

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 25, 2019/Shravana 3, 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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Integrated Textile Parks in Andhra Pradesh

*346. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has approved two Integrated Textile Parks in Nellore in Andhra Pradesh under PPP mode;

(b) if so, the progress of the Textile Parks;

(c) by when the Parks are likely to commence production; and

(d) the details of allocations made for the Textile Parks during 2018-19 and 2019-20?

Closure of cotton mills

†*347. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for closure of cotton mills in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to address these issues so far; and

(c) the success achieved on account of the steps taken in this regard?

Validity period of TET qualifying certificate

*348. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the validity period of Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate is decided by the appropriate Government subject to a maximum of seven years for all categories;

(b) whether, after the expiry of seven years, the qualifying candidates have to take new TET examination;

(c) whether Government proposes to do away with the validity period of the TET qualifying certificate; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons why such a discriminatory provision of validity of seven years for TET qualifying candidates is maintained?

Vacancies in Central Government

*349. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies which arose due to retirement, resignation, etc. in various departments of Central Government since May, 2014 till 1st July, 2019, year-wise, department-wise and group-wise;

(b) the number of vacancies filled out of the above during the above period, year-wise, department-wise and group-wise;

(c) the details of vacancies abolished since May, 2014, department-wise and group-wise;

(d) the details of vacancies which are lying vacant for more than two years, department-wise and group-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to fill the above vacancies?

Gross Enrolment Ratio

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

(a) the details of the current Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER);

(b) whether it has changed during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to ensure an increase in the GER?

Progress in digital transactions

*351. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in the number of digital payment transactions from 2016 till date;

(b) the initiatives taken by Government to promote digital transactions; and

(c) the details of policies framed to prevent fraudulent and illegal transactions and data theft arising out of digital transactions?

Setting up of Textile Parks under SITP

*352. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Textile Parks set up under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the estimated amount spent in terms of grants on these projects;

(c) the total amount invested by private entities on these projects; and

(d) the number of new jobs, if any, created by these projects?

e-passport for citizens

*353. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to introduce e-passport for the citizens of the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the purpose of introduction of e-passport in place of the present system; and

(c) the manner in which it would be different from the present form of passport and the details of advantages of using such passport?

Payment of penalty for call drop

*354. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imposed penalty on telecom companies for call drop;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of service providers who paid the penalty imposed on them for call drop alongwith the details of payments made?

Progress of major projects

*355. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce time and cost overruns of various major projects of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that several Central projects have reported cost and time overrun; and

(d) if so, the number of projects under implementation, the projects with cost and time overruns, alongwith the details of expenditure incurred?

Expansion of list of Institutions of Eminence

*356. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to expand the list of Institutions of Eminence in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has identified some institutions for shortlisting; and

(c) if so, the details of criteria followed and whether any such institution is located in the North Eastern States?

Status of Civil Nuclear deal

*357. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Civil Nuclear deal signed by India with foreign countries;

(b) the details of plans to use nuclear technology for generating energy for civilian use in the country; and

(c) the details of partnerships, if any, entered into with other countries for furthering atomic energy cooperation and development of the country?

Textile and apparel industry

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

(a) the details of major problems of the cotton textile industry in our country;

(b) the present-day value of the textile and apparel industry, category-wise; and

(c) the total employment in the textile sector, State-wise?

Meeting service quality norms by telecom companies

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

(a) whether it is a fact that all the major

telecom companies had failed to meet service quality norms during June to September, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against the service providers who failed to meet the said norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of cotton by CCI

*360. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of

India (CCI) has procured cotton from farmers of various States at Minimum Support Price during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the cotton growers are getting adequate price for their produce to enable them to repay their loans and meet their household expenses during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to give remunerative price of cotton to the farmers?

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The 19th July, 2019
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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