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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Minority Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

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Mobile Connectivity in the North-East Region

*121. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there is no proper mobile connectivity along the border in the North-East Region and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a joint survey was conducted by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Border Security Force (BSF) in the North-East area of the country and if so, the details, the objectives and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the number of mobile towers installed and proposed to be installed on the International border in the North-East Region along with the time frame set in this regard, State/UT-wise?

One Rank One Pension

*122. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Reddy Committee Report on One Rank One Pension (OROP) was submitted on October 26, 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the specific steps taken by the Government for the implementation of OROP since the submission of the said report;

(c) whether the Government has accepted or proposes to accept the demand for the annual revision of pensions provided to ex-servicemen;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Internet Shutdown

*123. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI FEROCZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there were 42 reported incidents of internet shutdown in 2017 as compared to 6 in 2014, and that India is one of the top ranked countries in terms of the number of internet shutdowns by Government authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons attributed for such shutdowns;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government wants to prevent riots and hate crimes by making shutdowns of internet services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether due process was followed in approving the said shutdowns and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether punitive or disciplinary action was taken in cases where due process was not followed and if so, the details thereof?

Fog Safety Devices

*124. SHRI VINAYAK
BHARAO RAUT:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that passengers of Indian Railways face great difficulty especially during winter season as most of the time trains are delayed/ cancelled because of fog and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has installed fog safety devices to solve the problems which are being faced by the drivers especially during the winter season in seeing the signals and if so, the number of trains in which fog safety devices have been installed so far, zone-wise;

(c) the extent to which this device helps to run the train in dense fog along with the number of trains proposed to be equipped with such device in near future, zone-wise;

(d) whether the Railways also proposes to deploy fogmen for placing detonators on railway tracks, if so, the details thereof along with the other measures being considered for safety of passengers and trains; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve facilities being provided to the passengers during the winter season in all the railway zones in the country including the Bundelkhand railway zone?

Collegium System

*125. DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pre-ponderance of members of 400

odd families in higher judiciary and that the current collegium system has contributed to this malaise and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is true that 2/3rd of higher judiciary is not required to compete in any examination and are merely picked up from the bar, which contributes to the perpetuation of these 400 families to be parachuted into the higher judiciary and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce an All India Legal Service on the lines of Central Services, for which an All India Exam will be conducted by UPSC and not any High Courts and if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Earthquake Prone Areas

†*126. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any earthquake related studies in earthquake prone areas, if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether due to depleting ground water level, several areas have become earthquake prone and if so, the details of areas identified so far in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among public in this regard ?

Cases Pending in Subordinate Courts

*127. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that over 22 lakh cases, which are over a decade old, are pending in various subordinate courts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government has been urging the chief justices of 24 high courts to fast track cases that are pending for more than ten years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Constitution Amendment

*128. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons as to why Section 3 of the Constitution (44th Amendment) Act, 1978 has not been enforced or notified even after 40 years since the passing of the said Act;

(b) whether the Government is proposing to notify Section 3 of the Constitution (44th Amendment) Act, 1978;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending Court Cases

†*129. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 521 cases are pending in the court against the persons who secured jobs by submitting fake certificates and 1035 cases are pending for disciplinary action; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately, State-wise?

Vacant Posts of Reserved Categories

†*130. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the vacant posts of SCs, STs and OBCs in the Central Ministries/ Departments and their allied offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year, Ministry/Department and allied office-wise; and

(c) the progress made by the Government to fill up the said posts by launching special recruitment drive?

Research and Development Facilities

*131. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated the proposal for formation of an autonomous wing of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government provides adequate research and development facilities for defence research and its related departments located in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total amount disbursed till date by the Government for the same, year-wise; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to expedite the defence corridor proposal in Tamil Nadu?

Exchange of List of Prisoners

†*132. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of India and Pakistan have exchanged the lists containing the names of persons languishing in their jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of prisoners released by both the countries during the last three years, year and category-wise;

(d) whether there are concrete proposals for the release of prisoners by both the countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the methodology

is likely to be put in place for the said purpose?

S&T Support to Rural and Weaker Communities

*133. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instituted any organisation/nodal agency to provide and coordinate science and technology (S&T) support to rural and weaker communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated and spent during each of the last three years for application of S&T for the weaker sections in the country;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to motivate scientists and research fellows for applying knowledge for the promotion of weaker communities; and

(e) if so, the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Job Losses to Indian Citizens

*134. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether countries like Saudi Arabia have extended nationalisation scheme to more activities and occupations to provide

more jobs to their citizens and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to remove the concerns of the Indian citizens in these countries;

(b) whether the Government has made any diplomatic efforts to avoid more job losses to the Indian citizens in the Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is ready to implement any special scheme for ensuring jobs for those people who lost their jobs due to nationalisation policies in the Gulf countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Initiatives in Governance

*135. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any pro-people IT initiatives to transform the governance system for good;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched any platform to enable citizens to securely store and share their documents with service providers electronically after giving due permission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Non-Receipt of Utilization Certificates

*136. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not received utilization certificates for almost rupees 1800 crore from various States for the funds allocated under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for the 12th Plan period even after revamping the scheme and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has issued fresh reminders to States to submit such certificates for further release of funds under the scheme for welfare of minorities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in consultation with States in this regard;

(d) the details of funds allocated and activities undertaken under the scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh for the 12th Plan period; and

(e) the details of unspent amount under various activities from the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Nalgonda-Macherla Railway Line

*137. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nalgonda-Macherla Railway Line was

sanctioned in 1997-98 and mere budgetary allocations were made every year in the Railway Budget and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for sudden decision of the Railways to shelve the project on the pretext of non-viability;

(c) the reasons for allocating funds every year for this project, if the project was non-viable; and

(d) the stand of the Government in this regard?

Advisory to Internet Service Providers

*138. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to issue an advisory to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for blocking and filtering objectionable images, texts and videos of children in an attempt to protect children from sexual abuse online and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated a long-term policy to deal with online child sexual abuse and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government plans to undertake any programmes or campaigns on cyber bullying and to spread awareness as to how children should safely use/navigate the internet and if so, the details thereof?

North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS)

*139. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects under the North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS);

(b) the timeline of the projects along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure completion of the projects as targeted;

(c) whether there has been delay in implementation and completion of NERSDS;

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

(e) the powers and autonomy of the North East Council with regard to implementation of the scheme?

MPLAD Funds

†*140. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR

RAY:

SHRI SHER SINGH

GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether impediments are coming in the way of full utilization of MPLAD funds due to non-submission of utilization certificate and other reasons;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to transfer MPLAD funds to the districts on yearly basis and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received some suggestions in this regard;

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

(e) the number of districts which have been provided entire funds for five years *i.e.* Rs.25 crore as on date, State-wise?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

NEW DELHI;

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