

# LOK SABHA

## 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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी 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

#### Arrears Committee

†\*201. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE  
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Arrears Committee was constituted for speedy disposal of pending cases in pursuance of resolution of the conference of Chief Justices of High Courts held in April, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the work done by the said Committee so far for disposal of pending cases?

#### Informal Summit with China

\*202. PROF. (DR.) SUGATA  
BOSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for holding the informal summit with the President of China at Wuhan and the topics covered in the discussion along with the results of the talks;

(b) whether the next informal summit will take place in India; and

(c) if so, the details including the time frame thereof?

#### Modernisation of Railway Stations

\*203. DR. K. GOPAL:  
SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has reviewed its 100 per cent electrification policy and

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is focusing on yearly targets actively and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has been trying to rope in the private sector for modernisation and redevelopment of railway stations in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the names of stations proposed to be modernised and commercially developed;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government has not achieved the desired results; and

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

#### Estate Property Management Scheme

\*204. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Post Office buildings across the country, particularly in Mumbai have been declared as heritage buildings and if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government has launched the Estate Property Management Scheme under the Department of Posts, if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof along with the funds sanctioned, allocated and released thereunder and the time by which the remaining funds are likely to be released;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that many post office

buildings in the country are in a dilapidated condition, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has received any request from people's representatives to renovate such post offices, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto along with the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to modernize post offices across the country?

#### Misuse of Online Data

\*205. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that companies are misusing online data to manipulate the electoral process ahead of the general elections next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has warned such companies which were misusing the said data; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Jeypore-Malkangiri Project

\*206. SHRI BALABHADRA  
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of signing of Memorandum of Understanding

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(MoU) between the Government of Odisha and the Ministry of Railways for Jeypore-Malkangiri Project, no tangible work has been done on the field even after nearly two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such delay;

(c) whether shortage of manpower is one of the main reasons;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address the same; and

(e) the target date fixed to commission the project?

### Digi Gaon

\*207. SHRIMATI KAVITHA  
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSC SPV, a Special Purpose Vehicle under his Ministry has entered into an agreement with HDFC bank to enable its 3 lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) managing the Common Service Centres (CSCs) to operate as banking correspondents of HDFC bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to the public therefrom;

(c) whether HDFC will support CSC SPV in converting 1,000 identified villages into Digital Villages (Digi Gaon) during this financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Research and Development

†\*208. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research and Development (R&D) establishments in the country have achieved their desired objectives;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the 11th and 12th Plan periods and the funds spent for this purpose;

(c) whether R&D as well as innovation capacity in India is lower as compared to other BRICS countries despite better research institutes in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the country lacks innovative research and the research carried out by the public and private institutions is not getting converted into commercial ventures significantly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

### Railway Projects in Telangana

\*209. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several new projects and upgradation of present infrastructure are being taken up in Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of new projects sanctioned and the estimated cost of the projects announced during the last three years in Telangana?

### e-Catering Services

\*210. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has tied up or proposes to tie up with parties/vendors/companies for providing e-catering services in Railways through IRCTC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of the companies tied up/proposed to be tied up along with the area of working specified?

### Overhauling of Railway Tracks

\*211. SHRIMATI MAUSAM  
NOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives to upgrade the infrastructure of railways, specifically the railway tracks that are found to be damaged and unfit for regular use along with the progress made therein;

(b) whether the Government has put in place a structured plan to identify the railway zones that need urgent overhauling;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Eastern Railways has been identified to be in urgent requirement of overhauling of railway tracks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?

### Allocation of Work to Judges

\*212. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

बिधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed in the High Courts and the Supreme Court of the country for allocation of work to judges;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government would consider laying down any guidelines in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

### Development of NER

\*213. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD  
DATTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the various socio-economic challenges and infrastructural constraints being faced in the North-Eastern Region (NER) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the North-Eastern Council (NEC) has taken any steps for the development of the region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard?

**Conversion of  
Narrow Gauge Line**

†\*214. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ  
SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in the country where narrow gauge line is still in operation along with the details thereof;

(b) the places in Chhattisgarh for which proposal to convert narrow gauge line into broad gauge line has been approved;

(c) whether the proposal to convert Raipur-Rajim-Dhamtari narrow gauge line in Chhattisgarh into broad gauge line has been approved; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be completed along with the total amount sanctioned for the purpose?

**World Class Stations**

†\*215. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH  
BHOLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway stations included in the list of stations proposed to be developed as world class stations in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the present status of these railway stations;

(c) the total amount incurred so far on these railway stations;

(d) whether the said scheme is being implemented in a time bound manner; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Ombudsman for  
Telecom Sector**

\*216. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable delay in setting up of an Ombudsman to deal with consumer grievances in the telecom sector despite the recommendation of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to amend the Consumer Protection Act to include telecom consumer complaints and related financial claims under its ambit;

(c) whether the existing grievance redressal mechanism for telecom sector is grossly inadequate, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 does not entail handling of individual consumer complaints by TRAI and all complaints received by it are forwarded to the concerned Telecom Service Providers for suitable action, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interest of telecom consumers?

**Promotional Benefits to  
SC/ST Employees**

\*217. DR. BHAGIRATH  
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that relaxation in qualifying marks/assessment standards for promotion of SC/ST employees was withdrawn by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) vide Office Memorandum (OM) dated 22.07.1997 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court, in its judgement on Civil Appeal of Rohtas Bhankhar & Ors. V/s Union of India has declared DoPT's OM dated 22.7.1997 as illegal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has restored promotional benefits to all SC/ST employees who were adversely affected by the said OM;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to restore promotional benefits to all SC/ST employees affected by that OM; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to implement the Supreme Court judgement only in CSS SO Grade Exam, 1996 without consequential promotions, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in implementation of the judgement of the Apex Court?

**Allotment of Coal Mines**

†\*218. SHRI JAI PRAKASH  
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the allotment process of coal reserves (mines)/coal blocks in view of establishment of the proposed 4,000 MW ultra mega power project at Kakwara in Banka district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in allotment of coal blocks and the corrective steps being taken to address the same?

**Electoral Reforms**

\*219. SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the political parties have opposed the idea of holding simultaneous election for the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that many pressing electoral reforms such as curbing the use of black money to fund election etc. as recommended by a Committee on Electoral Reforms are pending; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government to bring in electoral reforms so as to make the election process transparent?

**Number of Courts/POCSO Courts**

†\*220. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of courts in  
the country are adequate at present and

if so, the details thereof and if not, the  
reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) the details of the steps being taken  
by the Government in this direction;

(c) whether there is any provision to  
set up one Protection of Children from  
Sexual Offences (POCSO) court for every  
50 cases and if so, the details thereof;  
and

(d) the number of POCSO courts  
functioning in the country at present, State  
and district-wise?

NEW DELHI;

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

*Secretary General*

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