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Questions For Oral Answer

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Adarsh Railway Station

***101 Sh. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):**

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

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop Malkapur railway station in Buldhana district of Maharashtra as Adarsh railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the allocation of funds proposed for this purpose during the next financial year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mobile Internet Access

***102 Sh. Hemant Tukaram Godse (Nashik):**

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

(a) the achievements of India BPO Promotion Scheme in training and employment till date;

(b) whether this scheme provides assistance and incentives to huge profit making private institutions/companies/ business houses at the cost of tax payers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether small companies and start ups/new entrepreneurs are being discriminated/kept out of incentive sharing in comparison to bigger and established players, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government intends to put in place an upper limit in the scheme to keep the big players out and whether there is a condition of a minimum turnover requirement,

if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to create level playing field for all in order to support participants/ contenders and also small and new entrepreneurs?

Promotion of BPOs

***103 Dr. Udit Raj (North West Delhi):**

Will the **ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the achievements of India BPO Promotion Scheme in training and employment till date;

(b) whether this scheme provides assistance and incentives to huge profit making private institutions/companies/ business houses at the cost of tax payers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether small companies and start ups/new entrepreneurs are being discriminated/kept out of incentive sharing in comparison to bigger and established players, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government intends to put in place an upper limit in the scheme to keep the big players out and whether there is a condition of a minimum turnover requirement, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to create level playing field for all in order to support participants/ contenders and also small and new entrepreneurs?

Mumbai-AhmedabadBullet Train Project

***104 Smt. m.Vasanthi (Tenkasi):**

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

(a) whether the land acquisition issue is plaguing the ambitious MumbaiAhmedabad bullet train project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether so far the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has acquired only 0.9 hectares of land for the above project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said project is anticipated to be completed by 2022-23 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the collaborators in the bullet train project have asked the Government to expedite the acquisition of land; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Broadband Penetration inRural Areas

***105 Sh. Raosaheb Patil Danve (Jalna):**

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

(a) the percentage of broadband penetration in the rural areas vis-a-vis the total broadband subscribers in the country;

(b) the percentage increase in the rural broadband penetration during the last three years;

(c) whether the broadband services in rural areas have not seen any progress so far despite huge progress in the telecommunication sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Defence Budget

***106 Sh. Pinaki Misra (Puri):**

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

(a) whether a marginal increase of 6 per cent in the defence budget including Rs.86,488 crore for modernization is likely to adversely affect stagnate the defence modernization prospects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether China's annual defence budget outlay is almost triple the size of India's annual defence budget outlay; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Government proposes to modernize the Indian forces with a meager increase of 6 per cent in the defence budget to match the might of the neighbour's modern technical strength supported by immense defence budgetary outlay?

Coal Imports

***107 Sh. A. Arunmozhithevan (Cuddalore):**

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

(a) whether the coal imports have increased due to transport constraints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trend of coal imports is expected to continue as power, cement and steel industries are expected to witness improvement in demand and capacity utilisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Reforms in Bureaucracy

***108 Smt. Sajda Ahmed (Uluberia) :
Sh. Prasun Banerjee (Howrah) :**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government plans to reform the bureaucracy which is long overdue and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether lateral entry in bureaucracy has taken place earlier also, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for lateral entry at this stage;

(c) whether the move of the Government for lateral entry into senior positions will demoralise the civil servants, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend lateral entry in Government run educational institutions also and if so, the details thereof ?

Defence Land

***109 Sh. Vijayakumar S.R.(Chennai Central) :
Sh. S. Rajendran(Viluppuram) :**

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

(a) the total estimated area of defence land under his Ministry in the country, State and area-wise;

(b) the total area of defence land acquired by the Ministry after independence of the country;

(c) the total estimated area of defence land which has been transferred to other agencies/institutions, till date, institution wise;

(d) whether the Government has approved transfer of defence land to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the construction of Kendriya Vidyalayas in some parts of the country recently and if so, the details including the terms and conditions thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline the data of defence land in the country

Strategic Partnership Model

***110 Miss. Km. Shobha Karandlaje (Udupi Chikmagalur):**

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

(a) whether Dhirendra Singh Committee had recommended in 2015 that the Government should adopt a strategic partnership model, whereby a private firm may be chosen for the development of a specific identified platform and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to forge joint venture of Defence PSUs with foreign companies under its ambitious strategic partnership model and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has created a level-playing field for all the stakeholders to build key military platforms like submarines and fighter jets in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has envisaged clear role for major Defence PSUs like HAL, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and BRML which are leading producers of key military platforms and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken/being taken for indigenisation of defence manufacturing?:

Bullet Train Project

***111 Sh. K. Ashokkumar (Krishnagiri):**

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

(a) whether the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited has floated tender for India's first bullet train project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this tender would be for the first of the 60 bridges on the 508 kilometer high speed corridors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Punctuality of Trains

***112 Sh. C. Mahendran(Pollachi) :**

Sh. Harish Chandra Meena(Dausa) :

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

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of passenger trains running very late in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of trains that were late during 2017-18 and the average delay noticed during the last six months, zone-wise;

(b) the reasons noticed for late running of the passenger trains;

(c) whether stopping of trains at outer signals due to nonavailability of vacant platforms at railway stations is also a major reason for delay of passenger trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to monitor platforms properly for timely operations of passenger trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Railways have recently extended the arrival time of 185 trains to address the punctuality issue and if so, the details and the results achieved as a result thereof along with the other steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure punctuality of all trains?

Post Offices

***113 Sh. Anil (alias Padmakar) Gulabrao Shirole(Pune) :**

Sh. Harish Dwivedi(Basti) :

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

(a) the number of post offices across the country, State/UTwise including Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal along with the total number of savings accounts in these post offices, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the number of such accounts has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money deposited therein, State/UT-wise and the amount of money out of the said total amount remaining unclaimed in these post offices, State/UT-wise along with the manner in which the said unclaimed amount of money is likely to be utilized;

(d) whether the Government proposes to offer digital banking services for aforementioned post offices savings account holders across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) the details of the services being provided to such account holders along with the details of schemes, if any, proposed by the Government for these account holders?

Kalwa-Airoli ElevatedRail Corridor

***114 Sh. Rajan Baburao Vichare (Thane):**

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

(a) whether the work on Kalwa-Airoli elevated rail corridor has not been started so far despite the fact that Bhumi Pujan ceremony of the said work has already been performed;

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

(c) the time by which displaced persons due to the said project are likely to be rehabilitated along with the place identified therefor and the present status of rehabilitation work;

(d) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has made any contribution in the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in Recruitment Process of SSC

***115 Sh. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre (Akola):**

Will the **PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether unnecessary delay has been reported in the recruitment process of graduate as well as matric level posts by the Staff Selection Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts of various levels filled up across the country during the said period, post, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to fill up the posts of the said levels in a time bound manner keeping in view the rising level of unemployment across the country and shortage of staff; and

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

New Train Services

***116 Sh. Ram Tahal Choudhary(Ranchi) :
Mrs. Rama Devi(Sheohar) :**

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

(a) the criteria laid down to introduce new train services on any route;

(b) the reasons for not introducing new train services on East bound routes from Delhi despite the fact that waiting list remains 300 to 400 every day on East bound trains from Delhi; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard

Production of Coal

***117 Sh. Chandrakant Bhaurao Khaire (Aurangabad):**

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

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has failed to increase the production and sale of coal;

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

(c) whether less production of coal is directly affecting the power production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to increase the production of coal and the outcome thereof?

Construction of ROBs

***118 Smt. Mausam Noor (maldaha Uttar):**

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

(a) the reasons for delay in construction of Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) in the country including those in the eastern railways;

(b) whether delay in budgetary allocations is the main reason for such delays and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has consulted various State Governments for reconciling issues of land acquisition which is also a reason for the delay in construction of

railway development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the progress of arbitration with the State Government of West Bengal?

Review of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

***119 Sh. S.P. Muddahanumegowda(Tumkur) :
Sh. Devendra (Alias) Bhole Singh Singh(Akbarpur) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the States to evaluate the achievements vis-a-vis targets periodically;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, scheme, year and State-wise;

(c) whether there is any provision of penalties for non-performing States under the various schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the improvements/ corrective steps proposed to be undertaken along with the time by which these improvements/steps are likely to be undertaken; and

(e) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that benefits under various schemes reach the targeted population in non-performing States?

Auxiliary Polling Stations

***120 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Bhandara-Gondiya) :
Sh. T. Radhakrishnan(Virudhunagar) :**

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

(a) whether the participation of differently-abled persons in the election process is very low and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(b) whether the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to establish auxiliary polling stations for the people with disabilities during the elections and if so, the details thereof along with its features;

(c) whether ECI has also launched the distribution of Electoral Photo Identity Cards with Braille features for visually challenged voters;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be distributed to visually challenged persons; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for maximum participation of persons with disabilities in the election process?

**NEW DELHI.
Dated: July 19, 2018.**

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,
Secretary General.**

