

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, February 9, 2018/Magha 20, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;  
Coal; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;  
Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries;  
Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Railways)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Agriculture loan**

†\*76. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small farmers still take sixty per cent of their agriculture loans from moneylenders, shopkeepers and traders;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Facilities under Adarsh Railway Station scheme**

\*77. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have embarked on providing various passenger facilities at various stations that have been identified as Adarsh Railway Stations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the district-wise details of the stations identified under this scheme in the State of Jharkhand;

(c) whether it is a fact that CAG has pointed out the deficiencies of facilities under this scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to rectify the defects and provide adequate facilities at these stations?

#### **Creation of separate Tower Company under BSNL**

†\*78. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), a profit making Government undertaking has installed 70,000 towers with its own expenses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government intends to divide BSNL in certain segments and create a new company named as Tower Company;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether the Tower Company would remain under BSNL or would be handed over to some private company; and

(d) if the Tower Company is to be handed over to some private company, the basis/reasons therefor?

**Doubling and electrification of railway lines**

\*79. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway lines in the country and the length, out of that, electrified in terms of kilometre and percentage, State-wise;

(b) whether Railways have received proposals from various States, including Punjab, for doubling and electrification of railway lines;

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

(d) the present status of the ongoing/pending doubling and electrification projects in the States and the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise; and

(e) the time-frame set for completion of these projects?

**Recommendations of Anil Kakodkar Committee on railway safety**

\*80. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents which occurred during the last three years along with the number of casualties and major causes for those accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Anil Kakodkar Committee on railway safety, which were

accepted by Government long ago, have not been implemented; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Generic medicines sold through PMBJKs**

\*81. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) opened so far in Rajasthan;

(b) the details regarding worth of generic medicines sold through these Kendras during the last three years, especially in Rajasthan;

(c) the details regarding cost-saving to patients in respect of generic drugs purchased from Janaushadhi Kendras as compared to equivalent non-generic medicines available in the market; and

(d) the details of safeguards being observed to maintain quality standards in respect of generic drugs?

**Notifications regarding schemes under Aadhaar**

\*82. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Ministries have issued notifications that they will co-opt over 30 schemes under Aadhaar, if so, the details of these schemes;

(b) whether Government allows non-State entities to use Aadhaar authentication and gain access to data, if so, the details of these non-State entities; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that

Government proposes to make Aadhaar mandatory for all 84 schemes covered under the Direct Benefit Transfer programme, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cyber crimes against children**

\*83. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of a number of children becoming victims of cyber crimes in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the action taken by Government on such cases; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by Government to prevent such crimes against children?

#### **Grants-in-aid under PMKSY**

\*84. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government notifies grants-in-aid for creation/expansion of food processing and preservation capacities under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) if so, the operational guidelines of the Government for release of such grants thereunder;

(c) the total number of States in the country having no Mega Food Parks; and

(d) the share of agri-produces, State-wise, and the reasons for not encouraging new entrepreneurs for such grants under PMKSY in the existing States having Mega Food Parks?

#### **Special monetary allowance to High Court Judges in North-East**

\*85. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that High Court Judges in the North-East are not entitled to special monetary allowances as extended to officers of North-East cadres of the All India Service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ill-effects of climate change on agriculture**

\*86. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether climate change has had an impact on the state of agriculture and fruiting seasons in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has devised or plans to devise any strategy/policy to combat the ill-effects of climate change on farm produce, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Regularization of contractual Safai Karamcharies**

\*87. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Railways have taken to abolish or regulate the regularization of contractual Safai Karamchhari jobs, the details thereof;

(b) in how many stations and coaches has the cleaning work been completely mechanized during 2014-2017, the details thereof;

(c) the number of trains still running with direct discharge toilets;

(d) how many such trains have been replaced in the last three years; and

(e) the Railways' plan for the next two years?

**Telecommunication projects in  
Karnataka**

\*88. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of various ongoing projects of the Central Government for better telecommunication infrastructure in Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for inadequate pace of implementation of projects in certain districts of the State;

(c) the estimate of livelihood opportunities made available through new communications infrastructure projects implemented in the State of Karnataka after June, 2014; and

(d) the comparative figures of amount spent on communications-related projects implemented in Karnataka between 2009-14 and 2014-17?

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**MoP for appointment of Judges**

\*89. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent any response or consent to the revised Memorandum of Procedure (MoP), which lays down procedure for appointment of Judges in higher judiciary, as finalized by the Collegium of the Supreme Court and sent to the Ministry by the Chief Justice of India in March, 2017; and

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

**TRAI meeting with telecom service providers**

\*90. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) held meeting with telecom service providers recently to discuss issues that would be taken up during the year;

(b) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the telecom service providers put forward many suggestions to be implemented in 2018; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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(Ministry-wise)

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