

# Youth Parliament '16

## List of Questions

### General guidelines:

1. Questions will be directed from the Opposition to the various Government Ministries as well as from the Government to the Opposition, which heads the parliamentary committees.
2. Participants must note that the **time of answering** each main question including all its sub-parts is **3 minutes**.
3. Not more than 2 supplementary questions will be allowed per main question, and their pronouncement shall be at the discretion of the person asking the question, i.e. a member may or may not ask the supplementary question, but cannot, in any case, ask more than two supplementary questions. Time allowed for answering both the supplementary question **should not exceed 1 and a half minutes**.
4. Ministries and committees will be allotted by mail/SMS, but participants are encouraged to go through the document to have an idea about the nature of discussions to be held in the house.

## **Questions for Ministries (Government):**

Q1. Will the **Minister of Finance** be pleased to state:

- a) The reasons for the fall in the value of Rupee from 59.93 rupees per US dollar to 67 rupees per USD since the Government came to power;
- b) The details of the measures taken to salvage the situation, and the extent to which these steps have helped in stabilising the Rupee against the Dollar.
- c) The reasons behind the several economists' and RBI's Governor concern about some problems in India's GDP calculation and what can be done to address it?

Q2. Will the **Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- a) Why is the Government planning to auction small and marginal oil fields of ONGC and OIL India to private companies;
- b) The terms under which auction will be undertaken;
- c) What measures have been proposed by the Government to reduce the risk of explorers in oil fields?

Q3. Will the **Minister of Communication and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- a) The details of the Government's plans to formulate a National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) Policy;
- b) Whether Government plans to allocate more spectrum for successful rollout of wireless broadband services, ensuring seamless execution of the NOFN policy;
- c) What steps are being taken by Government to deal with the problem of call drop in India?

Q4. Will the **Minister of Railways** be pleased to state:

- a) What steps are in the pipeline for the modernization of Indian Railways;

- b) Whether the Railways has planned any measures to check corruption that is prevailing in PSUs under the *Ministry of Railways*? If so, the facts thereof;
- c) The steps taken by Government to make PSU's profit making institutions so as to get the maximum dividends from them.

Q5. Will the **Minister of Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- a) The reasons, for cutting down the number of Nirbhaya Centres (One Stop Crisis Centres for Women) from 660 to just 36;
- b) Whether the Government has details regarding the number of Nirbhaya Centres that are operational in the country today; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- c) Whether the National Task Force has started its process of annual monitoring and evaluation of these centres?

Q6. Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- a) What is India's strategy for curbing the growth of ISIS in the subcontinent, especially in the light of the recent comments made by the UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs;
- b) Whether the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) submitted a report recommending the creation of one unified agency at the national level to check human trafficking? If so, the details its recommendations;
- c) What steps are being taken to curb problem highlighted by the National Crime Records Bureau stating that every 8th minute a child goes missing in India?

Q7. Will the **Minister of Defence** be pleased to state:

- a) How will the shortage of armed forces' personnel and officers that is impacting the Defence Force's effectiveness be overcome;

- b) The efforts taken to fill the vacancies, like holding career fairs and exhibitions, advertisements, motivational lecturers in schools and colleges and details thereof; and
- c) If Siachen is still a fragile zone requiring a constant military presence in the light of recent events leading to our soldiers' deaths?

Q8. Will the Minister of **Human Resource Development** be pleased to state:

- a) How is the Government addressing the concerns of the prestigious IITs and IIMs regarding the issue of their autonomy in the light of the allegations of undue interference from the HRD in their functioning?
- b) What steps are in force, if at all, to address the inclusion of sports as a mandatory subject of theoretical and practical importance in the school curriculum?

Q9. Will the **Minister of External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- a) Why the Government is exporting the T-90 tanks from Russia as it contradicts the Make in India Campaign?
- b) What is being done by the Minister to solve the issue of Indian fishermen who are often taken captive by Sri Lanka?

Q10. Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

- a) Why the PM's foreign trips cost the exchequer over Rs 41.1crore? Is this huge expense serving India;
- b) What is being done by the Government on the issue of climate change? How does opening up a Rs 34,555 crore oil refinery in Odisha help to battle climate change?

## **Questions for Parliamentary Committees (Opposition):**

Q11. Will the **Chairman of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Culture and Tourism** be pleased to state:

- a) The recommendations of the Committee regarding the need for uniform format of e-ticket or provision of machine readable bar coded air tickets;
- b) While the number of flights has increased, the strength of CISF at airports has not kept pace with the changing requirements. What are the recommendations by the committee concerning this issue?

Q12. Will the **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Estimates** be pleased to state:

- a) The Committee's views on modernisation of Police and Para Military Forces in view of the recurring incidents along the LAC and also along the India-Pakistan Line of Control (LoC);
- b) Besides the recommendations, what other steps does the Committee propose to ensure that the forces have better arms, ammunition, night vision devices, patrolling equipment, vehicles and other infrastructural upgrade?

Q13. Will the **Chairman of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce** be pleased to state:

- a) The reasons for India's 138th rank as per the 2016 EOB report which states that it takes 47 days at 7.51% of the property value for registering a piece of property;
- b) What are the steps proposed by the Committee to improve and update the process of registration of property?

**Q14. Will the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts** be pleased to state:

- a) What are the measures suggested by the committee to check avoidable litigation in the taxation and accountability of the annual Budget?
- b) What are the changes required in our tax laws with respect to the ease of doing business?

**Q15. Will the Chairman of Standing Committee on Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- a) What is the present scenario of the Investment Promotion Act, 2014 in Goa? What are the illegal steps taken by the Investment Promotion Board (IPB)?
- b) What has the committee emphasized in this matter? If this condition prevails, what will be the resulting consequences?

**Q16. Will the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes** be pleased to state:

- a) Regarding the Budget allocation for Dalits and Adivasis, why is the standing committee not satisfied with the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP)?
  - b) How will the capital be utilized, if there is a raise in allocation of funds for this scheme as per the norms provided?
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