

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Steel; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

*281. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 20,000 acres of fertile agricultural land was acquired for the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL), Visakhapatnam in accordance with Section (f) (iv) of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, to be used exclusively for "public purpose";

(b) if so, whether the transfer of aforesaid land to a private entity is legitimate;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the criteria according to which the Government plans to transfer the land acquired for public purpose to a private entity;

(e) the details of the net profits made by all Steel Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country during the last ten years;

(f) whether the Government has not allotted a captive iron ore mine to the RINL even after the aforesaid plant significantly increased its profits; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Railway Projects in Maharashtra

*282. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and present status of various railway projects being implemented in Maharashtra including those announced in the Union Budget during the last five years;

(b) the number of such railway projects sanctioned but work is yet to commence;

(c) the details of the funds allocated/spent along with the funds lying unspent for the said projects during the last three years, State/project-wise, along with the reasons for unspent funds;

(d) whether it is proposed to implement any project in Parbhani and Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg parliamentary constituencies and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the work of such new railway lines in tribal areas is likely to commence soon whose survey has been completed; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/being taken to adopt immediate action on these railway projects approved by the Government in order to complete these projects in a time-bound manner and to avoid further escalation of costs?

Handloom Clusters

†*283. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up handloom clusters to benefit the weavers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) the State/UT-wise details of the funds sanctioned during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of the criteria under which the proposals in this regard had been approved/rejected;

(e) the efforts being made to encourage handloom workers and create awareness among them; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the textiles export?

Production Linked Incentive Scheme

*284. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian apparel industry needs to focus on vertical integration to increase its scale and size and to benefit from the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes any road map/action plan for such integration of Indian apparel industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any assessment of the success achieved so far under the Prime Minister Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel scheme in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Odisha and Maharashtra?

Import of Toys

*285. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the volume of import of toys from countries like China is adversely affecting the traditional cottage industry and the other fields of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to rectify the situation in a phased manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Phaltan-Pandharpur Railway Line Project

†*286. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phaltan-Pandharpur railway line project has been pending for more than 100 years;

(b) if so, whether the work of land acquisition for the said project had been completed during the British time and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government had sent the DPR along with the proposal to the Union Government during the year 2017-18 by approving the said project, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch the said public welfare project during this financial year and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has received any requests from the public representatives of the said area to launch the said project and if so, the details thereof?

Coal Supply to Aluminium Industry

*287. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for immediate resumption of adequate coal rakes for the highly power-intensive aluminium industry;

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

(c) whether the Indian aluminium industry continues to see depleting coal stocks of only 3-4 days against the prescribed level of 15 days for the sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MPLAD Funds

*288. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) when was the annual limit of MPLAD funds last revised;

(b) whether the amount now being given under MPLADS to MPs is not sufficient to meet the demands of development works undertaken in the Constituency and there have been demands to increase the limit of annual fund given to MPs under the scheme;

(c) if so, whether any thought has been given for this in the recent past and if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry is likely to consider allocating Rs. 2 crores MPLAD fund annually to every Assembly segment so that allocated fund can be utilized only in that Assembly segment for balanced development of all Assembly segments; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Monsoon in Andhra Pradesh

*289. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast of monsoon in Andhra Pradesh has been accurate during the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified the reasons for heavy rains and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any scientific advances have been made with regard to making precise predictions and if so, the details thereof?

**Escalators and Lifts at
Kishangarh Railway Station**

†*290. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether two new escalators and lifts were approved for the Kishangarh Railway Station premises in Ajmer in the previous Railway Budgets of 2017-18/2018-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the amount sanctioned for the Kishangarh Railway Station has been transferred arbitrarily by Railway Officers to other railway stations on the basis of reduced passenger load and if so, the factual details thereof;

(c) whether the Government and the higher officials of the Railways propose to install the earlier sanctioned escalator soon, keeping in view the difficulties faced by women, divyangs, elderly and children in climbing and descending the stairs of Foot-Over Bridge located at the said railway station premises; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Data Theft

*291. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is sensitive to the information related to Right to privacy in view of the daily occurrence of incidents of data theft/breaches and also about the misuse due to change in privacy policy of the big social media companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to protect the personal information of the countrymen and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to create and use any indigenous App in view of the increasing use of social media in Government work by including social media Apps run by private companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Import of Palm Oil

*292. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the world's largest importer of edible oil, i.e., palm oil and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the majority of the import of palm oil into India is not covered by NDPE (No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation) policies and if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government has received several quality related complaints in palmolein imported from Malaysia and Indonesia and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether it is difficult to establish a transparent supply trail of palm oil import in India as significant proportion of Indian consumers buy the so-called loose palm oil and if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(e) the details of the total palm oil imports from Malaysia and Indonesia during each of the last three years; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Irregularities in Paddy Procurement

†*293. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether paddy is not being procured from the farmers on Minimum Support Price (MSP) through paddy procurement centres for the last one year in Bhandara-Gondia of Maharashtra and paddy is being procured from the traders in the name of farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether cases of alleged fraud and irregularities in these centres are being reported;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes or is likely to conduct CBI inquiry into these cases in the procurement of paddy; and

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

Rice Procurement by FCI

*294. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of procurement of rice by Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the financial year 2022-2023 in Assam;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the procurement from Assam;

(c) if so, the details of the quantity likely to be increased; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Railway Projects in Rajasthan

†*295. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of ongoing railway projects in the country, including Rajasthan which are pending, State/zone/project-wise and the dates since when these projects are pending;

(b) the number of projects running behind schedule including the reasons therefor, project-wise along with the extent to which the cost of each pending project has gone up;

(c) the amount of funds allocated/spent on these projects during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the State-wise number of projects held up/lying pending due to shortage of funds;

(e) the time-limit fixed for completing the said projects and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(f) the details of the scheme formulated by the Government to check train accidents?

Modernisation of Railway Stations

†*296. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the comprehensive steps taken to modernise the standard of railway stations in various small and big cities included in the 'Smart Cities' scheme of the country as per the global standards;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the railway stations identified for the purpose and the details of the budget allocated and spent in this regard; and

(c) the number of railway stations across the country where the facilities provided have been upgraded to the global standards during the last two years along with the State/UT-wise details thereof?

Nuclear Radiation

*297. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken precautionary measures to counter the nuclear radiation caused by nuclear disaster, if any, due to Russia-Ukraine conflict;

(b) if so, the details of such precautionary measures;

(c) whether the Russia-Ukraine conflict will impact the safety and security of Koodankulam Reactor in Tamilnadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any demand has come up to scrap the Koodankulam reactor due to the threat of nuclear radiation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Lalitpur-Singrauli Railway Line Project

*298. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient funds have been allocated for Lalitpur-Khajuraho-Singrauli railway line project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether efforts are being made for further improvement of infrastructure and services at Katni railway station; and

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

Cyber Attack on Critical Infrastructure

*299. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of cyber attacks on India's critical infrastructure from 2014 till date;

(b) whether the Government deems the current legal framework adequate to address the increase in the number of cyber attacks, especially in the light of recent security breaches;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to introduce a new, targeted legislation to address the increase in cyber attacks and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to set up requisite infrastructure and schemes to provide a greater security against cyber attacks in the country?

Economic Potential of Mining Sector

†*300. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements have been made for any major improvement to showcase the economic potential of the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which private innovation agencies are working towards increasing employment opportunities in this sector along with the details thereof?

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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297	Part (c) line 2: <u>For</u> "Koodankulam" <u>read</u> "Kudankulam" line 3: <u>For</u> "Tamilnadu" <u>read</u> "Tamil Nadu" Part (e) line 2: <u>For</u> "Koodankulam" <u>read</u> "Kudankulam"

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