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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)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Overseas Citizens of India

*301. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications of the Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) are lying pending with the High Commissions of India abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last four years, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of OCI status given to the applicants during the said period?

Flexi-Fare System

*302. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY: SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in its report has observed that after the introduction of flexi-fare system in premium trains, fewer passengers travelled in these trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the drop in occupancy, in absolute and percentage terms, class-wise in these trains during the period from September, 2016 to July, 2017 along with the percentage of vacant seats;

(c) whether CAG has also observed that the passengers are choosing air travel over trains on routes where fares in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express trains are higher due to the flexi-fare system and if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto;

(d) the additional revenue earned by the Railways through flexi-fare system which otherwise could not have been possible through normal fare system; and

(e) whether the Railways has reviewed/proposes to review the flexi-fare

system, if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

complete the projects within the stipulated time or extended time frame?

Royalty on Coal

*303. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group constituted by the Government to consider revision of rates of royalty on coal has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering enhancement of royalty and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the decision to enhance the rate of royalty on coal is expected to be taken by the Government?

Railway Projects in Karnataka

*304. SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various railway projects underway in the State of Karnataka, zone and project-wise;

(b) the number of projects which are behind schedule and the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(c) the cost overrun for each of the pending projects; and

(d) the measures that have been taken/are being taken by the Government to

Electrification of Broad Gauge Lines

*305. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether lowering the fuel cost burden has been the key focus area of the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes gauge conversion and 100 per cent electrification of broad gauge railway lines by 2021-22 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the electrification works carried out during the last three years, zone-wise; and

(d) the length of broad gauge lines yet to be electrified and the time frame fixed for the completion of the said work?

Terror Activities

*306. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has raised the issue of terror activities from across the border at the international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Pakistan thereto during the past one year; and

(c) the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to mobilise nations to fight the menace of terrorism at the global level?

Padho Pardesh Yojana

*307. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Padho Pardesh Yojana to provide interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for students belonging to minority communities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the objectives/targets of the said Yojana have been achieved, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of minority students benefited and the subsidy given under the Yojana since its inception;

(d) whether the Government has initiated any programme to propagate the Yojana to create awareness among minority students, if so, the details thereof along with the financial allocation made for this Yojana during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote overseas studies and research among minority students?

Multi-Sectoral Development Programme

*308. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocation under the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) in Assam during the last three years in general and particularly in Nalbari, Kamrup, Barraun and Udalguri districts of Assam; and

(b) whether the Government has any new proposal to educate the girl children of minority communities of Assam and if so, the details thereof?

Atomic Power Generation

†*309. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the share of atomic energy in total power generation in India at present;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme to double it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase Orders to PSUs

†*310. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether purchase orders given by her Ministry to Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for defence products are decreasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue more licences to the private sector for manufacturing and supply of various defence equipment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scholarships to Minority Students

*311. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many deserving minority students have been denied scholarships with the change in disbursement of funds from manual to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme;

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

(c) the amount of funds that remained unused due to technical difficulty in DBT scheme; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to overcome the technical difficulties in DBT scheme?

Data on Employment and Unemployment

†*312. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to adopt any new method to collect accurate data on employment and unemployment based on the proposed survey of one lakh households and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government also proposes to include the number of loans provided under the MUDRA Scheme in employment data, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Disabled/Divyang Friendly Stations

*313. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:
SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provisions made to improve/provide ramps, wheelchairs and other disabled-friendly facilities at the railway stations and in trains;

(b) whether the Government plans to maintain facilities for persons with disabilities and if so, the details thereof along with the funds spent on making the Railways disabled-friendly during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding railway services being disabled-unfriendly, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Railways proposes to develop 'B' category railway stations across

the country as Divyang-friendly stations and if so, the details of the stations identified for this purpose, zone-wise; and

(e) whether escalators and lifts are being installed at all the railway stations in the country to facilitate the senior citizens to reach upto foot over bridges and if so, the details of the railway stations in the country where these facilities have been provided so far?

Rail Coach Factory

*314. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the current status/details of work completed on the Rail Coach Factory which was being set up at Gohana in Haryana in collaboration with the State Government of Haryana;

(b) whether there is a proposal from the State Government of Haryana for changing the proposed location of the Rail Coach Factory from Gohana to some other location and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken initiatives to reduce dependence on imports and generate employment opportunities by way of investment in the rail-based industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of all the new rail-based industries, fully Government-funded as well as under PPP mode, set up/proposed to be set up during the last four financial years including the financial year 2018-19

and the details of fund allocation and utilization, State-wise?

CRZ Notification

*315. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification is part of the 'Law' under Article 13 of the Constitution of India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the Constitutional provisions under which agencies like Ministries, consultants, corporations and corporate houses, etc. are authorised to make such laws without Parliamentary debate; and

(c) whether the Government or its agencies have been exempted from incorporating provisions contained in Part 3 and Part 4 of the Constitution during the policy formulation and if not, the status of land titles and livelihood titles granted to fishermen communities in coastal belt since 1991?

Shortage of Mobile Towers

*316. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of towers for cellular phone services in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the agencies responsible for this situation;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian private telecom operators spend hardly 15 per cent of their outlay on infrastructure as against 30 per cent in China and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Government intends to bring a turnaround in the situation?

Assessment of Gross Domestic Product

†*317. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether GDP of the country is likely to be higher than US\$ 2.59 trillion and if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; and

(c) the contributions of agriculture, industry and service sectors in GDP of the country during each of the last four financial years?

Coal Washeries

†*318. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Government for setting up coal washeries in the country;

(b) the details of established and functional coal washeries at present, State and Coal India Limited/subsidiary/company-wise;

(c) whether there has been inordinate delay in setting up of new coal washeries;

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

(e) the necessary steps taken by the Government to complete the said process in a time-bound manner?

Bio-Toilets

*319. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deficiencies/shortcomings pointed out by the Comptroller and Auditor General, in its report in 2017, regarding the bio-toilets installed in the trains and stations have been taken into consideration by the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Railways thereon, particularly about the quantity and quality of the toilets installed by private firms and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways has taken any initiatives to train the staff and create awareness among the general public regarding the maintenance and use of bio-toilets; and

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

Coal Auction

*320. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only approximately 16 per cent of the total allocated coal reserves have been auctioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other channels of allocation of coal reserves in the country;

(c) whether the fourth and fifth rounds of auctions have been cancelled owing to lack of bidders and if so, the facts thereof;

(d) the details of coal mines auctioned during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to ensure precise policies, transparent transactions and transformative outcomes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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