely benefit for India therefrom;

(e) whether the Government has also made any assessment of impact of these trade agreements on the trade of agricultural products, especially on dairy and dairy products of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Marine Pollution

*219. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, Australia and Singapore have come together to address marine pollution with a focus on plastic debris during the recently concluded workshop;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein and the views of the various participants during the said workshop;

(c) the manner in which this workshop has provided an impetus to East Asia Summit (EAS) countries for exploring and informing each other about the challenges, questions and solutions to marine litter especially plastic research, use, design, disposal, recycling, and future collaborations for a plastic-free and healthy ocean for sustainable development; and

(d) the suggestions shared by various participants as to the manner in which the growing problem of marine pollution is to be dealt with in the coming years?

Indo-Ukraine Trade

*220. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indo-Ukraine trade during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment of the trade between India-Russia and India-Ukraine due to the present crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the likely impact of present Russia-Ukraine war on India's trade with Ukraine and Russia in terms of India's exports to these countries;

(d) whether the Union Government is apprised of present business scenario in the light of Russia-Ukraine war and if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) whether the Government has assessed the post war scenario in Ukraine and if so, the details thereof and the likely future of Indian companies post war; and

(f) whether the present Ukraine-Russia crisis could provide an opportunity to India to export its bumper wheat stock to the countries in need and if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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