

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

Use of nuclear energy for power generation

2401 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) details of the current capacity of the power produced using nuclear energy;
- (b) whether there is any policy to augment the current nuclear power as a substitute for thermal power; and
- (c) Government's plan to meet the energy demands of India using different energy sources (both renewable and non-renewable) in the next 10 years?

Nuclear energy production in the country

2402 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nuclear energy is going to be the main source of energy for country's rising energy requirements in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the present status of nuclear energy production in the country;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to increase the capacity of nuclear energy production in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Missions of ISRO

2403 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the details of satellites launched from 2017 till date and the purpose of launch;
- (b) the future action plan of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) which is gearing up for a number of missions including the launch of the first unmanned mission of Gaganyaan;

- (c) the details of pending ISRO projects and also the launch of the Earth Observation Satellites, EOS4 and EOS6 on board the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), etc; and
- (d) the objectives of Venus mission and other missions and the progress made till date?

Capacity of BARC and NPCIL

2404 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) whether the Bhaba Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and the power plants under the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) have reached their maximum capacity generation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total income generated during the last five years by the power plants and the power sharing pattern adopted in each power plant belonging to NPCIL;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to increase the capacity generation of nuclear power plants in the country especially in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the total funds allocated and disbursed during the last five years in this regard?

Status of work on Gorakhpur Atomic Power Plant

2405 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) the current status of work of the Gorakhpur Atomic Power Plant (GAPP) at village Gorakhpur in Fatehabad district, Haryana;
- (b) the status of land acquisition proceedings for the aforementioned Nuclear Power Plant (NPP);
- (c) the target date for completion of phase one of the said project;
- (d) the investment made so far by Government in this regard and total estimated cost likely to be incurred in the said project along with the quantum of direct and indirect employment likely to be generated from this NPP; and
- (e) the CSR activity undertaken by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in the aforesaid area?

Collaboration for developing atomic energy

2406 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the status of India in world in developing atomic energy;
- (b) the countries being co-operated with in this regard; and
- (c) whether there is any collaboration with Israel and the US in this area and if so, the details thereof?

Digital preservation of ancient manuscripts

2407 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether digital preservation process of ancient manuscripts has been increasing its pace through Oriental Research Institute (ORI) - a repository of ancient manuscripts in South India as the diverse range of manuscripts preserved here includes Vedas, Vedangas, Upanishads, Vyakarana, Jyotisha, Smriti, Puranas, philosophy, archaeology, sculpture, painting, astronomy, Ayurveda, Arthasastra (administration and statecraft) and literary plays; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and present status thereof?

Scheme for scholarship and fellowship in Rajasthan

2408 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether any scheme is being run in the country to grant scholarships and fellowships with the objective of promoting art and culture, if so, the details alongwith the criteria and guidelines thereof;
- (b) the number of eminent artists belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Castes who have benefitted under the said scheme in the State of Rajasthan; and
- (c) the district-wise details of the funds allocated under the said scheme during the last three years in the State of Rajasthan?

Abolished and vacant posts in National Museum

2409 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

- (a) the time from which posts of heads of the National Museum and the Indian Museum are lying vacant and when did the last persons appointed as per recruitment rules vacated the posts;
- (b) number of posts that have been abolished in the National Museum, the Indian Museum and the Victoria Memorial in the last five years and their categories or designations;
- (c) number of posts that are lying vacant for over a year in these three museums and their categories or designations; and
- (d) whether Government realise the adverse implications of such vacancies and abolitions?

Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes

2410 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes during the last five years, States/Union Territories-wise;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries in the UT of Puducherry under the scheme during the last five years;
- (c) whether there is any fresh proposal received from the UT of Puducherry for sanction of pension and medical aid to artistes; and
- (d) if so, the list of number of persons recommended under the proposal?

Lack of transparency and funds

2411 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that several State Cultural Organizations lack funds and transparency to provide an effective impact on the arts and culture of the nation;
- (b) if so, steps that Government has taken to strengthen the organizational structure and provide transparent and direct funding to artists;
- (c) whether Government has considered developing a national culture policy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Repairing of dilapidated historical monuments

2412 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of dilapidated historical buildings and the number of historical buildings repaired during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated and spent for the maintenance of said buildings during the last three years; and
- (c) the number of tourists who visited these historical buildings and monuments along with the revenue collected from these buildings and monuments during the last three years?

Inclusion of Classical languages in Book of Records

2413 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) details of Classical languages in the country;
- (b) since when each of such language has been granted Classical status;
- (c) details of languages that have found place in UNESCO's Book of Records;
- (d) efforts being made by Government to include all Classical and other languages from India in the above Book of Records; and
- (e) status of steps taken to promote Classical languages recognized within and outside the country?

Funds for Cultural Talent Search Scholarship

2414 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the quantum of funds spent by Government under the 'Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme' since the year 2021 and the number of people getting benefited under the same; and
- (b) the State-wise details thereof?

Scheme for pension to artists

2415 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any provision for any kind of pension scheme, scholarship or any other financial assistance for the professional and non-professional artists like-writers, folk dancers, poets, litterateurs, and play writers in the field of art and culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof regarding qualifications, terms and conditions of the same; and
- (c) if not, the efforts being currently made by Government for Indian artists?

Architectural survey of secular monuments

2416 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme for systematic discovery and architectural survey of secular monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the progress made in the last five years;
- (c) whether the dedicated units for architectural survey of secular monuments with ASI

needs strengthening/ expansion to deliver the goods; and

(d) if so, whether ASI has any plan to outsource the architecture survey of secular monuments to universities, NGOs, private trusts, etc?

Protected monuments in the State of Telangana

2417 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

(a) whether the number of ancient monuments and sites declared to be of national importance in Telangana State is quite less in comparison to other States with almost similar geographical area;

(b) if so, the list of ancient monuments and sites falling under Telangana and the reasons for such a situation;

(c) whether ASI has taken any major drive to identify more ancient monuments and sites for declaration as monuments of national importance in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Heritage sites receiving funds from World Heritage Fund

2418 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

(a) the details of funds and heritage sites in various parts of the country which are receiving funds from the World Heritage Fund during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the manner in which the heritage sites in various places of the country are identified; and

(c) whether any parameters have been fixed for inclusion of these sites in the World Heritage List, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Museum Grant Scheme in Tamil Nadu

2419 Shri P. Wilson:

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

(a) the number of new museums established and development of existing museums in Tamil Nadu under the Museum Grant Scheme;

(b) the developments in the existing museums which took place across the country from 2017 to February 2022;

(c) the funds allocated under this scheme separately for the establishment of new museums as well as for the development of the existing museums since last five years; and

(d) whether the establishment of new museums as well as development of existing museums led to any increase in the number of visitors which in turn increased the income for these museums?

Maintenance of Cultural Bhavans in the country

2420 Shri Ripun Bora:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that budget estimate for the Ministry of Culture is ₹ 30095.05 crore in 2022-23 against the budget provision of ₹ 3149.86 crore in 2020-21;

(b) proposal of Government to save and maintain all the Cultural Bhavans constructed within the corporation and municipality areas in the country itself; and

(c) detail of proposals that have been received for renovation and reconstruction of

Rabindra Bhavans in the country and action taken so far since 2017?

Units of the Ministry in Andhra Pradesh

2421 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) list of the Ministry of Culture's units, including ASI working in the State of Andhra Pradesh, their function, staff position, budget etc.;
- (b) complete list of ASI protected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh, whether ticketed, revenue collected, expenditure incurred on each of them, etc; and
- (c) whether the Ministry propose to set up any new organizations or units in Andhra Pradesh in near future, if so, the details thereof?

Funds for conservation of ancient monuments

2422 # **Dr. Sonal Mansingh:**

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

- (a) the increase in funds during the last five years through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of Government undertakings in addition to the amount collected for sale of tickets for the maintenance of historical monuments;
- (b) the details of other sources of funds for the maintenance of historical monuments; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Status of projects under NESIDS

2423 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of projects selected for funding under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS);
- (b) the detail of funds given under the scheme during the last five years, year-wise and project-wise;
- (c) whether Government has received fund utilisation certificates for all the allocated funds; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay, project-wise?

Increase in incidences of extreme weather conditions

2424 **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that incidences of extreme weather conditions have increased in the country and globally in the last decade;
- (b) if so, the details of extreme weather events recorded in the country during the last decade along with the number of casualties/fatalities and estimated property damage occurred therefrom, event-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve adaptation and mitigation against extreme weather events;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether India is considered more vulnerable to climate change and if so, the details of areas in the country which are most vulnerable to extreme weather events?

PACER Initiative

2425 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the status of implementation of the Polar Science and Cryosphere (PACER) initiative by Government;
- (b) achievements in the recent three years, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has proposed subsequent scientific projects in this sector, if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring of marine litter

2426 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the details regarding the amount of litter dumped in water bodies of the country;
- (b) whether Government plans to formulate a policy to control dumping of litter in marine bodies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the expected cost of implementation?

Revamping of Institute of Earth Sciences

2427 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to revamp the Institute of Earth Sciences on scientific lines;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted about the highend facilities which are available for such institute, in other countries, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether at any point of time, team of Scientists has been sent to study such institute abroad to modernise the country's institute on the same lines and submitted revised financial ontology if any, in this regard, the details thereof?

Increase in temperature of ocean surface

2428 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Marine Heat Waves (MHW) have increased temperatures over seas and oceans of the country and have increased significantly in the past few decades;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the year 2021 broke all previous records of ocean heat which worstly affected the Western Indian Ocean and Northern Bay of Bengal impacting the Southwest monsoon over the Indian subcontinent; and
- (c) if so, plan of action of Government to overcome the disruption in India's monsoon patterns and normalise the temperature of the ocean surface?

Loss to Government property due to cyclones

2429 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) details of Government property damaged due to cyclones in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of cyclone warning centres in the country, and whether Government proposes to increase the number of these centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures being adopted by Government for these centres?

API and Radar access to Kerala

2430 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to grant API (Application Program Interface) access for tidal prediction, tsunami warning and high wave alerts from Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) to KSDMA (Kerala State Disaster Management Authority) and Kerala-WRIS (Kerala Water Resources Information System);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans/proposals to grant access of India Meteorological Department (IMD) radar images in GeoTIFF format to the Kerala State Emergency Operations Centre for identifying isolated heavy rainfall regions in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of schemes run by the Ministry

2431 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the number of seminars, symposia etc. that have been instituted under the Research Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) Scheme;
- (b) the number of students who have been educated under International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography, State and UT-wise with a particular emphasis on the State of Karnataka;
- (c) whether any workshops, capacity building activities, seminars etc. have been conducted with the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Damage to crops by wild elephants

2432 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the district-wise details of cases registered regarding the crop damage and loss of life and property caused by wild elephants in the State of Chhattisgarh since the year 2019-20 till date;
- (b) the number of cases of crop damage and loss of life and property in which the compensation amount has already been paid;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many cases of payment of compensation still remain pending; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and by when the said pending payments are likely to be made?

Funds under National Clean Air Programme

2433 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) details of funds sanctioned and utilized under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in all the selected cities, from 2019 till date, year and city-wise;

- (b) details of projects undertaken and completed under NCAP to reduce concentration of particulate matter;
- (c) whether Government is on track to meet its target of reduction of PM 10 and PM 2.5 by 20 to 30 per cent by 2024; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof with 2017 as the base year and if not, the reasons therefor?

Technological solutions for effective Solid Waste Management

2434 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government is inviting public to come up with innovative technological solutions for effective Solid Waste Management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response received along with the number of projects taken up/completed, State-wise, and funds spent therefor; and
- (c) whether Government finds solutions and should focus on zero dumping of garbage, plastic waste management, and transparency through digital engagement, if so, the details thereof and present status thereof?

Installation of air purifier systems

2435 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to improve air quality in metro cities of the country, the details thereof;
- (b) whether air purifier systems have been installed in the said cities to reduce air pollution caused by vehicular emissions; and
- (c) if so, the cities where the said systems have been installed and the effect these systems have had on the air quality?

Policy on plastic waste handling

2436 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to ensure strict implementation of plastic waste-handling policies and norms; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Statistics on forest area

2437 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) the area of forest diverted for industrial use since 2017, State-wise;
- (b) the area covered under compensatory forest since 2017, State-wise;
- (c) the CAMPA funds that have been collected since 2017, year-wise; and
- (d) the CAMPA funds that have been transferred to the States since 2017, year-wise?

Biological Diversity Act, 2002

2438 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of Biological Diversity Act of 2002;

- (b) progress made in preparation of Peoples' Biodiversity Registers (PBR); and
- (c) whether the State Biodiversity Boards are functioning satisfactorily?

Illegal dumping of e-waste

2439 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognisance of the high prevalence of illegal shipment and dumping of e-waste in the country;
- (b) whether Government maintains data on illegal shipment and dumping of e-waste in the country;
- (c) if so, the quantum thereof, State and year-wise from 2017 till date, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) details of steps Government is undertaking to combat the issue of illegal dumping of e-waste in the country?

IPCC report on climate change

2440 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per recently released report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), there has been a significant increase in temperatures due to emissions in the country and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether the said report has also mentioned the apprehensions of heavy rainfall, tropical cyclones and drought in the country in future, if so, response of Government thereon and the remedial steps being taken by Government to avoid said calamities in future; and
- (c) the effective steps taken/being taken by Government to check the rising temperature and reduce emissions?

E-waste generation in the country

2441 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) the quantum of e-waste generated along with the rate of increase in the generation of waste in the last three years;
- (b) the details of schemes being implemented for the recycling of e-waste; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to prevent the generation of e-waste?

Government support for ban on single use plastics

2442 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to impose nationwide ban on single use plastics, if so, from when this ban will come into force;
- (b) whether any Governmental support for upgradation has been envisaged for the manufacturers of single use plastics in the event of its ban, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) in what manner the affected work-force will be recompensed after imposing complete ban on single use plastics?

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the environment

2443 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted studies to understand the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the pandemic has resulted in deceleration of many programmes related to environmental protection;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps adopted to address this;
- (e) steps to be taken by Government to coordinate action between different Ministries to promote adoption of ecosystem-based and nature-based solutions;
- (f) details of target, timeline and budget allocation; and
- (g) whether Government has adopted any measure to make COVID-19 management more eco-friendly?

National parks and sanctuaries in the country

2444 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) the total number of national parks and sanctuaries present in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Centre or any State, particularly Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Jharkhand has any proposal to prune area or jurisdiction of any of the national parks/reserve forests/sanctuaries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Project Lion for conservation of Asiatic Lions of Gir, Gujarat

2445 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) details of Project Lion to conserve the world famous Asiatic Lions of Gir, Gujarat;
- (b) in what manner it resembles with or differ from the Project Tiger, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to bring in specific legislation with respect to the Project Lion, if so, the details thereof?

Forest land diversion for non-forest activity

2446 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the number of forest land diversion proposals received and cleared in the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of complaints received relating to diversion of forest lands for non-forest purpose;
- (c) the number of cases where compensatory forest land has not been earmarked;
- (d) whether Government has taken any action against non-compliance by project sponsors using forest area for non-forest purpose and then applying for diversion; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of States in CAMPA fund utilization

2447 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) details of total CAMPA fund utilization by States over the past five years;
- (b) performance review and analysis details of the States' performance in utilization of the CAMPA funds; and
- (c) socio-economic impact undertaken due to the CAMPA funds utilization?

Man-animal co-existence

2448 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that a strategy must be designed to educate local communities on how to live with wild animals in a time of global warming, and also that a participatory model must be designed involving local community and youth to understand wild animal behavior;
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agenda of COP26, Glasgow

2449 **Smt. Mausam Noor:**

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

- (a) whether Government has submitted any agenda and research papers in the recent UN Climate Change Conference COP26 held at Glasgow and if so, the details thereof and the major decision taken in COP26;
- (b) whether India being one of the largest emitter of carbon dioxide and Greenhouse Gases was directed by UN COP26 to adhere to certain major changes in their transport policy and energy sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the effective measures taken by the Government to curb the prevailing environmental issues and problems?

Grants released under NAFCC

2450 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the grants released under National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change (NAFCC) have been reducing over the years (₹ 115.36 crores in 2017-2018 to ₹ 27 crores in 2020-21);
- (b) the reasons for decline in the grants released;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilised under Climate Change Action Program (CCAP) from 2017 to 2021; and
- (d) details of the measures effectively undertaken under CCAP by Government since last five years?

India's climate actions from 2015 to 2030

2451 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that USD 2.5 trillion (at 2014-15 prices) would be required for meeting India's climate actions from 2015 to 2030;
- (b) whether Government has a roadmap to finance the requisite amount to meet India's climate actions; and
- (c) definitive action that has been taken in this regard?

Unusual rise in temperature due to climate change

2452 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether the time stipulated towards reducing emission is almost over and due to which an appalling scenario of climate change is emerging across the country;
- (b) whether on account of climate change an unusual rise in temperature may be seen in the coming times and a disaster may take place in many areas of the country, especially like the one taking place at Chamoli in Uttarakhand which may cause not only a crisis to crores of people but the economy too might collapse; and
- (c) details of steps being taken by Government to deal with the dreadful situation in time?

Hazardous waste management

2453 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that hazardous wastes exported to India by other nations are dumped unclaimed in few parts and inland container depots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that India is becoming a dumping yard for such substances; and
- (d) if so, action taken by Government to combat such activities?

Preventing biodiversity losses due to invasive alien species

2454 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government maintains an updated database of invasive alien species, and if so, State/UT-wise details of the invasive alien flora and fauna;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the existence of invasive alien species in protected areas is threatening indigenous plants and wildlife;
- (c) if so, steps taken by Government to prevent the reproduction and proliferation of such invasive species;
- (d) details of licenses issued since 2015 for the cultivation of invasive alien plants; and
- (e) amount sanctioned, allocated, disbursed and utilised and steps taken to mitigate the destructive impact of invasive alien species on biodiversity, forests and farmers, State/UT-wise?

Land desertification and forest degradation

2455 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that land desertification and forest degradation has increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) steps Government has taken in this regard?

Protection of forests

2456 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken/propose to take any steps to formulate appropriate programmes for the overall development and protection of forests along with the development of forest based industries and people working there in;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

India's relation with Israel

2457 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) the dates and duration of Indian Prime Minister's visit to Israel during the last five years;
- (b) the number of bilateral agreements signed with Israel during the last five years;
- (c) the number of times India has voted in favour of Israel in the General Assembly or in any councils of the UN;
- (d) the purpose of Israel visit by the Prime Minister on July 4-6, 2017; and
- (e) whether any agreements or deals were signed during the Israel visit in 2017, the details thereof?

Rescue of Indians from Ukraine

2458 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) when was the first rescue flight carrying Indians from Ukraine started;
- (b) whether Government is aware that many countries had carried out strict evacuation before the war;
- (c) if so, the reasons Government did not evacuate the Indians before the start of the war;
- (d) the number of people evacuated and to be evacuated;
- (e) the facilities arranged by Government for rescued people after reaching Delhi, including their travel to home; and
- (f) whether State Governments had made any arrangements for the travel of the people to their home after reaching Delhi, the State-wise details of arrangements?

Targets of Act East Policy

2459 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

- (a) the details of the targets of the "Act East Policy" announced in 2014 by Government;
- (b) whether Government is on its way of achieving the aforementioned targets of the "Act East Policy";
- (c) if so, the details of all the projects undertaken, completed, on the way to being completed and that are going to be undertaken under the "Act East Policy";
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned and utilized under the "Act East Policy," project-wise?

Indian fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

2460 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the details of the number of arrests made by Sri Lankan authorities since 2019, including the boats seized and the number of fishermen who died due to the same;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to initiate talks to address the issue of growing number of Indian fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan Naval authorities;
- (c) if so, the outcome so far in finding a permanent solution to the problem; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Strength of Indian Missions in multilateral organizations

2461 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the strength of the Indian Foreign Service officers posted in International organizations like the UN etc., in comparison to the BRICS counterparts, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether China has more permanent missions than India, if so, the measures that have been taken by Government to increase its global presence during the last three years, the details thereof?

Efforts for permanent position in UNSC

2462 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether Government has strived to get India a permanent position in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC);
- (b) efforts made by Government in this regard during the last six years;
- (c) India's predicament in achieving the permanent position in UNSC;
- (d) whether Government has any strategies or plan of action in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Human resources in Indian Missions abroad

2463 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether Indian missions abroad are functioning with limited human and financial resources;
- (b) the details of human resources that are currently working in Indian Missions abroad, country-wise ;
- (c) the annual financial expenditure of Indian Missions abroad during the last five years, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government is considering to strengthen Indian Missions abroad; and
- (e) the strategies and plan of action that Government has taken in the past to strengthen Indian Missions abroad?

Performance evaluation of missions/posts

2464 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched performance evaluation and monitoring system for

selection of missions/posts for on-site inspection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of missions/posts inspected during the last three years; and

(d) the recommendations of these inspection and the steps Government is taking to prepare a time-bound action plan for covering all the missions/posts through on-site or off-site annual inspection?

Return of Indian nationals from Ukraine

2465 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

(a) the reasons for no evacuation plan being made for Indian nationals in Ukraine before or at the beginning of the war and the reasons it was not announced to them at the start of hostilities;

(b) the number of Indians estimated to be in Ukraine in January 2022;

(c) the number of those who have been brought back by the Indian Government and from which countries;

(d) the number of those who returned to India on their own; and

(e) Government's own expenditure on these operations?

Abandoned spouses overseas

2466 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

(a) the total number of complaints received of Indian brides and grooms being abandoned during the last five years;

(b) the details of the complaints so received, country-wise;

(c) the total assistance provided under Indian Community Welfare Fund; and

(d) whether Government has revoked passports of NRIs who have been found guilty of abandoning their spouses and the details thereof?

Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF)

2467 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

(a) the list of countries where Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) has been operationalized;

(b) the amount spent during the last three years to assist Non-Resident Indians who suffered conflict in foreign countries including Ukraine; and

(c) the total amount spent from ICWF on providing air passage to stranded overseas Indians in need since the last three years including Ukraine?

India's relations with USA and Russia

2468 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine due to prevailing tension there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of India's diplomatic and trade relations with USA and Russia due to prevailing conditions in Ukraine?

Indians casualty in Ukraine

2469 **Shri Vaiko:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) the details of number of Indian students/Indian citizens who have died or injured in Ukraine due to war till date, number of those who have been evacuated under Operation Ganga and those still trapped and yet to be evacuated, State-wise;
- (b) the details of dates on which advisories were issued by Government to Indians to leave Ukraine before the Russian attack on Ukraine;
- (c) whether Indian students of Sumy University, Ukraine have been seeking help for evacuation from Indian embassy in Ukraine but the embassy personnel did not respond; and
- (d) if so, the details of action taken against the guilty officials?

Fishermen from Andhra Pradesh in foreign prisons

2470 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) the details of number of fishermen from Andhra Pradesh who are currently detained in foreign prisons, country-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to seek their release and return to India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there have been any instances of attack on Indian fishermen by foreign entities during the last three years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the number of fishermen killed and injured;
- (f) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure the safety and welfare of Indian fishermen against such attacks; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Harrasment of Indian students by Polish police

2471 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether students stranded in Ukraine have been harassed by Polish police force at Poland border;
- (b) whether Government showed laxity in evacuating students safely from Poland due to which students are starving there and are being harassed by the police; and
- (c) whether Government showed laxity in evacuating students in time due to which Indian students are dying and are getting injured?

Medical students in China

2472 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total number of students that were evacuated or returned to India after the outbreak

- of COVID-19 in China;
- (b) the total number of students that are presently studying medicine in Chinese Universities;
- (c) the total number of students that have returned to China to continue their education in medicine since the outbreak of COVID-19;
- (d) the total number of Chinese Universities that have been providing online courses to enrol medical students that are presently in India;
- (e) whether Government has taken any measures to ensure that these students are able to receive quality education and complete their degree; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

MoU between India and France

2473 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) whether India and France inked MoUs for Disarmament and Non-proliferation Dialogue;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the benefits to India from such MoUs so far in different fields; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement

2474 Shri Rajmani Patel:

Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether there has been any progress on the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement (MMPA) with Government of Canada;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of follow up and action taken after the recent tragic incident of the Gujarati family which died due to extreme cold weather in Manitoba while illegally trying to cross the Canadian border by taking the help from a human trafficking ring;
- (d) whether Government has assessed the reasons for decline in convictions of human trafficking cases; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Making country Carbon free

2475 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has issued any notice to the big oil and gas companies and their policy makers regarding the process of making the country carbon free;
- (b) the details of the guidelines issued by Government to achieve the target of zero emission set under Government schemes and projects, for making India a green economy based country; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Financial assistance to Sri Lanka

2476 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has decided on financial assistance or any other form of aid to Sri Lanka, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is aware about the safety of Indian traders and Indian citizens in Sri Lanka in the wake of the unrest formed in the Sri Lankan economy, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any statistics regarding the Indian citizens in Sri Lanka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Renewal of Indian passport in Saudi Arabia

2477 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia is not renewing the passport of Indian citizens whose 'Ikhama' are expired, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has instructed the authorities of Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia not to renew the passport without a valid 'Ikhama,' if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Saudi Arabian Government has demanded Indian Embassy not to renew the passports of Indian Citizens without a valid 'Ikhama,' if so, the details thereof?

Indians imprisoned abroad

2478 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the total number of Indian citizens arrested and convicted in foreign countries since 2018, country, gender and offence-wise details thereof;
- (b) the total number of Indian citizens who have either been sentenced to life imprisonment or a death sentence by foreign countries since 2018, country and gender-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether consular access has been provided to all such persons arrested or convicted, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the total cases in which Government has sought remission of sentence and whether the same was granted or not since 2018, country-wise details thereof?

Awareness programmes on Government schemes

2479 **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the efforts being made by Government to ensure that the information related to Government schemes reach the public in its original form;
- (b) the success rate of the efforts being made in this regard and the level upto which the dissemination of the information is ensured;
- (c) whether there is any provision to ensure public participation in the circulation of such information and also in the awareness programmes on Government schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the role of Governmental and non-Governmental institutions in this regard?

Constitution of Media Commission

2480 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology has proposed the constitution of a Media Commission to look into various aspects of regulations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of Government thereto?

Advertisements related to cryptocurrency

2481 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has proposed a clamp down on the advertisements related to cryptocurrency and NFT (Non-Fungible Token);
- (b) if so, the rules to be followed by such advertisers;
- (c) whether the ASCI has formulated any guidelines for transactions in cryptocurrency; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has consulted the concerned stakeholders for the same, if so, the outcome thereof?

Guidelines to radio channels

2482 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a set of parameters to determine content as vulgar and objectionable in light of their recent guidelines to FM channels, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the manner in which Government would determine if comments made intends to defame and derogate as Government has also dissuaded against defamatory and derogatory remarks made by jockeys?

Builders of Modern India under publications division

2483 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of biographies (titles) published under the Builders of Modern India (BMI) series by the Publications Division between 2003 to 2020;
- (b) the three best sold biographies (titles) under the series published between 2003 to 2020;
- (c) the planning to publish new biographies during the Amrit Mahotsav by the Publications Division; and
- (d) whether the Publications Division will produce digital editions of biographies to increase their outreach to more readers?

Closing down of Terrestrial Broadcasting Stations

2484 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) whether Prasar Bharti has decided to close down the Terrestrial Broadcasting Stations of Doordarshan and AIR, if so, the reasons therefor;

- (b) whether the Sambalpur Stations of AIR and Doordarshan are included in it;
- (c) the number of employees to be affected by this decision and the blue print for their convenient re-settlement; and
- (d) whether the protection and promotion of art, culture, music, song and language of the local areas would be adversely affected by such decision, if so, whether the decision will be changed?

Steps taken to reduce unemployment

2485 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is more unemployment in some States whereas some States are taking effective steps for reducing unemployment while some are showing lackadaisical approach;
- (b) the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to curb unemployment and the effects thereof?

Support to construction workers

2486 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether Government maintains a database of the number of construction workers in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is an authority which is responsible for ensuring that minimum standards are met for the living and working conditions of the construction workers, if so, the details thereof along with the redressal mechanism in place; and
- (c) whether any mandate is there to provide schooling for wards of these workers and measures which have been taken by Government during the last three years to improve their living conditions, if so, the details thereof?

Protest Against Labour Codes

2487 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the widespread protests against the Labour Codes;
- (b) the actions taken by Government to address the concerns raised by workers and trade unions against the provisions of the Labour Codes which will affect the collective bargaining power of the workers and reduce their right to form trade unions; and
- (c) whether Government propose to withdraw the Labour Codes in light of these protests as it did in case of the farm laws, if not, the reasons therefor?

Human Rights violations against inter-state migrant workers

2488 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

- (a) whether there is any institutional mechanism to address different types of human rights

violations against inter-State migrant workers;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to provide health services, social protection, education services, housing and sanitation, food, water and other utilities for migrant workers particularly in Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Haryana and Punjab?

Study on daily wage labourers

2489 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to figure out the number of days for which the daily wage labourers of the unorganised sector are able to get wages in a month; and

(b) whether it is a fact that daily wage labourers are forced to work at lower wages than the minimum rates of wages due to shortage of work opportunities?

Implementation of e-SHRAM Card Scheme

2490 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

(a) the schemes which are running for the welfare of labourers at present;

(b) whether Government has implemented e-SHRAM Card Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the programmes formulated to make it accessible to the masses?

Demand to enhance EPFO wage ceiling limit

2491 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

(a) whether Government would consider compassionately the growing demand for enhancing EPF wage ceiling limit for employers' contribution from the current ceiling of ₹ 15,000/-;

(b) if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider the option of permitting employees also to contribute towards Employees' Pension Scheme;

(d) if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has plans for raising the minimum pension under Employees' Pension Scheme to ₹ 10,000/- per month considering the present cost of living;

(f) whether EPFO mulls New Pension Scheme for employees drawing salary above ₹ 15,000/-;

(g) if so, details thereof; and

(h) quantum of amount lying unclaimed with EPFO?

Funds under Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan

2492 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and disbursed under the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan, State-wise;
- (b) the number of targeted districts and beneficiaries under the scheme and the number of actual beneficiaries;
- (c) the daily income provided to a beneficiary under the scheme; and
- (d) whether the existing scheme is adequate to provide assistance to the estimated 1,14,30,968 migrant workers across the country, if so, the reasons therefor?

Revision of Minimum Wages

2493 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has to revise minimum rates of wages under Section 3(1) (b) of Minimum Wages Act once in every five years;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that last revision was done in 2017 and is due this year;
- (c) if so, whether the process of revising the minimum rates of wages to employees engaged in 7 scheduled employment has started; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when Government proposes to start the process?

Gig workers

2494 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) details of gig workers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has formulated and finalized scheme for gig workers;
- (c) if so, the details of social security benefits that gig workers are going to get under the scheme;
- (d) the contention of online platform companies with regard to definition of 'turnover' to be used for computing their social security contributions to a fund proposed for gig workers; and
- (e) whether the issue has been resolved and if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures to reduce unemployment

2495 Shri P. Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) the measures taken by Government to reduce unemployment in the country during the last two years;
- (b) the number of unemployed rural youth during the last two years;
- (c) whether Government contemplates to formulate any policy to give more job security to the youth in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Employment in Odisha through NCS

2496 **Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of launching the National Career Service (NCS);
- (b) the challenges faced by Government while implementing NCS;
- (c) the total number of job-seekers that have been employed through the NCS portal during each of the last three years and the current year in the State of Odisha; and
- (d) the total number of persons from the State of Odisha who have secured jobs through the portal in the public sector and private sector during each of the last three years and the current year?

e-Shram registration, strategy and benefits

2497 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) number of unorganized workers registered on e-Shram platform so far, State-wise;
- (b) eligibility for e-Shram registration and benefits extended to e-Shram cardholders so far;
- (c) break-up of registrations in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (d) targeted number of registrations for the country, State-wise and likely date for achieving the target;
- (e) guidelines and strategy followed for large scale registrations and expenditure involved in the e-Shram project so far and budgeted;
- (f) whether some categories like photographers have been excluded from registration as a category, if so, reasons therefor; and
- (g) if not, number of photographers who have been registered so far, State-wise?

Status of Labour Identification Number Scheme

2498 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of employers/establishments who have registered themselves under the Labour Identification Number Scheme, State-wise;
- (b) whether there are any labour organisations (identifiers in the Shram Suvidha portal) of States which have not been brought under the umbrella of the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there have been cases in which inspection reports of labour inspections for establishments registered under the scheme have not been submitted within 72 hours, if so, the reasons therefor and the steps that are being taken to improve the inspection process?

Safety of workers

2499 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the total number of safety and occupational health surveys conducted under section 91A of the Factories Act and the number of factories against whom action was taken, State-wise data thereof since 2017;
- (b) the total number of workers who have suffered permanent injuries or death during the course of their employment since 2017;
- (c) the total number of accidents, dangerous occurrences or diseases reported in the establishments since 2017; and

(d) the total number of complaints made and persons penalised under various sections of the Factories Act since 2017, industry, State and year-wise data for all of the above?

ESI Hospitals with specialisation in the country

2500 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the number of hospitals being run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) at divisional headquarters level in the country, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu and UT of Puducherry and the number of them which are providing specialised treatment;
- (b) the number of insured families getting benefitted from the same, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to establish new ESIC hospitals at divisional levels, especially in the industrial belt to provide better and specialised treatment to lakhs of insured people and their families;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Aims and objective of Nyaya Mitra Yojana;

2501 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) the aims and objective of Nyaya Mitra Yojana;
- (b) whether assistance is also provided to the poor communities through Nyaya Mitra for redressal of disputes;
- (c) if so, the details of measures being taken to provide immediate assistance to the people of tribal areas in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the details of Nyaya Mitras proposed to be engaged in the district courts of Tamil Nadu;
- (e) whether about 100 Nyaya Mitras have been engaged in various district courts of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Central legislations

2502 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

- (a) the number of bills which have been introduced by Government for bringing legislations over the subjects under the Concurrent List since 2017 and the number of such bills which became Act with details on each legislations;
- (b) whether the State Governments were consulted before coming up with such legislations, if so, the manner in which the concerns of the States got addressed in each of the legislations, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) details of central legislations brought in or the drafts circulated which deals with subjects under the State List during this period?

Steps to separate judiciary from executive

2503 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the Constitution emphasises that the State shall take steps to separate the judiciary from the executive;

- (b) the measures taken in this regard during the last five years; and
- (c) steps being taken by Government to ensure the credibility of the esteemed institutions like judiciary?

Centrally Sponsored Schemes for judicial infrastructure

2504 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by Government for judicial infrastructure;
- (b) details of allocations made and utilized during the last five years and the current year for judicial infrastructure, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that States are not utilizing the allocated amount;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and efforts being made by Government to persuade States to utilize the amount and develop infrastructure in lower courts; and
- (e) to what extent the proposed National Judicial Infrastructure Authority of India helps to address this issue?

Linkage of Voter ID with Aadhaar to reduce bogus voters

2505 Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:

Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any research to show the manner in which the linkage of Voter ID with Aadhaar will be able to reduce the number of bogus voters, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government maintains data on the number or percentage of bogus voters within the system, if so, year-wise details from 2017 till date and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has considered the possibility of the Aadhaar databases diluting the smaller Voter ID database and exacerbating the bogus voter issue, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Women reservation in Parliament and State Assemblies

2506 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

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

- (a) the percentage of women elected to Parliament of India and different State Assemblies and India's position in this regard in comparison to other countries having Parliamentary democracies; and
- (b) whether Government will bring legislation for women reservation in Parliament and State Assemblies, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Land dispute cases in rural areas of Karnataka

2507 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note that the maximum cases in rural areas pertain to land disputes in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of such cases?

Proposal to set up more e-Lok Adalats in the country

2508 Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up more “e-Lok Adalats” across India to clear pending cases in High Courts and district-level courts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the timeline for implementation of the same and the desired outcome including the State of Uttarakhand;
- (c) the extent to which e-Lok Adalats have been efficient in reducing the number of pending cases in High Courts and Lower Courts; and
- (d) the number of cases and the rate of pendency in High Courts and district-level courts during the period of lockdown in the last two years?

Vacancies in High Courts

2509 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there are 216 permanent judges' vacancies in High Courts across the country besides 186 vacancies of Additional Judges;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to fill up these vacancies in a time bound manner;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opinion sought on NPS

2510 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has sought further comments/clarifications from Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) regarding exclusion of those officials whose advertisement for recruitment were issued before 01.01.2004 from the purview of NPS and to cover them under OPS after DLA's Note dated 24.11.2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and terms of reference for comments;
- (c) the reasons for not furnishing categorical reply vide Note dated 24.11.2021 and encouraging lame litigation;
- (d) whether DLA has furnished its specific and categorical comments to DoP&PW;
- (e) if so, the complete details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons for delay?

Establishment of web portal

2511 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated any step to establish web portal for each Ministry/ Department of Government where they can upload the details of cases which are pending in various courts and the status of these cases so as to help in effective monitoring of court cases by the Department of Legal Affairs;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof;
- (c) whether Government has started any structural legal framework of mediation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of vacancy in the Legislative Department

2512 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of current sanctioned strength and vacancy in the Legislative Department separately for Legislative Department, Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan and Official Languages wing, separately for each post;
- (b) the details of steps being taken to fill the vacancy;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any assessment of impact on drafting of laws due to vacancies in the department; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

National Recruitment Agency

2513 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether it was announced in February, 2020 Budget that National Recruitment Agency (NRA) would conduct fresh recruitments in Government sector;
- (b) the details of the levels at which recruitment has been done by this agency so far; and
- (c) the details of the offices and posting of officers in this agency?

Compensatory attempts for UPSC and SSC aspirants

2514 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received request from the aspirants of various exams conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) demanding compensatory attempts and relaxation in age for various examinations in view of loss due to Covid-19 pandemic;
- (b) the details of all the demands raised by the aspirants of UPSC and SSC examinations; and
- (c) the details of action taken by Government to fulfill these demands of the UPSC and SSC aspirants?

Redressal of public grievances

2515 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether Government has evolved a national protocol for redressal of public grievances;
- (b) if so, the details of protocol; and
- (c) the number of grievances redressed?

Plan to increase number of civil servants

2516 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to increase the number of civil servants through UPSC exams; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Places of cultural importance in Maharashtra

2517 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated/propose to formulate a Scheme for development of the places of cultural importance in the state of Maharashtra particularly in the region of Marathwada;
- (b) if so, the names and details of such places, district-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Restoration of Old Pension Scheme

2518 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to reintroduce the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) following the demands for same that has risen from various quarters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware that experts have pointed out that under the National Pension System(NPS), economic downturns can affect pensions as it is market-linked;
- (d) whether Government is aware that under NPS, there is no proper safety net for retired employees as under the OPS;
- (e) whether Government propose to adopt any measure to address these issues; and
- (f) if so, the details including timeline regarding the same?

Funds for transparency and accountability in Government

2519 Dr. Ashok Bajpai:

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

- (a) the details of funds released during last 5 years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Improving Transparency and Accountability in Government through Effective Implementation of RTI Act', 2005, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Central Information Commission (CIC) and the State Information Commission (SICs) hear the matters virtually to avoid inconvenience to the information seekers;
- (c) the details of the pendency of appeals and complaints before the CIC and SICs and the reasons for such pendency; and
- (d) the details of initiatives taken by Government for effective implementation of the transparency law?

Proposal for additional quantum of pension

2520 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether the present pensions in the lower rungs are commensurate to the current higher cost of living, if adjusted to the rate of inflation;
- (b) whether the proposal of the Parliament Standing Committee on additional quantum of

pension to central pensioners below 80 years of age is being considered;
 (c) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to implement the recommendations of the Standing Committee; and
 (d) whether the re-implementation of the old pension policy is being considered by Government as pension is the only means of sustenance after retirement for a large section of the society?

Training and syllabus in LBSNAA

2521 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) when was the syllabus of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) revised last;
- (b) the number of times its syllabus and training regimen has been revised;
- (c) the steps taken to make training and teaching of the trainees closer to changed socio-economic realities; and
- (d) whether Government will form a committee to examine the syllabus and training modules of the academy?

States without High Courts

2522 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that even after becoming full-fledged State, some of the States in the country do not have their own High Courts within their States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to set up High Courts in all those States where High Courts does not exist;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Active Debris Removal (ADR) technology

2523 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that development of active removal technologies as Active Debris Removal (ADR) is necessary to stabilize the development of space debris;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any data showing the amount of Indian space debris (space junk, space pollution, space waste, or space garbage) in Earth's orbit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether ISRO is planning to collaborate with other international space organizations to help clean up space debris; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Alternative opportunity to Civil Services Examination candidate

2524 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that almost 2/3rd of the candidates appearing for the personality test are not recommended and remain unemployed after undergoing all the

stages of the Civil Services Examination;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce measures to provide alternate and commensurate opportunities to such candidates and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take measures to make the Civil Services Examinations final score-cards acceptable for other Government recruitment processes, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Divya Nayan by CSIR

2525 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

(a) the details and features of 'Divya Nayan' a device developed for the visually impaired by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) whether the said device has been made available to the common man;

(c) whether CSIR has also developed such other devices which benefit the common man; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vigyan Jyoti Programme in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts

2526 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

(a) the details of Vigyan Jyoti Programme being implemented in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of the State of West Bengal;

(b) the number of girls deriving benefits of various interventions under Vigyan Jyoti in the two districts so far; and

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

Finalisation of space programmes

2527 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

(a) number of satellites of India and other countries that have been carried and located in proper space locations;

(b) the space programmes finalized for the next three years;

(c) the status of the programmes; and

(d) the benefits which will accrue to India with these programmes?

Managing space debris

2528 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to manage space debris;

(b) whether it is a fact that after unlocking of the space sector for private players, innovative startups are coming up in a big way to explore the untapped potential of this sector; and

(c) if so, the steps that are being taken to encourage private sector in this area?

Status of Mars Mission

2529 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the details of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to launch a rover mission to Mars, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Threats posed by space debris

2530 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the threats posed by space junk and space debris, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to tackle the growing issue of space debris and space junk, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the stand of Government on the introduction of Low Earth Orbit based Satellite Internet services and the details thereof?

Commercial Space Policy

2531 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether there is any Commercial Space Policy in the country that provides for exploration of space by commercial entities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, whether there is any plan to promote private participation in the space exploration;
- (c) Government's stance on the need to re-examine the Outer Space Treaty, and the steps it has taken internationally regarding the same; and
- (d) the details of foreign collaboration in space governance and steps it has taken to thwart competition from China?

Private industry players engaged in space exploratory activities

2532 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) details of private players engaged with Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center for various space activities since 2020;
- (b) revenue earned by ISRO since 2020 by providing access to its facilities to private players, year and facility-wise;
- (c) details of Indian industry partners engaged with New Space India Limited for end-to end Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) realisation through Indian partners;
- (d) current status and progress of mission to build launch-vehicles indigenously; and
- (e) whether Government plans to promote private space exploration companies on lines of SpaceX and BlueOrigin, if so, funds allocated/disbursed/utilised and steps taken for the same?

Establishment of State Institutes of Hotel Management

2533 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) the number of Central Institutes of Hotel Management presently functioning, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government extends support to State Governments to set up State Institutes of Hotel Management in their States;
- (c) if so, the number of such Institutes set up during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the financial allocation for this purpose;
- (d) the challenges faced by these institutes while imparting quality education and training to students; and
- (e) whether these Institutes have been successful in contributing to the growth of tourism sector in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of natural disasters on tourism

2534 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether the occurrence of natural disasters in States/UTs like Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir etc. has affected the tourist influx in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to boost tourism at the affected destinations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether disaster risk reduction and management measures have been strengthened at the tourist locations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Better experience for tourists

2535 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to ensure better experience for the tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a self-reliant tourism-based economy is likely to generate gainful employment opportunities for the youth in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and to what extent?

Boosting of tourism industry

2536 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that good roads/infrastructure plays an important role in the boosting of tourism industry;
- (b) if so, the steps that have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government knowing that tourism is the most neglected industry in the country and despite the fact that it hardly requires any capital; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of tourism infrastructure in Maharashtra

2537 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of assistance provided by Central Government for development of tourism infrastructure in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the status of projects taken up in Maharashtra and the amount of funds released for each of them during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide financial assistance for developing a spiritual tourism circuit in Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of places of worship in the State including Pathri in the Parbhani district proposed to be covered there under?

Food quality in ITDC canteens

2538 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the quality of food served in India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) canteens is not in accordance with its price; and
- (b) if so, whether any quality audit of the food vis-à-vis its price is conducted in ITDC, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in North-Eastern States

2539 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote tourism in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of expenditure made in this regard during the last five years; and
- (d) whether any Tourism Development Fund has been set up for tourism in the States of Tripura and Manipur?

Development of rural tourism

2540 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has drafted a roadmap for development of rural tourism in the country as an initiative towards Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of rural tourism projects implemented/sanctioned in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of villages in various districts identified and developed as rural tourist spots during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Progress and status of PRASHAD Scheme

2541 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing PRASHAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof alongwith aims and objective thereof;
- (b) whether Government has achieved the objective for which PRASHAD Scheme was

launched and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the projects identified and developed under PRASHAD Scheme till date and whether Government is in the process of identifying more destinations under the Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether State Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any proposal under the PRASHAD Scheme; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government so far in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Revival of tourism post COVID-19 in Uttar Pradesh

2542 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

(a) whether Government has observed World Tourism day recently and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives;

(b) whether foreign and domestic tourism has been on decline due to COVID-19 pandemic during the last two years and current year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to revive foreign and domestic tourism in the country, specially in Uttar Pradesh?

Promotion of tourism in Odisha

2543 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

(a) whether any allocation of fund has been made by Government to promote tourism in Odisha during the last three years and if so, the district-wise details of the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(b) whether any scheme to promote tourism in Mayurbhanj district in Odisha and other districts is being prepared keeping in view the great potential of tourism in the district and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in West Bengal

2544 Smt. Mausam Noor:

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

(a) whether any allocation of fund has been made by Government to promote tourism in the State of West Bengal during the last three years and if so, the district-wise details of the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(b) whether any scheme to promote tourism in Malda district in West Bengal is being prepared keeping in view the great potential of tourism in the district and if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for promotion of religious tourism

2545 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government is currently running schemes to provide funding for religious tourism and whether the outlay has been shared with the State Governments;

(b) the status of 24 projects across 15 States approved under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD);

(c) whether the work for developing tourist infrastructure on the 15 tourist circuits identified under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has been completed and the total outlay; and

(d) the estimate of jobs generated by such investments in the tourism sector in the country during the last five years?

Financial assistance for tourism in Gujarat

2546 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed any scheme and financial assistance for the development and promotion of tourism in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of projects selected or being considered for the development;
- (c) the details of financial assistance sanctioned/ being sanctioned for each project in Gujarat; and
- (d) scheme-wise details of sanctioned budget allocation for promotion of tourism in Gujarat, during the last three years?

Flow of foreign tourists

2547 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) foreign tourists having visited the country, during the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, State-wise figures thereof;
- (b) quantum of foreign currency earned through tourism, during above three years, year-wise;
- (c) the quantum of funds released for the conventional centre at Bodhi Gaya in Bihar and details of physical and financial progress made thereon; and
- (d) the efforts being made by Government to increase the number of tourists visiting Buddhist sites?

Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Uttarakhand

2548 Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand the Swadesh Darshan Scheme by including more than six eco theme projects under the scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the same and the regions identified for the same; and
- (c) the details of the scheme that is specific to the State of Uttarakhand including any funds allocated for the same?

Expansion of tourism infrastructure in the country

2549 # Dr. Sonal Mansingh:

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

- (a) the latest action plan formulated with regard to eco and wild-life tourism, MICE tourism, sustainable tourism, cruise tourism, golf tourism, polo tourism and medical tourism; and
- (b) the details of plan for expansion of tourism infrastructure in the country?

Stadiums in tribal areas of Chhattisgarh

2550 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) whether the players, athletes from tribal areas in the State of Chhattisgarh are forced to commute to various stadiums far away for practice due to lack of sports stadiums in their areas;
- (b) whether many sports talents are not able to come up due to lack of daily practice on account of non availability of stadiums in the tribal majority areas of Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether it has been strongly demanded since many years by public representatives to set up open stadiums at various tribal majority district headquarters in Chhattisgarh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of indigenous sports

2551 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote indigenous sports like kabaddi, shooting ball, etc., at national and international level;
- (b) facilities that are being provided to indigenous sports to promote them at international level; and
- (c) whether the indigenous sports are being provided the same facilities as other sports at the State level?

Multi-purpose stadium in districts

2552 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) whether every district of the country has a multi-purpose stadium;
- (b) if not, the districts which does not have a multipurpose stadium, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any Central Government scheme to support State Governments for the construction of stadiums; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Strike by Central Secretariat Service staff

2553 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the reasons for the employees from Central Secretariat Service (CSS) going on strike and agitations recently;
- (b) whether Government would consider their justified demands of regular promotions and removal of stagnation in the service; and
- (c) if so, action taken on the grounds to provide for due promotions to the staff, including those in the reserved category, the details thereof?

Scheme for development of female sports persons

2554 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) the quantum of funds released to various States for the development of youth and sports during the last five years and the current year, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Bihar and other States in this regard;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and
- (d) whether any scheme has been/being proposed for the development of female sports

persons only, if so, by when the same is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan in Tamil Nadu

2555 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government has full data of the number of sports organized on yearly basis across the country in all States and especially in the State of Tamil Nadu under the scheme Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and allocated by Government to all the States especially Tamil Nadu under this scheme and the number of persons benefitted under this scheme with details and data from 2017 till February 2022; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for upgradation of judicial infrastructure

2556 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for upgradation/provision of judicial infrastructure in the country during 2020-21 and 2021-22 till date along with heads under which funds have been utilized, year and State-wise;
- (b) whether judicial infrastructure in the country is at par with developed countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether lack of judicial infrastructure in the country is main reason for huge pending cases in Indian courts?

Sports complex in every district

2557 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch any scheme to construct sports complex in a phased manner at every district and development blocks level, for the youth of different States to promote a liking towards sports and for physical exercise;
- (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance of differently abled sports persons

2558 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) the status of the performance of various differently abled sports persons in the country at State level sports competitions, during last three years;
- (b) the schemes being run by Government to provide adequate sports training and facilities for differently abled sports persons in the country; and
- (c) year-wise details of funds allocated and utilized for this scheme, during the last three years and current year?

Sports schemes in Gujarat

2559 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the details of various schemes introduced by Government with regard to sports and the number of such schemes introduced in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) the quantum of funds released for such schemes being run in Gujarat and details thereof;
- (c) the number of training centres setup in Gujarat under above schemes, and number of people provided training therein; and
- (d) the district-wise details of sports persons selected and trained under the 'Khelo India' programme in Gujarat?

Functioning of youth commissions

2560 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that most of the schemes and activities related with youth affairs do not reach the rural youth of the country, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has evaluated the functioning of youth commissions of the States and Union Territories, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would reach out to the youth who make inventions in the country and organize national level workshops to capacitate youth with exceptional skills?

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