

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, December 22, 2017/Pausa 1, 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

Steps to curb misuse of social media

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

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to curb the misuse of social media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any laws therefor; and

(d) whether the freedom of expression has been ensured in implementation of those statutes?

Setting up of new judicial courts

*77. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to double the number of judicial courts in the country;

(b) if so, the number of new courts

established in the country during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) by when Government is going to appoint new judicial officers/Judges to fill-up the posts in these new courts?

Wi-Fi facilities at railway stations of Andhra Pradesh

*78. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of railway stations that have been provided with Wi-Fi facilities in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Wi-Fi facilities have been extended not only to 'A-1' and 'A' category railway stations but also to 'B' category stations; and

(c) if so, the details of 'B' category railway stations in Andhra Pradesh and by when Wi-Fi facilities would be provided there?

Separate railway zone in Andhra Pradesh

*79. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per item No. 8 of Schedule 13 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, Railways have to set up a separate railway zone in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in compliance to the above, the Ministry constituted a Committee;

(c) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the action taken by the Ministry thereon;

(d) whether the Ministry is delaying creation of a separate railway zone in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) how much more time will the Ministry take to set up a railway zone in Andhra Pradesh?

Installation of imported signalling system

*80. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of train accidents, which happened between 2014 and 2017, occurred due to negligence of employees and due to use of inferior and locally fabricated equipments which caused the signal failures;

(b) the details of number of people killed and injured in such accidents;

(c) whether Government proposes to install imported signalling system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes to double the income of farmers

†*81. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is working expeditiously and successfully on implementation of several special schemes in the Agriculture sector to achieve the target of doubling the income of farmers by 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after the implementation of e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme, the income of a number of farmers has increased; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Linking of Aadhaar with bank account and mobile number

*82. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a law has been enacted for the linking of Aadhaar with personal bank account and mobile number;

(b) whether various agencies are empowered to enforce such decree on the citizens of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the provisions under which citizens can claim exemption from such a decree?

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**Unique Identification Number
Sequence for cows and its progeny**

*83. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed issuing Unique Identification Number Sequences for cows and their progeny to protect them from smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this may be made mandatory for all cows and their progeny throughout the country that are owned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is being done as per the recommendation of a Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to IRCTC

*84. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IRCTC has sought compensation of ₹ 560 crore for the year 2015-16 from the Ministry of Railways towards service charges for their national railway booking;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during November, 2016 to March, 2017, IRCTC witnessed a revenue loss to the tune of ₹ 220 crore;

(c) if so, whether in spite of growth rate of cashless reservation of tickets through IRCTC going upto 68 per cent in 2016-17, losses were incurred by it; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government to compensate IRCTC for the losses incurred?

Employment in FPIs

*85. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in the country and the number of those having more than 20 employees along with the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the number and details of FPIs which have more capacity of employment?

Profits earned from railway tickets

†*86. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is earning a lot of profit through railway tickets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of annual income to Government by way of online reservation charges, self cancellation and auto cancellation charges in case of online waiting tickets, charges in the name of insurance in addition to many other charges?

**Improvement of infrastructure in
Agriculture sector**

*87. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to infuse funds for improvement of infrastructure in the rural areas in Agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the notable achievement made by the ICAR scientists in transfer of technology

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from lab to land, development of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds of various crops and other state-of-the art technology during the last three years;

(d) whether the productivity level of foodgrains, pulses and other crops have remained far below the international levels; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Provision for cancellation of Aadhaar

*88. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has received any memoranda from citizens for their Aadhaar cards to be deactivated or cancelled, if so, the steps proposed in this regard;

(b) whether any provision exists in Aadhaar Act for cancellation of Aadhaar, especially for those who do not avail any welfare benefits from Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether a citizen can deny consent for using their Aadhaar card for new schemes other than those which existed at the time of enrolment, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts of Odisha under NFSM

*89. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps to relax the criteria, as a special case, to accommodate Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts of Odisha under National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Coarse Cereals; and

(b) whether Government also proposes to enhance subsidy for seeds of pulses and water use efficiency tools under NFSM like sprinklers, pumpsets, rainguns, HDPE pipes in Left-Wing Extremist affected districts of Odisha?

Maintenance of railway tracks by Track Maintainers

†*90. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maintenance work of railway tracks is being carried out by trained Track Maintainers or by private contractors;

(b) the reasons behind the track-related accidents happening frequently;

(c) the number of kilometers of tracks required to be maintained by Track Maintainers on an average per day; and

(d) the approximate amount of funds required in order to strengthen all the tracks of the entire railway network and whether Government proposes to provide the same?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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