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Questions For Oral Answer

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Overseas Citizens of India

***301 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan (kheda):**

Will the **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

- (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 Sh. Ch. Malla Reddy(Malkajgiri) :
Smt. K. Maragatham(Kancheepuram) :**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

- (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?

Royalty on Coal

***303 Smt. Rita Tarai (Jajpur):**

Will the **COAL** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Sh. S.P. Muddahanumegowda (Tumkur):**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

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

Electrification of Broad Gauge Lines

***305 Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Raver):**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Sh. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (Baharampur):**

Will the **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli) :
Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati) :**

Will the **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Sh. Ramen Deka (Mangaldoi):**

Will the **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(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, Barrau 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 Sh. Vishnu Dayal Ram (Palamu):**

Will the **ATOMIC ENERGY** be pleased to state that:-

- (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 Sh. Janak Ram (Gopalganj):**

Will the **DEFENCE** be pleased to state that:-

- (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 (Latur):**

Will the **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

- (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 Sh. Sumedhanand Saraswati(Sikar) :
Smt. Santosh Ahlawat(Jhunjhunu) :**

Will the **STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION** be pleased to

state that:-

(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 Smt. Kirron Anupam Kher(Chandigarh) :
Smt. Savitri Thakur(Dhar) :**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Sh. Deepender Singh Hooda (Rohtak):**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

(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, Statewise?

CRZ Notification

***315 Dr. Ravindra Babu Pandula (Amalapuram):**

Will the **LAW & JUSTICE** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Sh. Ramsinh Pataliyabhai Rathwa (Chhota Udaipur):**

Will the **COMMUNICATIONS** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Mrs. Veena Devi (Munger):**

Will the **STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION** be pleased to state that:-

(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 Mahto (korba):**

Will the **COAL** be pleased to state that:-

- (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 Sh. Dinesh Trivedi(Barrackpur) :
Mrs. Rama Devi(Sheohar) :**

Will the **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state that:-

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

Coal Auction

***320 Sh. Rabindra Kumar Jena (Balasore):**

Will the **COAL** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether only approximately 16 per cent of the total allocated coal reserves have been auctioned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with 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.**