

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

Water Logging on ROBs/RUBs/LHSs

†*481. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing any concrete action plan to address the issue of water logging on Road Over Bridges (ROBs), Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Limited Height Subways (LHSs) along/near railway lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct any research on other alternative options in the projects to construct ROBs/RUBs/LHSs near railway lines; and

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

Geospatial Information

*482. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the security related to sharing of geospatial information of sensitive and prohibited areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government plans to promote Startups and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the geospatial mapping sector by providing handholding, expertise, technology resources, early stage funding and incubation through its various entrepreneurship development programmes and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Towers connected to Optical Fibre

†*483. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile towers connected by optical fibre in the country alongwith the State-wise percentage thereof;

(b) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to connect all mobile towers by optical fibre;

(c) the details of the obstacles being faced in connecting all mobile towers by optical fibre;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to overcome the said obstacles; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes to Aid Startups in Technology Sector

*484. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any new schemes to directly increase and aid Startups in the technology sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has recognised any barriers in technology adoption in the Government service delivery, promoting industry participation in Research and Development (R&D) activities and supporting States in building human resource capacity around futuristic technologies and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched any scheme to ease these barriers; and

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

Mission Innovation

*485. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote Science and Technology with emphasis on emerging areas and their applications for the development and support to the weaker sections of the society and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has played a crucial role in launching 'Mission Innovation' which is a global initiative and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized under 'Mission Innovation' during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has allocated funds for Research & Development (R&D) Projects under smart grids engaging various Indian and foreign institutes and industries and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Impact of Covid-19 on Handloom Sector

*486. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Handloom Sector has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for the second successive year in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether production across Odisha, Maharashtra and other States has declined as marketing activities has stopped during this period;

(c) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise including Odisha and Maharashtra;

(d) whether earnings of the weavers has also been affected to a considerable extent and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to announce any special package for handloom weavers including insurance and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government also proposes to revise the guidelines for Market Development Assistance to support them and if so, the details thereof?

Use of Bio-Diesel

*487. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent by the Indian Railways on high-speed diesel annually, along with the annual imported fuel bill;

(b) the amount of money spent by the Indian Railways on maintenance of locomotives, separately for both Electric and Diesel, annually;

(c) whether it is possible to develop and run locomotives that can use Ethanol or Bio-Diesel;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve India's ambitious goal of 100% electrification of Railways?

Special Train from Kishkindha to Ayodhya

*488. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received any proposal for starting special train from Kishkindha in Karnataka to Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken and implemented in this regard?

Accidents on Railway Tracks

†*489. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the deaths of humans and animals, particularly elephants on railways tracks that is steadily increasing across the country;

(b) if so, the details of such deaths that occurred during the last three years and the current year, human/animal-wise figure in each State;

(c) whether the Railways has conducted any probe in this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check the recurrence of such incidents on railway tracks in the country in future?

Coal Production

†*490. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for coal has increased to meet the energy requirements of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for not increasing the domestic coal production so as to reduce the dependence on imported coal and save foreign currency;

(c) whether it is proposed to reduce the use of coal globally to save the environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the increase in use of coal in the country?

Completion of Railway Developmental Works

†*491. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various developmental works have been completed in respect of Nagpur-Bilaspur (under third phase) railway line at Gondia-Bhandara;

(b) if so, the details of works completed so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

India Trade Promotion Organisation

†*492. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) to promote domestic business and International Trade Fairs;

(b) the extent to which physical infrastructure and management of services is being developed in business activities in all the States of the Country including North-Eastern States;

(c) the action plan of the units of the economic zone for the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for creation of economic activities, promotion of exports and services and promotion of investment from domestic sources as well as to increase employment opportunities; and

(d) the number of SEZs which are ready and in operation currently in all the States of the country, particularly North-Eastern States including Assam?

Pehchan Cards Scheme

†*493. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PEHCHAN Cards scheme launched in 2016 to register handicraft artisans across the country along with the objectives and targets of the scheme;

(b) the State-wise number of artisans registered so far under the said scheme;

(c) whether there is any provision for providing financial benefits/assistance to these handicraft artisans registered under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of artisans benefited therefrom so far; and

(e) the details of the steps taken or being taken by the Government to improve the financial conditions of the artisans in the country?

Shared Mobility Industry

*494. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH

NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by the Government to support shared mobility industry in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is promoting shared mobility industry in the light of its many ecological, affordable and sustainable benefits and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate support to the nascent carpooling sector of the country;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the operational hindrances the carpool sector is facing in States like Karnataka; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the carpooling companies are protected from such hindrances?

Impact of Rising Sea Levels

*495. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plans to rehabilitate people from low-lying coastal areas who may be adversely impacted due to rising sea levels in the coming decade and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to mitigate rising sea levels and coastal erosion and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has lost a portion of its original coastline due to rising sea levels and if so, the details thereof reflecting the change in coastline from 1950 to 2021; and

(d) whether the Government plans to offer assistance and rehabilitation to the victims of climate change such as those displaced or forced to migrate and if so, the details thereof?

Coal Production by Coal India Limited

*496. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by the Coal India Limited for the production of coal in the next financial year;

(b) the necessary steps taken by the Government to achieve this in the light of growing energy requirement of the nation;

(c) whether the Coal India also proposes to boost employment by providing around 10,000 new jobs in the country and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has allowed 100 per cent FDI under automatic route in the coal sector and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Coal India is planning to associate itself with Jal Shakti Abhiyan to conserve water and provide treated mine water to the population living and around coal mining areas and if so, the details thereof including steps taken in this regard;

(f) whether the Government has received any proposal from States to reserve contracts worth upto Rupees one crore for local displaced persons to boost job opportunities and earnings; and

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

Extension of Trains to Rajkot

*497. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains which terminate at Ahmedabad are parked idle in the yard before the next journey;

(b) if so, the names of those trains terminating at Ahmedabad along with the time these are parked idle in the yard, separately;

(c) whether any public representative has given representation to extend a few trains, which are parked idle in the yard, upto Rajkot;

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

(e) if not, the time likely to be taken for extension of the said trains upto Rajkot?

Problem of Call Drop

†*498. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of call drop is unprecedented across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to address the said problem in near future; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to cancel the licenses of the telecom companies in case of their failure in resolving the said problem?

Cost Overrun of Projects in Tamilnadu

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

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of infrastructural projects in Tamil Nadu have been hit by cost overruns of nearly more than 40 per cent;

(b) if so, the details of each of these projects which has cost overrun in Tamil Nadu indicating the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to minimize the time and cost overrun of the projects?

Bullet Train Project

*500. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the project of first Bullet Train in the country;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) the details of relocation and compensation packages that are being offered to agricultural landowners in Maharashtra and Gujarat, whose land the Government intends to acquire for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail corridor;

(d) whether the Government is anticipating an increase in the project costs due to continued delay of the project;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the latest deferment of the deadline is 2026 and if so, the manner in which this is likely to impact the MoU with the Japanese Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency along with the total expenditure thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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489	Part (a) line 2: <u>For</u> "railways" <u>read</u> "railway"
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