

Lok Sabha

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Questions For Oral Answer

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[Prime Minister - ATOMIC ENERGY - COAL - COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY - COMMUNICATIONS - DEFENCE - DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION - ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - LAW & JUSTICE - MINES - PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS - PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS - RAILWAYS - SPACE - STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION and PLANNING].

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Defence Establishments

***41 Sh. Gopal Chinayya Shetty (Mumbai-north):**

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

(a) whether his Ministry has issued any circular to all the three Forces in November, 2016 regarding redevelopment of old houses and buildings located in the vicinity of Defence establishments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said circular of the Ministry is being complied with by all the three Forces, particularly by the Navy in Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received complaints/representations from public representatives regarding noncompliance of the said circular and if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Spent Fuel Storage Facility

***42 Sh. S. Gnanathiraviam (Tirunelveli):**

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

- (a) the status of the proposed Away From Reactor (AFR) Spent Fuel Storage facility in the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP);
- (b) the quantity of spent fuel proposed to be stored in the facility;
- (c) the safeguards and containment standards of the said facility; and
- (d) the details of the proposals for the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for disposal of radioactive waste?

Pending Cases in Subordinate Courts

***43 Shri. Danish Ali Kunwar (Amroha):**

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

- (a) whether more than seven million cases are pending in the subordinate courts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such huge pendency;
- (c) whether poor infrastructure is one of the main reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made by the Government so far to improve the infrastructure of subordinate courts in the State;
- (d) the details of other measures proposed to be initiated by the Government to speed up disposal of cases in subordinate courts in the country including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to agree to the just and old demand of a High Court bench in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Services in Rural and Scheduled Areas

***44 Shri. N. Reddeppa (Chittoor):**

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps for providing mobile services in

rural/ scheduled areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise along with the funds sanctioned/spent so far during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve and enhance the mobile connectivity in such areas in future?

Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant

***45 Sh. B. Manickam Tagore (Virudhunagar):**

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

(a) whether any mechanical malfunction was reported/experienced in the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of incidents of mechanical malfunction reported/experienced since it started functioning;

(c) whether any security arrangements have been made to secure the said plant from cyber attack; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing Railway Projects

***46 Sh. Dharambir Singh (Bhiwani):**

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

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects in Haryana at present;

(b) the status of each railway project as on date;

(c) whether any project is lagging behind the schedule;

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

(e) the details along with the current status of the railway projects from Bhiwani to Loharu and Delhi to Alwar via SohnaNuh-Firozpur Jhirka?

Mobile Phone Data

***47 Sh. Asaduddin Owaisi(Hyderabad) :**

ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY :-

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that a spyware/malware 'Pegasus' of Israel-based NSO group has reportedly been used to infect/spy/steal mobile phone data of many human rights activists, journalists and other eminent persons of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise along with the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the said breach of privacy has affected many people across the world and if so, the details thereof and the number of Indian citizens affected by this spyware;

(d) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reports of alleged use and purchase of the Pegasus spyware by Government agencies and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has asked WhatsApp to explain the aforesaid spyware attack and if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government thereon;

(f) whether the Government had received prior intimation in this regard from social media owners like WhatsApp, Facebook and if so, the details thereof along with the date on which such intimation was received and the action taken in this regard; and

(g) whether the Government proposes to enact any law to safeguard the privacy of citizens from similar attacks as mandated by the apex court and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

India Post Payment Bank

***48 Sh. Rodmal Nagar(Rajgarh) :**

COMMUNICATIONS :-

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to extend the reach of the India Post Payment Bank (IPPB) to all the rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

New Railway Lines

***49 Shri. Y. S. Avinash Reddy (Kadapa):**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch surveys for new Railway lines in the State of Andhra Pradesh; (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposed new routes that are going to be surveyed; and

(d) the details and the current status of the survey of the line which was announced in the Railway Budget 2019-20?

BharatNet Project

***50 Shri. Sangam Lal Gupta(Pratapgarh) :**

COMMUNICATIONS :-

(a) the present status of the BharatNet Project;

(b) whether all Gram Panchayats and post offices of all the States have been connected with optical fibre;

(c) if not, the number of Gram Panchayats that have not yet been connected with optical fibre, State/UTwise;

(d) the funds allocated/utilised thereunder, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the time by which the remaining areas are likely to be connected with optical fibre?

Prevention of Rail Accidents

***51 Sh. Nama Nageswara Rao (Khammam):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives during the last two years for prevention of rail accidents by adopting latest tracking system, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the system in place at present to ensure reduction of train mishaps; and

(c) the details of minor and major rail mishaps/accidents that occurred during the above period resulting in loss of human lives?

Railway Division at Gulbarga

***52 Shri. Unmesh Bhaiyyasaheb Patil (Jalgaon) :**

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

(a) whether the Government had sanctioned a Railway Division at Gulbarga in 2014;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) the areas proposed to be included thereunder;

(d) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that the setting up of the said Railway Division has not seen any progress in the last five years and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken in this regard?

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

***53 Shri. Dean Kuriakose (Idukki) :**

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY :-

(a) whether the Government has any plan to sign the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether there is any confusion over the participation in RCEP and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some State Governments including Kerala have submitted representations raised concerns on the participation in RCEP and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any discussion with the

stakeholders with regard to RCEP and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether India has signed in the Free Trade Agreements, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical Assistance in Trains

***54 Sh. Janardan Singh Sigrwal (Maharajganj-br):**

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

(a) the details of medical assistance/ facilities being provided by the Government in the trains;

(b) whether the Government maintains data of persons who died while travelling in trains due to absence of medical assistance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to facilitate/deploy Medical Assistance Teams with first aid and basic facilities in each train, particularly long distance trains; and

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

Rail Connectivity along Border Areas

***55 Sh. Nihal Chand Chauhan (Ganganagar):**

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

(a) whether the Government has prepared any blueprint to connect border areas with railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of railway projects under implementation in the country including Rajasthan at present;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any scheme is proposed for introduction of new trains or expansion of rail network in Rajasthan, especially in Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh, Churu and Bikaner districts in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Indian Personnel in UN Peacekeeping Forces

***56 Sh. Jagdambika Pal (domariyaganj):**

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

(a) the total number of Indian personnel currently serving in the UN Peacekeeping Forces, operation-wise;

(b) the casualties of Indian personnel reported from such operations during the last decade;

(c) whether there are any ongoing schemes for the welfare of personnel from the country serving in UN Peacekeeping Operations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government intends to bring in certain policy measures in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

MPLAD Fund

***57 Sh. Mukesh Rajput (Farrukhabad):**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring the implementing agency of MPLAD fund, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) under the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any other scheme for the fast disposal of MPLAD funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Post Banks

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

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

(a) whether the business of Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana (MPKBY) and Standardized Agency System (SAS) agents has been diverted/ adversely affected due to formation of Post Banks, thereby decreasing their earnings by way of commission and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ameliorate the distressed conditions of more than five lakh registered agents, mostly women under MPKBY and SAS?

BSNL Network Quality

***59 Shri. Dileshwar Kamait (supaul):**

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

(a) whether the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are violating the rules of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) with regard to call drops and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the network quality of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) across the country is in poor condition, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the BSNL is lagging behind in competitive telecom market and the number of its customers has declined drastically during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Tejas Express

***60 Sh. Baalu :
T.R.(Sriperumbudur) :**

RAILWAYS :-

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide compensation for delay to the passengers of Tejas Express and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether similar compensation for delayed running of Shatabdi, Rajdhani and other super fast trains will also be paid, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide complimentary travel insurance to each passenger of Tejas Express to attract more passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is true that Tejas Express is the first train the IRCTC would fully run as part of a plan to privatise the operations of trains to increase revenue and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is facing any stiff resistance from the employees/ employees union about privatization of passenger trains, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(f) whether the Government has any proposal to add some more trains to the category of Tejas Express and if so, the details thereof?

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Dated: November 14, 2019.

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Secretary General.