

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Space; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions -- 160

Construction of Nuclear Power Plants in the country

1761 **Shri John Brittas:**

Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans for construction of new nuclear power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any funds have been earmarked by Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of expansion plans in the existing projects?

Expansion plan of nuclear power capacity

1762 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri P. Bhattacharya:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of nuclear power generation capacity added during the last three years including the current year;
- (b) the amount of funds spent on maintenance and upgradation of nuclear power plants during that period and the per unit cost of power generation;
- (c) the target set for generation of nuclear power during the current year and the progress made in this regard, so far; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to expand the capacity of existing and new plants to meet the growing energy needs and if so, the details thereof?

Slow growth of nuclear power sector

1763 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason for slow growth of the nuclear power sector among fuels despite ambitious

targets, and generous budgetary allocations;

(b) the number of small modular reactors in the country currently in operation for the nuclear power sector, State-wise;

(c) the number of experts employed per small modular reactor; and

(d) the total electricity generation by small modular reactors, State-wise?

Proposal to set up more nuclear reactors

1764 **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently taken a decision to set up ten nuclear reactors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent this decision helps in increasing the atomic energy generation percentage from the present two per cent to, at least, the global average of eleven per cent; and

(d) the quantum of capacity addition can India has with this and timeline to set up ten nuclear reactors?

Managing environmental impact of nuclear plants

1765 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uranium mining for atomic energy causes carbon emission;

(b) whether Government has made plans for sustainable uranium utilisation, in line with its vision to increase nuclear energy to 22,480 MW by 2031, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to reduce the risk of water contamination due to nuclear plants;

(d) whether existing nuclear plants are being upgraded for safety and environmental purposes, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned, disbursed and utilised for the purpose of mitigating potential environmental hazards of nuclear plants, State/UT/year-wise?

Financial irregularities in Nav Nalanda Mahavihara

1766 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial irregularities on a large-scale have been committed in gross violation of General Financial Rules (GFR) in purchases for Nav Nalanda Mahavihara;

(b) the details of purchases over ₹ 1 lakh and above made for Mahavihara during the last one year;

(c) whether due process for procurement has been followed in these purchases; and

(d) if not, whether Government would order an enquiry into the purchases made during the last one year?

Assistance to folk artists amid COVID-19 pandemic

1767 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with a database of the number of folk artists who lost their livelihood due to COVID-19;

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

- (c) whether Government has come up with a financial package to assist those folk artists who lost their livelihood, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has rehabilitated those folk artists who lost their livelihood due to COVID-19, if so, the details thereof?

Retrieval of artifacts from abroad

1768 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of artifacts that the hon. Prime Minister has brought recently from the United States;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government is following up to retrieve artifacts from various countries of the world, including United Kingdom;
- (c) if so, the details of artifacts identified languishing in museums of various countries, country-wise, and efforts being made to retrieve them; and
- (d) steps being taken/proposed to take to prevent the smuggling of artifacts out of the country?

Survey of monuments by INTACH and ASI

1769 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey of monuments has been conducted by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) or Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during the last five years across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the corrective measures taken by Government for renovating these monuments and amount estimated to be spent thereon; and
- (d) the time by which such monuments are proposed to be renovated?

Vacancies in organisations under the Ministry

1770 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of subordinate and attached offices of the Ministry that are without regular heads selected under the Recruitment Rules, and for how long;
- (b) number of autonomous institutions of the Ministry that are also without regular heads selected under the Recruitment Rules, and for how long;
- (c) the time by which the Ministry expect to fill up the critical vacancies of the Heads of these institutions;
- (d) number of posts of Deputy Director or equivalent and above that are lying vacant in these institutions; and
- (e) the reasons for such gaps and action taken to improve matters?

Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS)

1771 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) under the Ministry of Culture is being made a part of Viswa Bharati University;
- (b) if so, whether the consent of the State Government of West Bengal has been taken,

since land for MAKAIAS was given free to the Ministry on specific terms;

(c) whether such a proposal has been endorsed by the nominees of Government of West Bengal in the Executive Council of MAKAIAS; and

(d) number of seminars, workshops, projects, visits, publications, etc., organised or supported by MAKAIAS during the last five years and details of the participants?

Excavation report of Keezhadi

1772 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to release the 1st, 2nd & 3rd phase excavation report of Keezhadi, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Condition of historic libraries in the country

1773 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's historic libraries under Government are in a pathetic condition, if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government is proposing to create an All India Library Services Cadre for common service conditions and pay scales in libraries across country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether most of the important and historic libraries of the country are now headed by the non-library professionals and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government in this regard?

MOUs signed under 'Adopt a Heritage' Scheme

1774 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MOUs signed under the 'Adopt a Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehachaan' scheme, till date;

(b) the current implementation status thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps have been taken by the Archaeological survey of India (ASI) so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the details of major achievement of ASI during last three years?

Preservation of Indian culture

1775 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to preserve the Culture of the State of Karnataka as well as Indian culture, the details thereof; and

(b) the programme created to build more awareness about Indian culture, the details thereof?

Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana

1776 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective of KSVY;
- (c) the number of cultural organizations who have been given financial assistance for the promotion of art and culture during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government for promotion of art and culture?

Budget status of National Projects in NER

1777 # **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

Will the Minister of **Development of North Eastern Region** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount sanctioned and utilized for execution of various National Projects in the North Eastern Region (NER) during the last two years; and
- (b) the progress made on various components of works and target set for those projects?

Cyclone hazard proneness of coastal areas

1778 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether IMD has prepared map of cyclone hazard proneness of coastal districts;
- (b) whether all coastal districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh are either 'very highly prone' or 'highly prone';
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) reasons that in spite of having early warning system and cyclone prediction equipment, loss to coastal areas, nearly 100 kms from the coast of Andhra Pradesh have suffered property damage and loss of life;
- (e) whether Government believes that there is a need to tighten disaster management to minimize loss; and
- (f) details of revised disaster management plan prepared by NDMA recently?

Measuring depth of Himalayan glaciers to assess water availability

1779 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plan to measure the depth of Himalayan glaciers to assess water availability, if so, the details of the authority undertaking and implementing the mission;
- (b) the areas of the Himalayas which will be explored under the mission along with the details of the phase-wise implementation of the project; and
- (c) the quantum of funds proposed to be allocated for the research along with the details of the technology likely to be used in the mission?

Air quality testing application

1780 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department has started any application to enhance the awareness among common public regarding the hazardous effects of air pollution and to enable the citizens to test air quality;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the cities where this facility is presently available; and
- (c) plans to extend the facility to other parts of the country?

Illegal mining and tree cutting in forests of Chhattisgarh

1781 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of illegal mining and tree cutting in other forest areas including Balrampur-Ramanujan district of the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details of punitive action taken against the officers involved in this; and
- (c) whether Government has made an assessment of the environmental effects caused by such kind of illegal mining and tree cutting in forests, if so, the details thereof?

Environmental clearances for irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

1782 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) list of various irrigation projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are awaiting environmental and forest clearances;
- (b) the details of these projects, time taken for clearances, reasons for delay, difficulties in granting clearances; and
- (c) the status of Varikapudisela Project Clearance?

Ban on single use plastics

1783 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of States and UTs that have partially banned or not banned single use plastics;
- (b) details of plastic waste management that Government is adopting for better environment;
- (c) whether Government is providing incentives/grants to States that are meticulously implementing ban on single use plastic in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that single use plastic is banned on sachets using plastic material used for storing, packing or selling gutkha, tobacco and pan masala and not other products; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Installation of FGD units in thermal power plants

1784 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the deadline to install Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) units in thermal power plants that cut emissions of Sulphur Dioxides was postponed from 2017 to 2022, if so, the reasons for extension of the deadline;
- (b) the number and details of State-run thermal power plants that have complied with setting up of FGD units so far; and
- (c) whether the task force to segregate plants in three categories on the basis of their location to comply with the emission norms has been constituted by the Central Pollution Control Board, if not, the reasons therefor?

National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)

1785 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to undertake a national in-depth coastal risk assessment in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is planning to expand the scope of NAFCC to support adaptation measures in all coastal areas in the State of Kerala that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds released to various States under NAFCC till date, year and State-wise?

CAMPA funds for States

1786 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) total Compensatory Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds provided to States during the past five years, State-wise;
- (b) the rationale and reasons for providing CAMPA funds to the States;
- (c) whether there is a specific formula to arrive at the determination of the CAMPA funds for States, the details thereof; and
- (d) implementation status of CAMPA funds by States and status report of Centre if any, in this regard?

Action plan to reduce carbon emission

1787 # Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has deliberated upon preparing any action plan to completely stop carbon emission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the main factors causing carbon emission, and the industries which cause maximum carbon emission along with the strategy made by Government to bring it down?

Air quality of cities in the country

1788 Shri Jose K. Mani:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data regarding the change in air quality of cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) over the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has data regarding the number of air quality monitors established across the country over the last three years;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plans/proposals to reduce the air pollution in cities and improve their air quality; and
- (f) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Disbursal of CAMPA funds to States

1789 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) amount of CAMPA funds that are yet to be disbursed to States;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is pending payment to States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of forest in Uttarakhand

1790 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made an assessment of the reduction in forest area in the State of Uttarakhand in the last decade, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has held consultations with the Stake-holders in Uttarakhand with respect to proposed amendments in Forest Conservation Act, 1980; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Management and utilisation of fly ash

1791 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) action taken for monitoring of scientific management and utilisation of fly ash;
- (b) amount of legacy fly ash in the stock and whether there is any roadmap for disposing legacy ash;
- (c) number of ash dyke breach incidents in last three years, State-wise details thereof;
- (d) preventive measures taken for ensuring safe storage of fly ash in ponds and ash dykes, the details thereof;
- (e) action that has been taken against coal based power plants found non-compliant with 100 per cent fly ash utilisation; and
- (f) amount of fly ash generated and details of its utilisation rate, State-wise?

Release of Environmental Relief Fund to Andhra Pradesh

1792 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has released any funds under Environmental Relief Fund to the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposals have been sent by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of funds, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the status of these funds as on date?

Reasons for forest degradation

1793 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether vegetation degradation of approximately 96 per cent, caused by deforestation and overgrazing, is the major reason for forest degradation;
- (b) if so, steps that are proposed to be taken by Government keeping in view the fact that forest remains the most vulnerable to degradation, and also that 30 per cent or a little more than 21 million hectares (mha) is degraded in the country; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Posting of IFoS Officers

1794 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the tenure of posting of Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officials at one place in order of seniority, and whether the appropriate rules are being followed in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, in this regard; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Roadmap to tackle climate change

1795 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the implications of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report for India;
- (b) whether Government has prepared any roadmap to fulfil India's ambitious promises made at UN Climate Conference in Glasgow;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government plans to bring about a revised comprehensive policy or a law to tackle climate change;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, plan of Government at the national and State level to tackle the adverse effects of climate change?

Elephant corridor in Karnataka

1796 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhhar:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposed elephant corridors in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) the details of the land acquired and pending to be acquired from people and forest regions for elephant corridor, year and project-wise from 2017 in Karnataka; and
- (c) the details of compensation provided and pending to people from 2017, year and project-wise?

Magisterial powers to forest official

1797 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that forest departments can ask for police escorts when there are fears of violence and support is not always available, especially when foresters encounter criminals while on patrol;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that many department officials have demanded that officers above a certain rank be given magisterial powers, as during elections; and
- (c) if so, the initiatives taken by Government in this regard?

Reducing global emissions

1798 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) projected carbon emissions of United States of America, Europe, China and developing

countries including India, country-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that to achieve net-zero by 2050, the country has to reduce emissions by 1.4 billion tons per year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that emissions in India are 7 percent of global emissions; and

(d) if so, the details of plan of action that Government has to take to achieve net-zero by 2050?

Project pending for environmental clearance

1799 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of development/infrastructure/road projects are pending with Government for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially from Punjab; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for providing early environmental clearance to such pending projects?

Study on vulnerability of Himalayan ecosystem

1800 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindu Kush Himalayas (HKH) are experiencing rise of temperature and its likely increase in future may lead to hydrological and agricultural impact in the region, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to constitute a Committee of Experts to make scientific study of the vulnerability of the Himalayan ecosystem, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Forest cover in the country

1801 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that the current forest cover is only 24.62 per cent, against the target of 33 per cent by 2022 as per the NITI Aayog's Strategy for New India @ 75 Report, 2019;

(b) whether it is a fact that the official method of identification and definition of forest land includes agroforestry entities like orchards, bamboo and palm fields, and other tree crops; and

(c) if so, the rationale therefor, including justification on how this is claimed to be an accurate and scientific assessment of quantifying forest land and carbon stocks?

Status of Extended Producer's Responsibility for plastic waste

1802 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) current status of Draft Uniform Framework for Extended Producer's Responsibility (EPR) Guidelines notified by Government on June 26, 2020 and October 6, 2021;

(b) whether Government has complied with the NGT directive on finalising EPR guidelines by December, 2020, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) State/UT-wise percentage of total producers of plastic waste complying with the existing EPR framework under the Plastic Waste Management Rules since 2016;

(d) total quantum of plastic waste in kilograms minimised due to EPR since 2016; and

(e) whether any specialised agency has been created/planned for ensuring compliance of EPR by producers of plastic waste?

E-Waste management

1803 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) amount of E-Waste generated in the country annually in last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether India imports E-Waste from developed countries;
- (c) if so, details of the amount of E-Waste imported annually for last five years;
- (d) steps taken by Government to prevent E-Waste imports as suggested in a report by the Central Pollution Control Board, 2020;
- (e) whether Government is planning to monitor and revise the Extended Producer Responsibility and take strict measures against the companies who are violating the standard rules and procedures therein; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Conservation of tigers

1804 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total population of tigers in the country for the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government has enhanced funds for tiger conservation project as per the needs of States and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of families relocated by Government during the last five years for tiger conversation projects alongwith the compensation provided to the families; and
- (d) whether the tiger census undertaken in the past has helped in the protection and conservation of tigers in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Ban on use of GM seeds

1805 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has imposed ban on the use of Genetically Modified (GM) seeds of various crops including pulses, food grains, cotton and other agro products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the stand of Government on banning of Genetically Modified seeds in the country and the details thereof; and
- (d) the effective steps taken by Government to impose ban on Multi National Companies selling GM seeds and cultivation of GM crops to ensure the growth and production of indigenous varieties of food grains, pulses and other agro produces in the country and the details thereof?

Destruction of forest in the Mollem Wild Life Sanctuary in Goa

1806 Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of trees that have been cut and proposed to be cut in the Mollem Wild Life Sanctuary to make way for doubling of tracks on the Goa side;
- (b) number of trees that have been cut and proposed to be cut in the Sanctuary to make

way for Tamnar power line project on the Goa side;

(c) number of trees that have been cut and proposed to be cut in the Sanctuary to make way for highway project on the Goa side; and

(d) the quantum of pollution caused in Vasco city, and all along the tracks due to coal transportation?

Vapour recovery system at petrol pumps

1807 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the State and Central Pollution Control Boards to make it mandatory for new petroleum outlets to obtain consent to establish and consent to operate, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NGT also directed the retail petroleum outlets, irrespective of their turnover, to install the vapour recovery system within six months, for the protection of the environment;

(c) whether petroleum outlets in various States have complied with the direction of the NGT to obtain consent within the time limit; and

(d) if not, action taken for non compliance and the details thereof?

Death of elephants in Elephant Corridors crossing railway lines

1808 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has neglected the elephant corridors in the various connected railway divisions and hence, elephants continue to die on railway tracks;

(b) whether the High Courts have adversely commented on the sad state of affairs and if so, the response of Government;

(c) the details of short-term and long-term measures taken to protect elephants dying on the railway tracks;

(d) whether any Centrally Sponsored Project for elephant for a permanent mitigation plans in various rail sections mooted, if so the details thereof; and

(e) other measures taken to protect elephants by using technology such as infrared equipment etc.?

Clearance for mining at Pandai river

1809 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start manual or mechanized mining as done earlier in the Pandai river flowing from Nepal to West Champaran district of Bihar;

(b) whether any public representative has raised any demand, in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when Government is likely to permit this work, the details thereof?

Domestic hazardous waste management in cities

1810 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most cities in the country do not segregate waste as domestic hazardous waste;

(b) if so, the steps that have been taken by Government to implement the Solid Waste

Management Rules, 2016 in this regard; and

(c) number of cities that are equipped with managing the domestic hazardous waste, the details thereof?

Agreement with World Food Programme (WFP)

1811 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

(a) whether Government has signed an agreement with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) for distribution of grains and other food items to other countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Paperless passport service

1812 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

Whether Government has launched Passport Seva Programme V2.0 to ensure paperless passport service?

Death of Indian fisherman due to firing by Sri Lankan Navy

1813 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

(a) the number of Indian fishermen who died or were injured in firing by Sri Lankan Navy in the year 2021 and 2022; and

(b) the number of those fisherman who were arrested by Sri Lankan Navy; and

(c) the number of those released and repatriated to India so far?

Indian fishermen in Pakistan

1814 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

(a) special efforts made by Government to get Indian fishermen released and repatriated as more than 625 Indians primarily from the State of Gujarat are in Pakistan's custody;

(b) any urgent plan to get the release of over 1200 Indian fishing boats seized by Pakistan;

(c) efforts made to revive Joint Judicial Committee on Prisoners between India and Pakistan; and

(d) whether there is any plan to see that Indian fishermen are not arrested by Pakistan's Maritime Security Agency in the mid-sea or near International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL)?

Assistance given by Russia and Ukraine in evacuation process

1815 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Shri Brijlal:

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

(a) the number of students and passengers who have been brought to India in the recent past due to the situation of tension between Russia and Ukraine;

(b) whether any additional flights have been operated by Government in such a situation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is in touch with Government of Russia and Ukraine, if so, the

details thereof; and

(e) the details of assistance given by Russia and Ukraine to Indians?

Indian expats in Ukraine

1816 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) the number of Indian expats in Ukraine during the start of the war;
- (b) the timeline of warning guidelines issued to Indians to leave Ukraine;
- (c) the number of them who were rescued as a result of India's efforts during the war;
- (d) the total amount spent by India for this mission;
- (e) whether the privatisation of Air India has affected the rescue mission; and
- (f) whether Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to the Indian expats for their return to Ukraine to continue their studies after the war ends, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Loss of jobs for Indians during COVID-19 pandemic

1817 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the number of Indians brought back from foreign countries under Vande Bharat Mission during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans/proposals to support such persons who returned to India due to loss of their jobs abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Indian fishermen in foreign custody

1818 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the number of Indian fishermen in foreign jails, particularly Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of these detainees who died in foreign jails over the last five years, the details thereof; and
- (c) measures being taken by Government to ensure their return to the country, if so the details thereof?

Students pursuing higher studies abroad

1819 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government maintains data pertaining to the number of Indian students pursuing higher studies overseas, if so, the number of students at present in Ukraine;
- (b) whether Indian students trapped in war-torn Ukraine are facing local hostilities and various troubles there, if so, the kind of intervention made in this matter by Government; and
- (c) the number of Indian students who have been evacuated from Ukraine till date and the number of them who are still stranded there?

Redefinition of forest land

1820 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to redefine forest land;
- (b) whether due to the old definition of forest land Government is not able to acquire the desired forest land; and
- (c) if not, the reasons why there was a need to redefine forest land?

Passport Seva Kendra in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu

1821 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a genuine demand for setting up of a Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) in Namakkal Town (Namakkal District HQ) in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of the request received;
- (c) whether Government will consider setting up of the PSK in Namakkal District in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, by when the said PSK is likely to be set up; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indians brought back under Vande Bharat Mission

1822 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the total number of Indian nationals brought back to India from foreign countries under Vande Bharat Mission during corona period;
- (b) the names of the countries from where these people had been brought back to India; and
- (c) the financial expenditure incurred by Government for the safety of Indians living abroad?

Proposal to issue e-Passports

1823 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering a proposal to issue e-Passports which will be having a chip to store all data of passport holders;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof;
- (c) the steps Government is contemplating to ensure that data collected for these e-Passports are encrypted for privacy and are secure and safe; and
- (d) by when these e-Passports are likely to be introduced in different parts of the country?

Visit of the Prime Minister to Islamic countries

1824 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) the names of Islamic countries visited by the Prime Minister during the last five years;
- (b) the details of agreements that have been signed and whether many Islamic countries also conferred awards on the Prime Minister; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Securing Indian interests in Ukraine

1825 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine;
- (b) the number of Indian nationals currently in Ukraine and total amount of assets owned by Indian nationals in Ukraine, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount of Indian Government investment in Ukraine, the details thereof;
- (d) measures undertaken to secure the safety of the Indian diaspora in Ukraine and safeguard their assets, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there have been any reports of police and military brutality against Indian students in Ukraine; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of nodal officer for digital content

1826 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the parameters under which content would be deemed unlawful, with reference to the new rules whereby one "nodal officer" will be nominated by Government departments and Ministries to flag unlawful digital content;
- (b) whether "blocking" requests sent by nodal officers would be re-verified before the content is blocked; and
- (c) if so, the details of the process that would be used to verify blocking requests and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake news on social media channels

1827 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of social media channels blocked in the country during the last two years till date which were involved in spreading fake news;
- (b) the number of such channels at present which are yet to be blocked by Government, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the action taken by Government against the channels spreading fake news?

Guidelines for electronic media

1828 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any guidelines binding electronic media like tv and other platforms for their programme;
- (b) whether Government has noted any objectionable content on these platforms against any religion, caste or against the nation during the last two years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any action has been taken against producers/actors for the same, if so, the details thereof?

Misleading advertisements on Doordarshan

1829 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the misleading advertisements broadcasted extensively on Doordarshan and other media giving wrong and incomplete information to the people; and
- (b) if so, the remedial measures adopted to obviate such advertisements in the future?

Shortage of staff in radio stations

1830 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many radio stations in various States are facing shortage of officers/ staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to address the issue for smooth broadcasting of various programmes from these stations?

Permission for films and webseries on OTT platforms

1831 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision that for the production of films and webseries to be released on OTT platforms in India, the producer-director of the film need to show the script of the film to the State Governments or district administration before filming;
- (b) if so, the rules in this regard and when they were formed, the copies of such rules; and
- (c) whether Government has authorized any organisation other than film censor board whose permission before screening of films is mandatory, if so, the names of such organisations?

Surrogate advertisement

1832 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rule 7(2)(viii)(A) of Advertising Code prohibits advertisements that promotes directly or indirectly production, sale or consumption of cigarettes, tobacco products, liquor, etc.;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the same Advertising Code permits surrogate advertisements which use the same brand name, logo, etc., used for cigarettes, tobacco products, liquor, etc., the sole objective of which is to indirectly promote banned products;
- (c) whether Government would consider banning even (b) above; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Procedure for banning broadcast of advertisements etc.

1833 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of films/digital online media/advertisements that have been banned by Government from public viewing along with reasons during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of transparent procedure followed in banning such broadcasts; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure that the Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression is not violated due to excess censorship?

Cut down of advertisements in newspapers

1834 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that allocation of advertisements to newspapers in india has been cut down over 60 percent during last two fiscal year;
- (b) whether due to slash in advertisements, Government income as trade charges also dipped over 70 percent against 2018-19;
- (c) if so, whether against the revenue receipt of ₹ 1788.52 crore in 2020-21, the receipt dipped to ₹ 1685.02 crore thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by Government to support Bureau of Outreach and Communication with more advertisement support to Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP) to revive the newspaper industry of the country therein?

Re-examination of certified film

1835 Shri Abdul Wahab:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data of number of films or series censored, banned or not allowed to be released during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the language-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to order a re-examination of an already certified film through the Cinematography (Amendment) Bill, 2021;
- (d) if so, the rationale behind such a move; and
- (e) whether Government is willing to setup an independent film council in place of film certificate Appellate Tribunal, which was removed by Government recently?

Implementation of new labour codes

1836 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to implement the four new labour codes on wages, social security, industrial relations and occupation safety, health and working conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has discussed this with all the stake holders including labour unions in the country; and
- (d) if so, the response thereto?

Details of pensionable members in EPFO

1837 Shri K. Somaprasad:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any new pension scheme is likely to be introduced by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for the employees whose salary is ₹ 15000/- or more pm;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details and total number of pensioner members in the EPFO Scheme currently;
- (c) whether Government has the number and details of persons who are excluded as a

result of EPFO amendment in 2014, if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) whether Government agrees with Kerala High Court's order to allow higher pensions to higher contributions, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Portal for unorganised labourers

1838 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made on launching the portal for unorganised labourers as mentioned under the Union Budget 2021;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for enrolled workers under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY);
- (c) whether the Labour Bureau has started actual field surveys for migrant workers, domestic workers and employment generated by professionals and transport Sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

1839 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) status of seven new ESI hospitals sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) status of reconstruction of ESI Hospitals in Rajahmundry, Visakhapatnam (Malkapuram), Vijayawada;
- (c) sanctioned cost, date of sanction, release of funds for each of the hospitals in (a) and (b) above;
- (d) the details of land allotment and possession of each of the seven new ESI hospitals;
- (e) status of land allotment and transfer of ESI hospital in Guntur;
- (f) sanction date, date of land allotment, date of land transfer of new Visakhapatnam ESI Hospital; and
- (g) sanctioned amount, date of sanction of ESIC for Visakhapatnam new ESI hospital and schedule of construction etc.?

Employment opportunities under ABRY

1840 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana(ABRY);
- (b) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be helpful in promoting employment opportunities in India specially in the State of Karnataka; and
- (c) the expenditure approved by Government for the total period of scheme implementation i.e. from 2020 to 2023?

Behavior of permanent workers with contractual employees

1841 # Smt. Seema Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that at all workplaces the situation of malicious behavior, discrimination and exploitation by the permanent workers with the contractual employees arise;
- (b) if so, the effective steps taken by Government to protect the contractual workers from such unpleasant situation; and

(c) the number of cases of discrimination which have been reported so far and the number of women employees among them, the number of their cases in which action has been taken so far, the details thereof, State-wise, and if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

Details of registration on e-Shram portal

1842 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a database of the people employed in the un-organized sector in the country;
- (b) the number of registrations on e-Shram portal for un-organized sector;
- (c) the top five States in terms of registration on e-Shram portal;
- (d) whether Government plans to use this database to bring welfare schemes to the doorsteps of the households; and
- (e) if so, the details of the schemes under consideration?

Information on workers registered on e-SHRAM Portal

1843 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 22.83 crore workers from organized sectors are registered under the e-SHRAM portal as per the data given in the web portal of e-SHRAM;
- (b) details of disaggregated information on provision of pension schemes for registered workers, occupation, State and caste-wise;
- (c) disaggregated information on enrollment under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), occupation, state, caste and gender wise; and
- (d) disaggregated information on enrollment of registered workers under Ayushman Bharat programme of Government, occupation, State, caste and gender wise?

Increase in enrolment in EPF

1844 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether enrolment in EPF has gone up during the last three months; and
- (b) if so, the indication that it gives on the health of the economy?

Issuance of e-Shram cards in Gujarat

1845 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of labourers/workers registered on e-Shram portal till date since inception, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of e-Shram cards issued in the State of Gujarat, district-wise details thereof; and
- (c) whether any Government pension scheme or life insurance scheme has been linked with this portal, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in job opportunities in the country

1846 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to increase employment in the country through various sources;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Restart of Monitoring Centres for migrant workers

1847 # **Shri Brijal:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to restart the 21 monitoring Centres across the country in coordination with various States to mitigate the problems being faced by the migrant workers or labourers during the third wave of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of various welfare and social security schemes being implemented by Government in this regard?

Reduction in new subscribers of PM-SYM

1848 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of subscriptions under the Pradhan Mantri – Shram Yogi Maan Dhan (PM-SYM) from its inception till date, year and State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of new subscriptions to the PM-SYM scheme has reduced to a great extent in 2021 compared to 2020 and 2019;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the failure of the scheme; and
- (d) the details of the number of new subscriptions added monthly under this scheme from its inception till date?

Publication of rules under various Labour codes

1849 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of publication of rules under the various labour codes and implementation of new labour codes;
- (b) whether the grievances and objections raised by various trade unions were sorted out before implementation;
- (c) whether meeting of all trade unions will be called for discussion before finalizing the rules under various labour codes; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Trafficking of child labourers

1850 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a recent United Nations (UN) report has expressed concern regarding India for not taking sufficient measures to stop trafficking of child labourers;

- (b) the latest figure about child labourers employed in organized and unorganized sectors in the country, whether the number of child labourers have increased in recent years; and
- (c) steps taken by Government to eliminate the scourge of child labour in consonance with the UN prescribed goals?

Safety measures for women workers

1851 **Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken measures to ensure safety of women workers in garment factories given the high prevalence of gender-based violence and harassment during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) number of workplace complaints received from female workers in garment factories, from 2020 till date, State and year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor implementation of the POSH Act, 2012;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) measures taken to ensure strict implementation of the POSH Act and other workplace protection legislation?

Safety of the workers in private companies

1852 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the plight of workers working in private companies in some States;
- (b) if so, whether the private companies are not providing adequate healthcare to these workers in case of accidents and disabilities during work;
- (c) if so, the number of such cases that have come to the notice of Government;
- (d) the States from which such cases have come to the notice of Government during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to ensure the safety of the workers and to provide employment to the disabled persons?

Urban unskilled/skilled workers in the country

1853 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to determine the number of skilled and unskilled workers in the cities of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details regarding urban unemployment post COVID-19 Pandemic, State, gender and education level wise; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated policy to provide urban employment guarantee scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of provisions for gig and platform workers

1854 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a delay in the implementation of provisions for

gig and platform workers under the Code on Social Security 2020;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any other scheme exists for the social welfare of gig and platform workers for the time being; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, then by when will Government implement the provisions for social welfare of gig and platform workers?

Plan to increase Gratuity

1855 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the Gratuity payment from 15 days' salary for each completed year to 30 days' salary for all employees of Government sector and Private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to implement the Gratuity Scheme to the Private and Contract workers of Public Sector even if they have completed one year as they may not complete 5 years services and if so, the details thereof?

6th CPC in respect of private sector employees

1856 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering implementation of 6th Central Pay Commission (CPC) recommendations to Private Sector employees, similar to Central/State Government employees for calculating Variable Pay or Grade Pay included in the basic pay for calculation of DA/PF etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Applicability of paternity leave in private sector

1857 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unlike maternity leave, which is legally mandated, the private sector is not bound to provide paternity leave to its employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Paternity Benefit Bill, 2017, which proposed equal maternity and paternity leaves across all sectors has not moved forward; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Condition of women in unorganised sector

1858 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women working in unorganised sector in the country;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to improve the conditions of women at workplace in the unorganised sector; and

(c) whether these steps include the provision of creches and toll free helpline numbers?

Maternity benefits for the adoptive mothers

1859 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering a further amendment to the Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2017 to ensure that paid leave is granted to working mothers who adopt a child above 3 months of age;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is considering a further amendment to the Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2017 to grant 26 weeks of paid leave to adoptive mothers as well; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Training and employment of migrant workers

1860 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of migrant workers in the State of Rajasthan and the details of the migrant workers who returned to their native State during COVID-19;
- (b) whether migrant workers have also been trained under skill development project in Rajasthan, if so, the number of migrant workers trained, the district-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the district-wise details of the number of migrant workers who were trained and thereafter provided employment in Rajasthan during the last three years?

Lacunae in The Industrial Relations Code 2020

1861 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any objections of the various lacunae and illegalities found in The Industrial Relations Code 2020 and the steps taken to redress the same especially from the angle of trade union activities;
- (b) whether prior to The Industrial Relations Code 2020, was there any consultation between the stake holders and individuals working in managerial, administrative capacity or in a supervisory capacity with wages exceeding ₹ 18,000 per month; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cases of corruption against Civil Servants

1862 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of bribery/corruption charges filed by vigilance departments against civil servants from the year 2017 to present; State and service-wise details thereof;
- (b) the total number of civil servants against whom departmental enquires and legal cases have been initiated since 2017, data on outcome of these enquiries/cases;
- (c) the number of civil servants currently in service against whom corruption cases/departmental enquires are still pending; and
- (d) the number of civil servants currently in jail or on bail currently in the country, State and service-wise details thereof?

Plan to amend labour laws

1863 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would amend labour laws for improving the standard of living of labourers of unorganised sector;
- (b) the steps Government is considering to take for increasing employment and creating new jobs in public sector; and
- (c) whether Government has fixed any target about the number of persons who would be provided Government jobs in this financial year?

Steps to increase employment opportunities

1864 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to increase the annual growth rate and number of employment opportunities in the country; and
- (b) the number of people who were provided regular employment by Government during the last three years in order to reduce the rate of employment in India, the details thereof?

Benefits of e-Shram portal

1865 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the benefits envisaged to be obtained by workers through registering on e-Shram portal;
- (b) whether it is a fact that employers' details are not collected along with employee on e-Shram portal;
- (c) the steps adopted by Government to ensure accountability of the employer in the absence of their details on e-Shram portal;
- (d) whether it is a fact that there is no mechanism currently in place to ensure the enforcement of labour laws to protect the rights of unorganised workers presently; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Equal pay for equal work

1866 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that one of the articles of the Constitution emphasises equal pay for equal work, both for men and women;
- (b) whether Government has made any efforts to bridge the gender gap and huge disparities between the organised and unorganized sectors, rural and urban, regular and casual; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken during the last five years to implement this in true spirit of the Constitution?

Establishment of ESI Hospital in Guntur

1867 **Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to construct a new ESI hospital in

- Guntur district of the State of Andhra Pradesh with 100 bed capacity;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) whether Government is going to allot work to CPWD and by when it is expected to become operational?

Schemes implemented for Agricultural labourers

1868 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes implemented for Agricultural labourers since 2017;
 (b) the current status of each of the schemes;
 (c) the number of beneficiaries for each of the schemes; and
 (d) the details of funds allocated to the State governments for the welfare schemes for Agricultural labourers, year-wise?

Participation of women in workforce

1869 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) women participation in the workforce, State-wise;
 (b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of women participation in the workforce in Uttar Pradesh is a mere 9 per cent;
 (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
 (d) details of plans initiated by Government to boost participation of women in workforce in the country?

Pending cases in Lok Adalats

1870 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of ***Law and Justice*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of various Lok Adalats organized during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, especially in the State of Karnataka;
 (b) the number of cases disposed and number of cases pending in various Lok Adalats during the said period;
 (c) whether Government has been able to achieve the target of disposal of cases filed in various Lok Adalats and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective action taken in this regard; and
 (d) whether Government has provided funds to State Legal Services Authorities to enhance legal aid?

Disposal of commercial disputes to promote ease of doing business

1871 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Law and Justice*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the commercial disputes reportedly are not disposed of in a time bound manner causing negative impact on ease of doing business;
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
 (c) the total number of commercial disputes pending in the country in various courts during each of the last three years;
 (d) whether Government has taken any measures to ensure that commercial disputes are disposed of in a time bound manner to promote ease of doing business; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Stand of Government on appointment of judges

1872 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) details on the stand of Government on National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) vis-a-vis Collegium for appointment of judges;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating against legislating NJAC and if so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) the demerits in the Collegium due to which NJAC was considered?

Appointment of Judges in the High Courts

1873 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of judges appointed to the High Courts during the last four years, the details thereof, State and caste-wise;
- (b) the current strength of judges in the High Courts and details of vacant positions; and
- (c) whether there are any pending appointments currently with Government/Supreme Court, if so, by when does Government expect to finalize the same?

Publication of law reports

1874 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Supreme Court and the High Courts are publishing law reports regularly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details of the courts out of the courts mentioned in part (a) above which are not publishing law reports regularly and the steps taken by Government to ensure regular publication of these reports;
- (d) whether Government proposes to engage the services of private publishers for publication of law reports and if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of National Judicial Infrastructure

1875 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are challenges like lack of infrastructure in the judicial system, paucity of administrative staff and acute shortage of judges;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken by Government to address these problems;
- (c) the ratio of the cases currently pending in the court to the total number of judges, State-wise;
- (d) the details of total vacancies of judges at present, State-wise;
- (e) whether Government is planning to set up a National Judicial Infrastructure Corporation (NJIC) to address these problems; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Online courts for ensuring fair trial

1876 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether online courts are yet to adapt to ensure a fair trial and evidence taking; and
- (b) if so, the remedial steps being taken by Government keeping in view the fact that the digital divide is enormous, and also that the infrastructure in all the approximately 19,000 courts in the country are not up to the mark?

Measures to reduce Government litigation

1877 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether around 50 percent of total pending cases as on date in various courts in the country are due to Government litigation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and court-wise;
- (c) if not, the details of percentage of Government litigation out of total pending cases in courts, State and court-wise; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to reduce Government litigation along with details of other measures taken to reduce pendency in the courts to provide relief to common people?

Vacancy of Judges in Calcutta High Court

1878 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total sanctioned posts of Judges in Calcutta High Court;
- (b) whether the post of Judges are lying vacant in Calcutta High Court at present; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Renewal of the term of notary

1879 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to curtail the renewal of certificates of notary after initial appointment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether such a step of restricting the overall term of notaries for a period of upto 15 years is unnecessary, unjustified and is not needed; and
- (d) if so, whether Government would re-consider its decision and maintain status quo for the term of notaries and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Judicial Infrastructure Authority of India

1880 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) aims and objectives of proposed National Judicial Infrastructure Authority of India (NJIAI);
- (b) the manner in which NJIAI is different from the existing procedure of spending money under Centrally Sponsored Scheme;
- (c) whether Government considers creating a special purpose vehicle to create judicial infrastructure in lower judiciary;

- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether NJIAI proposal has been received from the Supreme Court in the Ministry; and
- (f) if so, the details of action taken so far on this?

Infrastructure development of Subordinate Courts

1881 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in Odisha under centrally sponsored scheme for Infrastructure Development of Sub-ordinate Judiciary, 6 judicial building projects have been taken up for construction and 2 court buildings are in progress out of 6; and
- (b) if so, the time by which the balance amount of ₹ 1,174/-lakh required by the State Government for completion of the above project be released?

Functioning of quasi-judicial bodies in the country

1882 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of vacancies in all tribunals/commissions and quasi-judicial bodies in the country, segregated data thereof for each body specifying judicial and technical member vacancies;
- (b) total number of vacancies of staff in all tribunals/commissions and quasi-judicial bodies in the country;
- (c) total number of pending cases in all tribunals/commissions and quasi-judicial bodies in the country;
- (d) total budget allocated and expenditure for all tribunals/commissions and quasi-judicial bodies in the country, segregated data thereof; and
- (e) details of the causes and remedial steps taken to address the issue of vacancies and pendency in quasi-judicial bodies in the country?

Status of Uniform Civil Code

1883 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Uniform Civil Code (UCC);
- (b) whether Government is awaiting law panel report and other reports on UCC, if so, the details thereof and by when it will be received; and
- (c) whether different laws are posing an affront to unity, if so, the details thereof along with other studies done in this regard and views of States taken into consideration?

Cap on overall contributions

1884 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to implement the Election Commission of India's (ECI's) recommendation to cap the amount received by a political party from unknown sources to ₹ 20 Crore or 20 per cent of overall contributions; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the estimated timeline for implementation and if not, the reasons therefor?

Institutions for public policy training

1885 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of work done to establish public policy training institutions/courses during the past three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent for improvement of the public policy training, during the past three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in the release of allocated funds;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government plans to increase the number of institutions offering courses in public policy; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in retirement age

1886 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal with Government to increase the retirement age of Central Government employees; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Lowering of upper age limit for All India Service Examination

1887 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the upper age limit for appearing in civil service examinations is too high considering the fact that at that age the selected candidates are untrainable;
- (b) whether Government is aware that it is difficult to train people beyond a certain age; and
- (c) if so, whether Government will consider lowering the age limit from 32 to 26, as was the practice earlier?

Stagnation in CSS

1888 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large number of vacancies have arisen in the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) in various grades/Ministries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on efficiency;
- (c) whether any Court restricted regular promotions for CSS only and allowed other cadres in Union or any guidelines issued by DoPT in this regard;
- (d) if so, the reasons for such discrepancies in promotion policy among different cadres under the Union Government; and
- (e) the details of action taken by Government to remove such discrepancies and removal of large stagnation in CSS?

Special recruitment drive for backlog vacancies

1889 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has details of total number of Group I, II, IV and other employees belonging to SC, ST, OBC, EWS and general category currently working in PMO, Central Secretariat (all Ministries) and Cabinet Secretariat and current corresponding backlog vacancies;
- (b) if so, Group, category and organisation-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any special recruitment drive or any other steps to fill up the existing and backlog vacancies recently; and
- (d) if so, the category and Group-wise details thereof?

CBI Investigation into ABG Shipyard scam

1890 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the CBI has started investigation into the bank fraud allegedly committed by ABG Shipyard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was any delay in filing the FIR and the case; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Notification for Old Pension Scheme

1891 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Question 610 and Unstarred Question 285 given in the Rajya Sabha on December 12, 2021 and February 03, 2022 respectively and state:

- (a) whether Government had amended Notification dated 22/12/2003 vide OM dated 17/02/2020 and had allowed Old Pension Scheme to officials whose examination process was completed before 01/01/2004;
- (b) whether Supreme Court has also extended Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to thousands of officials whose advertisements were issued before 01/01/2004 by rejecting said Notification to the extent of date of joining as criterion for OPS in number of cases and the same have also been implemented by Government;
- (c) if so, rationale for quoting Notification date 22/12/2003 as unamendable repeatedly; and
- (d) by when general orders would be issued in view of Part (a) and (b) above?

Indian credit facility to Sri Lanka

1892 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the actual amount of Indian credit facility of US dollar 1 billion that has already been extended to Sri Lanka for the import of food, essential items and medicine;
- (b) the actual amount of Indian credit facility of US dollar 500 million that has already been extended to Sri Lanka for the import of fuel from India;
- (c) whether Government has any other proposals on Line of Credit for Sri Lanka for its rescue from economic hardships; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in jobs

1893 # **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the rules in vogue for recruitment in Government jobs, whether there is a provision for reservation for the candidates from SC/ST/OBC categories;
- (b) if so, the category-wise number of posts reserved out of recruitment for 100 posts;
- (c) the basis of recruitment for the post left out of reservation; and
- (d) the percentage of population from general category and percentage of reservation provided to EWS from general category?

Objective of CSIR-NIScPR

1894 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objective of CSIR-NIScPR; and
- (b) the work carried out by CSIR-NIScPR to promote startups, especially to help and encourage rural development oriented people?

Benefits to women from WISE-KIRAN and WISTEMM

1895 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women benefitted from the Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN) Scheme since the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of women given employment under the Women Scientist Scheme since the last five years;
- (c) the number of women who benefitted from Indo-US Fellowship for Women in STEM (WISTEMM) (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine); and
- (d) the number of higher education signatories to the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) programme?

Benefits of SAKSHAM Portal

1896 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of registrations on the Shramik Shakti Manch (SAKSHAM) portal from the date of its formation, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the increase in jobs in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector since its introduction, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the launch of the portal has reduced the number of persons migrating from their hometown for jobs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the measures adopted to address its inefficiencies?

Promotion of scientific research in institutes and universities

1897 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any measure to promote scientific research in

institutes/universities;

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

(c) whether there has been an increase in patents registered by Indian institutes and universities; and

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

Status of second space station at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu

1898 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the second space station being built at Thoothukudi district in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government has taken initiatives in incentivizing startups being developed in the space sector; and

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

Gaganyaan programme

1899 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to develop reusable rockets similar to SpaceX rockets, the details thereof;

(b) the current status of the Gaganyaan programme, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of the spacecraft proposed to be used in the Gaganyaan programme, the details thereof;

(d) whether the spacecraft proposed for Gaganyaan programme has been rated for humans, the details thereof; and

(e) the tentative date of launch of India's first manned spaceflight?

Commercialization of space technology

1900 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of indigenous space technology commercialized in the last five years;

(b) the details of revenue generated by commercialization of the space technology during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether any Indian corporate is engaged in the development of space technology;

(d) if so, the details of the organisation engaged;

(e) whether they received any Government funding for technology development;

(f) if so, the details of total funds disbursed to them; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Launch of ISpA for broadband services

1901 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA), an industrial body consisting of various stakeholders including ISRO and private telecom companies to provide broadband services through satellite in every part of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for improving

satellite communication system in the country for providing broadband services in every part of the country?

Loan beneficiaries under tourism sector

1902 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds allocated for the tourism sector under Loan Guarantee Scheme for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries that have enrolled themselves to avail loans under Loan Guarantee Scheme, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries who have actually received amount under Loan Guarantee Scheme in the past two years, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tourism promotion in Rajasthan

1903 # **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourism industry in the country has been severely affected during COVID-19 period;
- (b) if so, the corrective measures being adopted by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan to include new tourist places in the tourism circuits, if so, the current status of proposals received and the action taken by Government, in this regard; and
- (d) whether Government has provided funds to various State Governments for the development of new tourist places in their States during last three years particularly in Rajasthan, State-wise details thereof?

Promoting State specific tourism internationally

1904 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to promote State specific tourism internationally;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to promote tourism in various States including the State of Odisha along with the allocation made in this regard during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether Government is organizing a travel show/exhibition in Odisha so as to provide an invaluable platform/ forum to promote the goods produced by the local community; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of tourist facilities in Uttarakhand

1905 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has developed various facilities for common people to visit the otherwise difficult places in the State of Uttarakhand during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details of religious/tourists places developed and being developed by Government in Uttarakhand; and

(c) special steps that have been taken for comfortable stay and safe travel facilities for the common people?

Maritime tourism in the country

1906 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of immense potential of maritime tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has prepared any comprehensive roadmap for the development of maritime tourism keeping in mind the infrastructure creation, skill development and employment generation etc., if so, the details along with its salient features thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in the coastal States including Goa to promote maritime tourism?

International tourism in West Bengal and Assam

1907 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned and spent for tourism in the States of Assam and West Bengal during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to promote international tourism in Assam and West Bengal;
- (c) the details of the effect of COVID-19 pandemic on tourism in West Bengal and Assam;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to extend support to the employees of the tourism industry who have been adversely affected due to the pandemic; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to tourism sector

1908 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government may consider to give financial assistance to different States to boost and develop tourism in the country post COVID- 19 pandemic, the details thereof; and
- (b) the loss suffered by tourism sector in the country during the last three years, the details thereof, State-Wise?

Revamping digital platforms

1909 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any plan to revamp its digital platforms to make them one of the best in the world;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard particularly with regard to providing information and services to the tourists across the world; and
- (c) the steps being taken to attract foreign tourists into the country?

Construction of stadiums in Rajasthan

1910 # **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of stadiums built by Government in rural and urban areas of the country and the number of such stadiums which have been built during the last five years, particularly in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government has allocated funds for the construction of new stadiums or for the renovations of existing stadiums during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of existing schemes and projects meant to promote sports activities in rural areas of Rajasthan?

'Khelo India' Scheme in Maharashtra

1911 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the implementation of 'Khelo India' scheme and the amount disbursed to the State of Maharashtra during the last three years for development of State/regional sports academies; and
- (b) the steps taken for promotion of sports in persons with disabilities in Maharashtra and at the country level in the last three years, the details thereof?

Funds for national sports events

1912 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds are allocated by the Ministry to organize national sports events in the States;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated to organize national sports events from the year 2017 to 2021, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government propose to allocate more funds for national sports events to be held in future; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Administrative Reforms in BCCI

1913 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to improve the transparency and financial oversight of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI);
- (b) the details of the recent audit of the BCCI;
- (c) whether Government has any proposals to remodify the BCCI Governing Council to ensure completely independent CAG auditing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sports Universities in States

1914 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Major Dhyani Chand Sports University has been set up by Government in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to set up such Sports University in many parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when?

'Khelo India' Scheme in tribal areas

1915 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of centres established so far under the 'Khelo India' programme to associate the youth of the country with sports, the State and district-wise details of such centers;
- (b) the details of the efforts made so far to associate the youth of the tribal districts of the country with the 'Khelo India' Scheme; and
- (c) the number of centers established under 'Khelo India' Scheme in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years and the item-wise details of funds spent for the same?

Funds for sports infrastructure

1916 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for sports infrastructure facilities for promotion of sports in country, particularly in rural areas during the last three years and present year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government is considering/has taken technical and financial assistance from private institutions for development/maintenance of sports infrastructure, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to ensure availability of modern sports equipment to athletes and whether regular sports training programmes were conducted for athletes/coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Visa for Indian origin people

1917 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) whether many people of Indian origin residing in other countries are facing difficulties to obtain Visa to visit India during the COVID-19 pandemic period;
- (b) steps Government is taking to ensure that the people of Indian origin abroad are given visa to visit India on urgent basis; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Youth Hostels with ISO certification

1918 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of youth hostels sanctioned and functional in the country as on date, State-wise data thereof; and
- (b) details of the youth hostels with ISO certification as on date, State-wise data thereof?

International sport events in India

1919 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of international sport events which are scheduled to take place in India during the next five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the expected expenditure in these sport events, event-wise;
- (c) the details of the expected revenue that will be generated from these events; and
- (d) the budgetary allocation made in 2022-23 for sport events?

Steps taken to promote outdoor sports

1920 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote outdoor sports during the last five years; the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which the Sports Authority of India (SAI) help the States to develop outdoor sports, the details thereof; and
- (c) the type of facilities and infrastructure from SAI available in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand for outdoor sports, the details thereof?

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