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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)

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Multi-Purpose Stall Policy

*201. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Multi-purpose Stall Policy (MPS) has been framed and issued to the Zonal Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of existing bookstalls have recently been converted into multi-purpose stalls across the country including Mathura Junction under North Central railway and if so, the details thereof, Division and Zone-wise;

(d) the details of stations where existing bookstalls can be converted into

multi-purpose stalls, Division and Zone-wise; and

(e) the details of terms and conditions laid down for converting a bookstall into multi-purpose stall?

Economic Growth Rate

*202. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently lowered country's economic growth rate during the previous UPA regime;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification for lowering the economic

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growth rate during the UPA regime along with the reasons for releasing the revised data now;

(c) whether the recalibration of GDP growth of the UPA regime has been deliberately twisted by the present Union Government;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps the Union Government proposes to take to make available GDP data in accordance with the previous rules; and

(e) whether any changes have been made in GDP calculation method and if so, the details thereof?

Communication Network Coverage

*203. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the percentage of coverage of communication network in Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise in respective States; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the communication network coverage in remote/forest regions of the said States?

MiG Fighter Crashes

*204. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any MiG fighters of the Indian Air Force have crashed in the past six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of casualties occurred due to these crashes and the compensation paid by the Government;

(d) whether the factors responsible for these crashes have been ascertained; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check such rising trend of MiG fighter crashes?

Aadhaar for eKYC

*205. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aadhaar eKYC can be used to authenticate beneficiaries of Government subsidies and welfare schemes while for other customers, physical Aadhaar card can be used for verification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Unique Identification Authority of India has written to the banks clarifying the instances and modes in which Aadhaar can be used for verification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Judicial Commission

†*206. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a National Judicial Commission and provide representation to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the requests received by the Government in this regard from the peoples representatives and other organisations so far; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Management of Water Resources

*207. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a high-level committee for proper management of the water resources in the North-Eastern Region (NER) under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the terms of reference of the committee?

Modernisation of IMD

†*208. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI RITI
PATHAK:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the weather forecast system has not been accurate in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether there is shortage of requisite equipments and trained employees in the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the status of modernisation programme of IMD;

(d) whether the Government proposes to modernize and upgrade all the weather forecast centres in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the targets related to automation of weather observation system across the country have been achieved and if so, the details thereof?

Special District Courts

*209. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of constitution of special District Courts to try cases as per the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in constitution of such special courts, State-wise; and

(c) the details of concrete proposal made by the Government to ensure constitution of such designated courts in a time-bound manner?

Allocation of Coal

†*210. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made allocation of coal quota to each State to meet the requirement of coal at local level across the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of coal in tonnes allocated across the country during each of the last three years, State-wise along with the coal reserves from where coal allocation was made, location-wise; and

(c) whether coal is allocated in a discriminatory manner across the country, due to which consumers have to pay higher prices for coal at local level and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Judges to Population Ratio

†*211. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been laid down regarding the ratio of the number of Judges to the total population of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the present ratio in this regard;

(b) whether the ratio of Judges *vis-a-vis* population is very low in our country in comparison to the developed countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the present per judge average endorsement ratio of cases and for the last three years along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure effective functioning of judicial system for the quick disposal of pending cases;

(d) whether as a result of low judge to population ratio, scores of cases heard every day lead to a large number of adjournments, transfer of cases from one judge to another and increasingly long queues of people waiting outside courtrooms having less chance of their cases being heard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has noted that delays in courts cost India's economy trillions of rupees every year and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Weapons

*212. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has become highly dependent on imported weapons and defence equipments;

(b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating on taking steps towards making the country self-reliant with regard to defence equipments and weapons;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any weapon factory has been set up in the country under Make in India project and if so, the details thereof ?

Quality of Railway Bridges

†*213. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extant provisions to penalise the companies and contractors failing to ensure the quality of railway bridges and maintain them in proper condition for a long time;

(b) the number of companies and contractors against whom action has been taken so far for the violation of the said provisions;

(c) the names and details of companies and contractors black listed out of the above; and

(d) the rules for putting the names of contractors in the black list?

Pending Railway Projects

*214. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI
MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not been able to expedite and execute the pending railway projects in Tamil Nadu due to paucity of funds and other technical reasons;

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

(c) whether the Government has not allocated adequate funds for these pending railway projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand thereon?

Construction of ROB's

†*215. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and name of places in Punjab where Road Over Bridges (ROBs) are proposed to be constructed;

(b) the time by which ROB's are likely to be constructed at the said places; and

(c) the progress made in this regard as on date, location-wise ?

Flexi-fare System

*216. DR. P.K. BIJU:
SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after introduction of UDAN scheme and flexi-fare system, Railways have lost their premium trains 'patronage' and experienced fall in passenger traffic and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether CAG in its latest report has strongly observed against Railways on flexi-fare system and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the passengers are opting to travel by Airlines instead of trains because of UDAN Scheme and flexi-fare system, which is without value addition and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the revenue earned by the Railways through flexi-fare scheme since its inception, year-wise; and

(e) whether the Railways intends to introduce the dynamic pricing mechanism for all mail and express trains only during the peak seasons and if so, the details thereof?

Harassment of Married Women

*217. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA
R.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a large number of Indian women married to NRI men are suffering due to harassment and torture by their

husbands and in-laws and not getting any support from the Government;

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

(c) the total number of complaints filed so far in this regard; and

(d) the concrete measures taken by the Government to protect the interests of the Indian women in this regard ?

Electrification of Rail Line

†*218. SHRI BODHSINGH
BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tender for electrification of rail line from Balaghat to Katangi has been invited;

(b) if so, the time limit fixed for the completion of the said work;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a direct train service from Balaghat to Raipur and Nagpur; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said train service is likely to be started?

Safety and Punctuality of Trains

*219. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to introduce modern signalling like European

Train Control System (ETCS) in order to enhance safety and punctuality;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the routes where the new signalling system is under evaluation along with the outcome thereof; and

(d) the total cost that would be involved in the introduction of this new signalling system?

National Electronics Policy

*220. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has released a draft National Electronics Policy under which it is targeting a turnover of US \$ 400 billion for the electronic system design and manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the draft policy also suggests replacing the Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme with ones that are easier to implement such as interest subsidy and credit default guarantee to encourage new units and expansion of existing ones in the electronics manufacturing sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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