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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; 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)

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BSNL Network in Aspirational Districts

*381. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) network in Aspirational Districts in Uttar Pradesh is very poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the names of the places in the State of Uttar Pradesh where new mobile towers are proposed to be set up by the Government and the details of the plans to increase the internet speed in the said region?

Export of Agricultural and Processed Food Products

*382. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed by the Government for export of agricultural and processed food products during the current fiscal year and in the coming year;

(b) whether India's exports of agricultural and processed food products rose to a substantial level during the current Financial Year and till date and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the targets fixed by the Government for the current fiscal year, 2021-22 has been achieved and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the impact of significant rise in agricultural exports on the farmers' income during the said period;

(e) whether the Government has held any consultations with the various States for the implementation of Agriculture Export Policy; and

(f) if so, the details of various initiatives taken and work done by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in the country during the last three years for boosting the exports of agricultural and processed food products?

Scientific Achievements

*383. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organised a Science Week, "Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate" on light scattering and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the programme has been designed to make youth feel proud about India's scientific achievements and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken on the occasion of National Science Day to offer forums where freewheeling discussion of such themes are organised epitomising the true spirit of Science in the States including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) the details of the present status and response received in this regard along with the funds sanctioned and spent thereon till now, State-wise?

Production of Organic Cotton

*384. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production and area of cultivation of organic cotton increased from 300% to 400% after COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of India's organic cotton production and exports in terms of quantity and value;

(c) whether any organic certification agency violated the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) in organic cotton certification recently and was suspended by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in January, 2022 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the organic certification agencies certified those grower groups with area and production and if so, the details thereof?

Authentication of Social Media Accounts

*385. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to bring a law which will ensure and authenticate the social media accounts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to authenticate social media accounts through Aadhaar, Voter Cards and other official documents to rein in fake news; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the steps which the Government envisages to take in order to stop the spread of fake news?

Stoppage of Trains at Karnal Railway Station

†*386. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 124 trains pass through the Karnal railway station daily and it includes Jan Shatabdi to passenger and freight trains;

(b) if so, whether more than half of these trains do not have stoppage at this station as 58 trains have been provided stoppage while 66 trains do not have halt at this station;

(c) if so, whether the citizens and the passengers have been writing letters to the Chief Minister and Member of Parliament for providing stoppage of the trains at the said station for the last many years but no action has been taken so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether passengers have to take long distance trains from Kurukshetra, Panipat, Sonipat and Ambala junctions due to this reason; and

(f) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Financial Assistance to Tea Industry

*387. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subsidies and financial assistance being provided to the tea industry during the last three years;

(b) whether there are any pending subsidies from the Government, particularly to the tea growers in North

Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduars;

(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated for the welfare of tea garden workers and its utilisation status during the past three years;

(d) the details of the assistance provided for small and independent tea growers and entrepreneurs; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to promote small growers and the details of the schemes run for them by the Government?

Adarsh Station Scheme

*388. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Adarsh Station Scheme has been fully implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details of the stations that are yet to be developed; and

(d) the present status of stations under this scheme in Jharkhand?

Closed Coal Mines

*389. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to address the concerns of the closed coal mines in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the closed coal mines along with the plans of the Government for using them for alternative purposes?

Mobile Internet in Maharashtra

*390. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current penetration percentage of Mobile Internet in rural and urban areas in Maharashtra State;

(b) the details of the current status of the BharatNet Scheme and the number of beneficiaries covered under the above said scheme;

(c) the time by which Maharashtra State is expected to achieve 100% internet coverage;

(d) the status of the PM WANI Scheme and the expected number of beneficiaries in the State;

(e) whether internet facility is not available in many far-flung areas of Maharashtra even today and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to start the facility of mobile internet connectivity in these areas and if so, the details thereof?

Optical Fibre Cable

*391. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of villages connected by Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), year-wise from 2014 till date;

(b) the details of phase-wise completion of BharatNet including the original timelines for completion, actual dates of completion and current status of each phase;

(c) the details and the number of villages yet to be connected by OFC, State-wise; and

(d) the annual pace of laying OFC from 2014 till date?

Khurda Road - Balangir New Railway Line Project

†*392. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the construction work on Khurda Road-Balangir new railway line project;

(b) the details of the land transferred to the Railways for the construction of the said project;

(c) the details of the land acquired/to be acquired by the State Government;

(d) whether the Railways is targetting to complete the land acquisition process and the construction of the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the timeline fixed in this regard?

New Railway Line to Kutch in Gujarat

†*393. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to lay any new railway line in Kutch and other Districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start train service from Delhi to Kutch in view of the demand being made in this regard since the last five years; and

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

Handloom Cluster

*394. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of allocation of funds for establishing a handloom cluster in Ponduru, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has devised any plan for international recognition and remunerative prices for products made using Ponduru Khadi; and

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

Accumulation of Water in RUBs

*395. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the instance of death due to submersion of vehicle in the stagnated rainwater in Rail Under Bridge (RUB), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the steps have been taken to check the accumulation of water in RUBs during incidents of heavy rainfall or flooding;

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

(e) the total number of deaths recorded in such incidents in the country during the last ten years, State-wise;

(f) whether the Municipal Commissioner was held accountable for such incidents in urban, rural and remote areas; and

(g) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Banning Pornographic Websites

*396. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current stance of the Government with regard to adult films and pornographic content;

(b) the details about appropriate bans/measures that have been put in place to regulate such content;

(c) whether the internet traffic directed towards pornographic websites has reduced in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce it during the last three years?

Pradhan Mantri Credit Scheme Powerloom Weavers

*397. SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Credit Scheme for Powerloom Weavers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Powerloom Weavers who have been benefited under the Scheme during each of the last five years in the country including States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;

(c) the other schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to ensure adequate credit and to overcome the hardships being faced by the weavers/workers who are in unorganized powerloom sector in the country;

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

(e) the cases of irregularities reported in implementation of the said schemes/programmes across the country along with the action taken thereon; and

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

Allocation of Rice to Andhra Pradesh

*398. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

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 is aware that presently the State of Andhra Pradesh is being allotted 87,674 metric tonnes of rice per month under the Public Distribution System (PDS) against the requirement of 3,24,797 metric tonnes to the BPL families;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to increase the allocation of rice and subsequently meet the requirement; and

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

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*399. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted the progress made by countries including India on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as reported in SDG Report 2021 by the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of India's status of SDGs as compared to other countries;

(d) whether the global extreme poverty rate rose for the first time in over twenty years and 119 to 124 million people were pushed back into extreme poverty in 2020;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has taken any measures to accelerate and build back better to achieve the seventeen goals by 2030; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Gramin Dak Sevaks

400. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people recruited as Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) since 2014, postal circle and State-wise;

(b) the details of the eligibility requirements for GDS along with its method of selection;

(c) the promotional avenues available for GDS for absorption into regular civil posts; and

(d) the details of the GDS friendly initiatives taken by the Government during the last one year?

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