

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, December 12, 2019/Agrahayana 21, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Human Resource Development; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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Mobile application to read Supreme Court judgements

*256. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a new mobile application to read the Supreme Court judgements in various languages is available;

(b) whether Government proposes to include Nepali language in the said application to read the Supreme Court judgements; and

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

Slowdown of GDP growth rate

*257. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's GDP growth rate is slowing down day by day during the last one year;

(b) if so, whether the GDP growth has slowed down to an overall six year low at five per cent and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken/being taken by Government to boost the GDP growth;

(d) the GDP growth rate during the last seven years, year-wise; and

(e) by when the GDP rate of the country is likely to come out of the downward trend?

Objections of stakeholders on draft New Education Policy, 2019

*258. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the major objections that have been received from various stakeholders regarding the draft New Education Policy, 2019;

(b) whether these objections have been taken seriously and changes have been incorporated in the Policy;

(c) if so, the changes that have been

undertaken in the Policy due to the objections mentioned above; and

(d) the total expenditure (capital and recurring) needed to operationalise the draft New Education Policy, 2019?

Financial expenditure of educational reforms

*259. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring educational reforms in the country;

(b) whether these reforms would involve financial expenditure; and

(c) if so, the details of financial expenditure involved?

Implementation of Shaala Darpan initiative in KVs

*260. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Shaala Darpan initiative in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and aims and objective of this initiative;

(c) problem faced by Government under the scheme during the last three years;

(d) the status of first phase of Shaala Darpan;

(e) whether Government has circulated to the States for introduction of similar system in State Government schools, if so, the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(f) whether Government has made any arrangement for providing mobile access to parents to monitor the child's progress and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Indian languages in the draft New Education Policy

†*261. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increasing tendency to treat Sanskrit, Hindi and other Indian languages disdainfully compared to any foreign languages in the country; and

(b) if so, whether any provisions have been made in the New Education Policy so that all Indian languages are treated more respectfully than any foreign language?

Introduction of 5G spectrum mobile broadband

*262. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce 5G spectrum mobile broadband in the country;

(b) if so, whether the bidders of 4G have proven their eligibility to provide satisfactory services to the nation therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that First World countries have disapproved 5G spectrum services due to security reasons thereof; and

(d) if so, the problems of security breach and the plan details of Government therefor?

Notification of new rules under the RTI Act

*263. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

has notified new rules under the Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rules have not been drafted as per the procedures laid down in the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy of 2014; and

(d) whether the draft was not available in the public domain and no consultations were held with public?

Differential tax issues in the textile industry

*264. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a differential tax treatment for cotton and Man-made Fibres (MMF), if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the fibre tax neutrality, if introduced, is likely to give clothing cotton product exports a boost and increase production, if so, the details thereof?

Wage revision of BSNL retired employees

*265. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after retirement the Department of Telecommunications is responsible to revise the pension of the retired BSNL employees;

(b) whether the revision of pension has been kept pending for the wage revision due to which the pensioners are put to hardship; and

(c) whether the Ministry would expedite the wage revision and accordingly address this grievance?

Construction of nuclear power plants

*266. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to speed up construction of nuclear power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 17 new reactors were in the pipeline of which seven are already under construction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Registration of case by UIDAI regarding Aadhaar data theft

*267. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has registered a case with Telangana Police on a private company regarding the Aadhaar data theft;

(b) if so, details thereof and present status of the case;

(c) whether Government has enquired as to how the private company accessed Aadhaar data, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the private company on which the case was registered is managing

data of beneficiaries of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and voter data base of a political party; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Initiatives taken for welfare of textile and handloom workers

*268. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textile and handloom workers in the country;

(b) whether Government has any plans to initiate a welfare fund and enforce welfare schemes for the rehabilitation of textile and handloom workers in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent so far in this regard;

(d) the details of the schemes already in place for the welfare of textile and handloom workers in the country;

(e) whether there are any roadblocks in providing the financial assistance/pension/one time financial support for textile and handloom workers; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Financial crisis faced by telcos

*269. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recent press statements by some telcos about claims of financial crisis; and

(b) whether Government has undertaken any study about this so called crisis and its impact on consumer pricing and competition?

BSNL network in Odisha

*270. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL network in aspirational districts in Odisha is very poor, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) the names of places in the State of Odisha where new mobile towers are proposed to be set up by Government and the details of the plans to increase the internet speed in the said region?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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