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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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स 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

Bharat Net Project

*21. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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

(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. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI RAJENDRA D. GAVIT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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 fast-tracking 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?

(c) if not, the reasons for not setting up the said towers at other such places?

Sale of Loss Making Coal Mines

*40. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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?

Setting up of BSNL Towers

†*39. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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

NEW DELHI;

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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