

(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

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Bharat Net Project

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Net Project seeks to connect 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country through high speed broadband by March, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has instructed both Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) to submit reports on every day basis on the progress made in the Bharat Net Project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that there is a shirking of responsibility along with inability to resolve on-field problems and inter organisational issues between BBNL and BSNL, if so, the details thereof; and 10

(d) whether it is also a fact that this is not only hampering progress of this vital project but is now threatening to derail even earlier achievement of the past four years and if so, the details thereof?

Angamali Erumeli Sabari Rail Project

***22 Sh. Joice George (Adv.) (idukki):**

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

(a) the current status of the Angamali Erumeli Sabari Rail Project;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal with revised estimate of the current allocation;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to approve the revised estimate; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Cleanliness at Railway Stations

***23 Sh. Prahlad Singh Patel (Damoh):**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that toilets, dormitories and rest rooms are not cleaned by the Railways regularly in spite of allocation of budget for the purpose, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to remedy the situation;
- (c) the budget allocated and spent for the above purpose during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise; and
- (d) whether tracks at noted railway stations are also not being cleaned at regular intervals and if so, the reasons therefor, particularly in respect of railway stations in Madhya Pradesh?

Committee on Real Sector Statistics

***24 Sh. Anandrao Adsul(Amravati) :
Dr. Pritam Gopinath Munde(Beed) :**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Committee on Real Sector Statistics appointed by the National Statistical Commission had earlier estimated that the economy grew at a faster pace during 2005-06 to 2013-14 as compared to years 2014-15 to 2017-18;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to release the GDP back series;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the GDP back series will be released?

Uncontested Seats in Panchayat Polls

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

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court had expressed its shock over the fact that 34 per cent of the seats at the Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Panchayat level went uncontested in West Bengal and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) Whether the Election Commission has received any complaints about candidates being prevented from filing nomination in such elections and if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the course of action the Government proposes to take to ensure that such undemocratic practices are not repeated in future and the elections at panchayat levels are conducted in a free and fair manner?

Foreign Investment

***26 Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge (Gulbarga):**

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

(a) whether the Railways are planning to seek foreign investment in areas such as technological upgradation and modernisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways are also considering to privatise some of the areas of their operation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NSP Mobile App

***27 Sh. C. Mahendran (pollachi):**

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

(a) whether the Government has recently launched the country's first National Scholarship Portal Mobile App (NSP Mobile App);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it aims to provide smooth, accessible and hassle-free scholarship system for students from poor and weaker sections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the key features of the app?

Rail Accidents

***28 Sh. Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava(Bharuch) :
Sh. Bharta Singh(Ballia) :**

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

(a) whether a number of train derailments and accidents occurred in various parts of the country including Amritsar during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of persons killed/injured in these accidents and the total amount of compensation paid to the families of the victims, accident-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted/ordered into these accidents, if so, the

details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the number of Railway officials held guilty for lapses on their part and the action taken against them, accident-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check frequent rail accidents in future and ensure the safety and security of the rail passengers?

Electrification of Railway Tracks

***29 Smt. K. Maragatham (kancheepuram):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has approved the proposal for electrification of the remaining 13,675 km. of railway tracks at an estimated cost of over Rs.12,134 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the electrification work is likely to be completed by 2021-22; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Women Employees in Central Government

***30 Smt. Neelam Sonker (Lalganj):**

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

(a) the total number of women officers and employees working in the Central Government Offices;

(b) whether the Government has recruited the women in all its offices as per 33 per cent reservation;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) the names of the Departments of the Union Government which have not recruited women as per 33 per cent reservation till date; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

Website Hacking

***31 Sh. Harish Dwivedi (basti):**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of several cases of website hacking;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to secure the computer system from hacking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Illegally Occupied Areas

***32 Dr. Kirit Somaiya (Mumbai-north-east):**

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

(a) whether the Government has asked Pakistan at diplomatic level to vacate all illegally occupied areas of Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the areas in Kashmir under illegal occupation of Pakistan till date;

(d) whether Pakistan has reverted and taken initiative to vacate the illegally occupied areas of Kashmir; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Regulatory Control on Conducting Festivals

***33 Sh. E. T. Mohammed Basheer (Ponnani):**

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

(a) whether there is any regulatory control on conducting festivals and celebrations adjacent to railway track;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government will think of having such regulatory measures in light of the recent Amritsar issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Air Force Training College

***34 Sh. Parasuraman K. (Thanjavur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has any plan to open an Air Force Training College in Thanjavur Air Force Station to focus on efforts towards achievement of key result areas, realistic training, developing operational expertise and professional competency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Tarapur Atomic Power Station

***35 Sh. Rajendra Dhedya Gavit (Palghar):**

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

(a) whether the Government is working on any plan for the development and upliftment of people affected by the Tarapur Atomic Power Station in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is making any provision to provide free education to the children of these affected people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

High Speed Rail Corridor

***36 Sh. Chandrakant Bhauroa Khaire (Aurangabad):**

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

(a) whether the Union Government is going to start a high speed rail corridor from Nagpur to Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said corridor is planned to pass through Aurangabad also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on this corridor and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Extra Charging on Fares

***37 Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar (Nalanda):**

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

(a) whether the Railways is fleecing double fare from passengers in the name of tatkal, premium, flexi fare;

(b) if so, whether additional services are being provided to passengers by railways in lieu of the above extra charge and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for introduction of said systems by the Government;

(d) whether this is not a fare hike through the back door; and

(e) if not, the reasons for introduction of such extra charging on fares?

Appointments in Judiciary

***38 Sh. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy (Khammam):**

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

(a) whether the Government has accused the judiciary of delaying the process of judicial appointments by not just months but years together and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to fill all the vacancies in each court in a timebound manner; and

(c) whether the Government is fasttracking the process of filling up judicial vacancies without letting the long-drawn process of finalisation of a new Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) for judicial appointments stall fresh appointments to the Supreme Court and the High Courts, if so, the details thereof and the progress made therein?

Setting up of BSNL Towers

***39 Sh. Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya(Amreli) :
Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Jamshedpur) :**

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

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration for setting up towers at such places in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Jharkhand where there are no signals of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) if so, the names of the locations where the said towers are proposed to be set up; and

Sale of Loss Making Coal Mines

***40 Sh. Krishnan Narayanasamy Ramachandran(Sriperumbudur) :
Sh. S.P. Muddahanumegowda(Tumkur) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has recently taken a decision to sell coal mines which are running in losses at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof, mine-wise;

(c) whether tenders have been invited in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the process of sale of such coal mines is likely to be completed?

**NEW DELHI;.
Dated: December 6, 2018.**

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,
Secretary General.**