

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 28, 2022/ 7 Chaitra, 1944 (Saka)

(Ministries : Civil Aviation; Coal; Defence; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Planning; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Steel)

Total number of questions -- 160

UDAN scheme in Gujarat

2721 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the cities of Gujarat which are covered under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) the total number of passengers who have travelled in the last three years;
- (c) the total number of routes currently identified;
- (d) whether there are any plans to increase the number of routes in the coming time; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on import of drones

2722 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Shri Rajmani Patel:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the notification of February 9, 2022 banning the import of drones will have any direct effect on the use of imported drones within the country in commercial and leisure use;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with special regards to permissions and regulations that have been altered;
- (c) whether Government believes that the current notification will have any effect on the size of the grey markets for drones;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to curb illegal drones from unregulated trade routes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

CO2 emissions by airlines

2723 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of CO2 emissions by Indian airlines/carriers in the past five years;

- (b) the details of steps and measures being taken to control and reduce CO2 emissions by Indian airlines/carriers and promotion of renewable energy; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal for a National Green Aviation Policy (NGAP) and a regulatory framework to address environmental issues created by the civil aviation industry?

Employment in the civil aviation

2724 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports owned by Government or companies under Government;
- (b) the number of employees and the vacancies there;
- (c) the number of airports privatized during last five years;
- (d) whether in each of those privatization, all the employees were retained after the privatization;
- (e) if not, the number of employees who lost their job;
- (f) the number of employees who became unemployed after the privatization of Air India; and
- (g) the number of people who lost their job in different fields of civil aviation in private and public sector separately, since the start of COVID-19, the details thereof?

Coverage of Krishi Udan Yojna in Tamil Nadu

2725 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of Krishi Udan Yojna;
- (b) the locations from where this service is likely to be started;
- (c) the names of the districts of Tamil Nadu with which this service is likely to be connected;
- (d) whether this service is likely to be started from tribal districts of Tamil Nadu also;
- (e) if so, the districts identified for this purpose; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Drone Rules

2726 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pending drone orders from foreign sources that were cancelled due to the ban notification on import of drones, dated February 9, 2022;
- (b) Government's reasoning for not implementing its February 9, 2022 notification in a phased manner;
- (c) the current supply and demand capacity of the domestic drone industry;
- (d) whether Government has set a timeline by which domestic supply will meet domestic demand and, if so, details thereof; and
- (e) the details of Government's plan to meet short term demands for drones, such as aerial cinematography, where the domestic drone industry is currently underdeveloped?

Damaged baggages during flights

2727 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of persons who complained about the open, damage and with valuables

stolen from baggages but did not receive any compensation since 2016, year-wise; and major reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the airlines are not accountable for the damage done to musical instruments or other fragile items during the flight;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering amending rules to provide relief to the people and professionals who carry their fragile instruments with them in the flight; and

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

Fixed term contract workers

2728 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in public sector enterprises under the control of the Ministry and the data thereof segregated by permanent and Fixed Term Contract (FTC) employees in these PSUs;

(b) the number of FTC employees who have been in service for more than five years, more than ten years, fifteen years and above, the steps taken to regularise these employees' contracts;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken note of the different service conditions and benefits such as post retirement medical to the permanent and FTC employees; and

(d) the rationale for the difference in treatment, despite both doing the same work?

Development of airports in Chhattisgarh

2729 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) had placed a demand of land and other facilities in Raipur, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur and Raigarh to expand the airport/aviation services in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current-status of land transfer;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), after inspection, had given any suggestion for the Ambikapur airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Greenfield airports

2730 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accorded approval for the construction of 21 greenfield airports in the country;

(b) if so, the status of the approval for setting up of 21 greenfield airports across the country; and

(c) the funds allocated for these airports and the timelines for their implementation?

Restoration of full capacity domestic aviation at par with pre-COVID period

2731 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic aviation industry is likely to return to the level of pre-COVID period soon as per the latest trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of maximum passengers flew on a single

day in February/March 2022;

(c) whether the airlines are still taking necessary precautions to avoid COVID infections in view of the latest prediction done by IIT, Kanpur; and

(d) whether there is any possibility to restore international flights soon?

Renaming of Pune airport

2732 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to name the Pune airport after Lokmanya Tilak; and

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal?

Diversion of routes of international flights over Russia-Ukraine war

2733 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international flights which have been diverted from various airports in the country due to outbreak of war between Russia and Ukraine, if so, the details thereof, airlines-wise;

(b) whether some of the international airlines from different destinations have cancelled their flights to India due to ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is aware that some of the airlines have increased their airfares due to ongoing war causing lot of hardships to air passengers, if so, the details thereof?

Installation of weighing machines at entry gate of airports

2734 # **Smt. Seema Dwivedi:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ensured the arrangement of facility for free of cost weighing of the check-in luggage of the passengers before the check-in process, near all the entry gates of all the airports of the country so that passengers may not face any trouble after check-in and rearrange the luggage in case the weight of luggage exceeds the fixed limit well before the check-in process;

(b) if so, the number of airports where the said facility has been made operational so far; and

(c) if not, by when Government would ensure such a smooth arrangement?

Data breaches and cyberattacks in Civil Aviation industry

2735 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make use of big data and AI to predict and avoid data breaches and cyberattacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including timeframe of implementation;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps undertaken by Government to uphold data security in the Civil Aviation industry?

Air traffics at Patna, Gaya and Darbhanga airports

2736 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger aircrafts arrived at Patna, Gaya and Darbhanga airports during each of the last three years;
- (b) the number of passengers arrived at and departed from Patna, Gaya and Darbhanga airports during the last three years;
- (c) the rank Darbhanga airport holds with regard to the number of passengers under the UDAN scheme; and
- (d) the details of the scheme to expand the capacity and modernisation of these airports?

Building of small airports at district headquarters

2737 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to build small airports at district headquarters of various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Uttar Pradesh, State-wise;
- (c) the names of the districts selected for this purpose and the current status thereof; and
- (d) by when these airports are likely to be established?

Sabarimala airport

2738 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Kerala has proposed Sabarimala Greenfield airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of Government thereto; and
- (d) the status of the project?

Improving services at Deoghar and Bokaro airports

2739 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

the steps taken for early delivery of services at regional airports of Jharkhand, especially Deoghar and Bokaro airports, which is a very important project, started by Government?

Airline travel

2740 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual number of air travellers in the last four financial years and the estimate for the current year;
- (b) the number of flights operating per year for the last five years including the estimate for the current year;
- (c) the estimate of air passengers and flights per year for the next three years; and
- (d) the airports which are the busiest in terms of flights and passengers and which are not?

Suspension of international flights

2741 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of loss incurred by Government due to suspension of both domestic and international flights, during last two years;
- (b) whether any credit guarantee is provided to the air operators through Government, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether the flights both domestic and international as scheduled prior to March, 2020 would be allowed to be operated from end of March, 2022;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether airfares would be reduced in case of more competition, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether COVID-19 protocol would be followed in the flight operations and for passengers, with details thereof?

Affirmative action plan

2742 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any affirmative action plan has been prepared to safeguard employment and interests of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes post privatization of Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that only one subsidiary company of Air India, which was earning profits, has been sold off to TATA; and
- (d) if disinvestment was necessary, the reason for not disinvesting the remaining loss making subsidiary companies earlier?

Aerosports for adventure tourism

2743 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to boost aerosport for adventure tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from States or institutions for promotion of aerosports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Jorhat airport under UDAN

2744 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN aims to make air travel affordable for the common citizen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of new airports which have been included under this scheme after 2019;
- (d) whether the Jorhat Airport is also included under this scheme; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken for its inclusion under this scheme?

Expansion of Jubbar Hatti airport, Shimla

2745 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Forest Conservation Act (FCA) approval has been granted by the Forest Department for carrying out the expansion work of Jubbar Hatti Airport in Shimla;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for this airport's airstrip extension/expansion project and the space required for expansion?

Improving the quality of coal mining

2746 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the action taken by Government for improvement in the quality of coal mining in the country;
- (b) whether Government has sought the help of international agencies or companies in improving our mining practices; and
- (c) if so, the results thereof?

CSR activities of Neyveli Lignite Corporation

2747 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any response to the lack of CSR by Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) in districts like Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu which are affected by natural calamity like drought, flood, water depletion, etc;
- (b) whether Government can furnish data on where the funds allocated as CSR by NLC have been spent from year 2016 to 2021;
- (c) whether 13,000 contract labourers were employed for 30 years continuously by NLC without regularizing them;
- (d) whether land owners whose lands were acquired were not being provided with jobs in NLC; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Coal mining capacity

2748 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) coal mining capacity allocated/auctioned to various players since January 2016 and details of all the coal mine allocations as per the envisaged end-use like power, steel, etc;
- (b) the annual capacity of these coal mines and whether this is as per the expected timelines and, if not, the major reasons for delays;
- (c) whether Government is planning to auction/allocate more coal blocks till 2030, if so, the details of overall auction/allocation schedule and the envisaged timeline of its operationalisation; and
- (d) the progress made by CIL to achieve its 1 billion tonnes production target?

Supply of coal by CIL during 2021-22

2749 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- a) whether CIL has supplied 608.15 MT of coal during 2021-22 till the first week of March as against the previous high of 608.14 MT in 2018-19;
- (b) if so, the details of coal supplied by CIL in the last five years;
- (c) whether the total supply of coal is likely to touch a figure of 670 MT in 2021-22, if the growing trend of supply is maintained by CIL; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the estimated figure for the supply of coal during 2022-23?

Zero output growth

2750 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether coal sector reported zero output growth in the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to correct the situation in future?

Coal mines operationalised using single window clearance portal

2751 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the schemes planned to achieve the target of coal production until 2023-24 which has been set at 1.2 billion tonnes;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the number of coal mines operationalised using the single window clearance portal, State-wise and UT-wise with a particular emphasis on Karnataka; and
- (d) the time period required for these coal mines to be operationalised?

Sand stowing work in coal mines

2752 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the physical status of sand stowing work in the closed underground mines of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL);
- (b) whether Government has set a deadline to complete the work of sand stowing of the MCL mines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption cases in NCL

2753 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of corruption cases reported in Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) situated at Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh during the last five years;
- (b) the action taken in these cases; and
- (c) department-wise and year-wise details thereof?

New airports

2754 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new airports set up in the country during the last five years and the places where these airports have been setup; and
- (b) the number of new passengers who would get the facility of air transport and the number of airfields started due to these airports?

Connectivity measures around coalfields

2755 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the length of the road constructed in and around coalfields during the last three years, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the budgetary allocation for the same and how much has been utilized till date, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to integrate it with railway lines for better connectivity and transportation and the budgetary details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Jharkhand?

E-surveillance of coalfields

2756 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Coal India Limited and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) including their subsidiaries have started e-surveillance to check coal operations at their plants, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to extend or introduce e-surveillance to all coalfields in the country to monitor their operations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether e-surveillance can track illegal coal mining and its transportation by unauthorized persons and, if so, the details thereof?

Pollution due to coal mining

2757 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the coal mines in the country produce and emit a large quantity of Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) in the atmosphere and pollute the area around to a large extent;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to combat this pollution from the coal mines;
- (c) whether Government has plans to control pollution and protect the environment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal production target

2758 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

- (a) the target fixed by the Coal India Limited (CIL) for the production of coal during the current year;

- (b) whether the production of coal is sufficient to cater to the needs of power sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve the coal production in the country?

Backfilling to prevent soil subsidence

2759 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

- (a) whether there is any delay in backfilling and stowing for mine safety to prevent soil subsidence over the non-working underground coal mines in Talcher coalfields area by MCL;
- (b) by when the balance backfilling work will be completed; and
- (c) whether there is any detailed plan formulated to complete the backfilling in these mines?

Coal-centric economy

2760 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap for districts having a coal-centric economy such as Korba, etc. in light of country's commitment towards energy transition;
- (b) whether in such districts (coal-centric economy) closure of mines and industries will have severe socio-economic consequences, major being unemployment for the unskilled workers;
- (c) whether Government has initiated any scalable steps to reduce the dependency of other economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, manufacturing and service for their growth in these districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Coal shortage in Karnataka

2761 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the coal shortage faced by thermal power plants of Karnataka, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether due to the coal shortage, the State has witnessed the disruption of power supply, if so, the action plan initiated to avoid the reoccurrence of the problem?

Illegal mining cases

2762 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of reports of illegal mining taking place in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of cases registered against illegal mining in the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any data on the number of mine workers died and injured during the coal mining; and
- (d) if so, the details for the last five years, State-wise and year-wise?

Relocation of DRDE laboratory, Gwalior

2763 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the directives given by Supreme Court and High Court to resolve the land allotment issue at Defence Research Development Establishment (DRDE), City Centre, Gwalior;
- (b) if so, whether the directives were implemented;
- (c) whether the relocation of the DRDE laboratory to an alternate land is being decided and commenced; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Martyrs in Armed Forces

2764 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the definition of martyrs;
- (b) whether Government has stopped the use of the word "Martyrs" for those who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is considering a system of conferring letters of acknowledgement from the Honourable President and the Prime Minister's Office to the families of Armed Forces personnel killed in action; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Formation of NCC

2765 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether the main aim of formation of National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the country was to motivate the youth to serve the Armed Forces of the nation;
- (b) if so, the total strength of students who have joined NCC, State-wise, and facilities/encouragement provided to join the NCC;
- (c) the daily/weekly/monthly and yearly activities/schedule of these students; and
- (d) the job opportunities students get by joining NCC?

Export of defence products

2766 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a crucial percentage of budget estimate is the part of expenditure on foreign contracts under capital acquisition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking so that Ordnance Factories, DPSUs, DRDO and private industries work in coordination to produce not only import substitute products but also expand their export potential so that the country becomes an exporter of defence products?

Indigenisation in defence manufacturing

2767 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) the manner in which the "Make in India" programme has helped the defence sector and the details thereof. (b) the details of the steps taken to reduce the import burden on defence sector; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Status of females in Armed Forces and Sainik Schools

2768 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the number of Sainik Schools and its enrolment strength, State-wise;
- (b) the details of status of induction of girls into the NDA and number of women officers under different arms of the country's defence forces;
- (c) whether Government will consider increasing the intake of women cadets in defence academy from the current year;
- (d) the number of Sainik Schools which have already started admitting girls and status of experimental trials of girls intake;
- (e) the total number of vacancies which will be accessible to girls for admission in Sainik Schools; and
- (f) the number of reserved seats for SC, ST, OBC and EWS in Sainik Schools and the status thereof?

Task Force for implementation of AI

2769 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether any multi-stakeholder task force for Strategic Implementation of Artificial Intelligence and Defence, constituted by Government has submitted any report for the modernization of defence/military organization for the capacity building;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government is considering to push for greater AI and ML-based military technology innovation for the vast improvement in security infrastructure in the border areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government so far?

Upgrading the functioning of Coast Guards

2770 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to upgrade the functioning of Coast Guards to reach out during emergency situations like cyclone in deep sea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by Government to increase the manpower and ensure provision of modern equipment to Coast Guards; and
- (d) the details of funds that have been devolved to the Coast Guards in the last five years for the same?

Indigenous defence production

2771 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of items related to the defence which are kept under the list of Atma Nirbhar Bharat and the export of which have been stopped between 2018-22;
- (b) the amount of foreign reserve that would be saved;
- (c) whether Government is considering to add more items for indigenous production; and
- (d) if so, the target thereof?

Women serving in the defence forces

2772 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether Government will provide data on the number of women serving in the Armed Forces and, if so, the details thereof, service-wise and within it, stream-wise;
- (b) whether Government will provide data on the number of women who have been granted Permanent Commission in all three Forces, if so, the details thereof, service-wise and stream-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is reviewing plans to induct women in combat roles in the Armed Forces, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Recruitment in the defence forces

2773 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the total number of posts of commissioned and non-commissioned staff lying vacant in the Armed Forces in the country;
- (b) the details of recruitment rallies conducted during each of the last five years along with the total number of aspirants recruited during this period, State/UT-wise including Haryana;
- (c) whether Government proposes to conduct recruitment campaigns throughout the country for recruitment of youth from various areas including rural areas, if so, the details thereof and the time schedule, State/UT-wise including Haryana; and
- (d) whether the recruitment rallies have been stopped due to COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof?

Field posting of officers served in SHAA

2774 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact the Indian Army Corps are deployed in the Super High Altitude Area (SHAA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any policy implemented for permanent commissioned infantry officers to serve in field posting who have become permanent category (P2) while serving in Super High Altitude Area (SHAA); and
- (d) whether there is an efficient procedure to utilize the individual as an asset to the organization, as previously an inter-arm service transfer to the Intelligence Corps was an option?

Global Defence Technology summit

2775 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has notified an inclusive indigenous list with a view to achieve self-dependence and reducing import in defence manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to achieve the goal of hundred per cent indigenous manufacturing of ammunition for the Navy and, if so, the steps taken and the time limit fixed thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has organized any Global Defence Technology Summit to escalate Research and Development in defence sector and, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of MSMEs in defence sector

2776 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) the details of events and initiatives under the scheme for promotion of MSMEs in defence sector in the last three years;
- (b) the details of procurement from MSMEs by Government in the last three years;
- (c) the details of measures taken by Government to train and upgrade skills of MSME workers during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (d) the total procurement from MSMEs after the embargo on 101 items introduced recently; and
- (e) the details thereof?

Nodal agency to test and certify defence equipments

2777 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated a proposal for setting up of an independent nodal umbrella body to meet the wide-ranging testing and certification requirements of weapon systems developed and manufactured by the Indian private sector under Make-in-India Atma Nirbhar Bharat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that the evaluation of testing and certification of weapon systems is done independently and not at the whims and fancies of the bureaucracy; and
- (d) the details of armaments and weapons systems that are in the pipeline in the private sector?

SBM (Urban) in Punjab

2778 Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated to/released to/utilized by Punjab under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) during last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of toilets constructed under the scheme in the State during the said period;
- (c) the number of projects proposals pending under the scheme in the State; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by Government for approval and construction of all the pending projects proposals under the scheme?

AMRUT in Punjab**2779 Smt. Ambika Soni:**Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated to /released to /utilized by Punjab under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) during last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of projects implemented under the scheme in the State during the said period ;
- (c) the number of projects proposals pending under the scheme in the State during the said period; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by Government for implementation of all the pending projects proposals under the scheme in Punjab?

Development of indigenous defence craft**2780 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the budget allocated and utilised in the past three years for the research and development of indigenous defence craft;
- (b) the rate of success of the various research carried out for the development of indigenous defence craft;
- (c) whether any indigenous defence craft and technology was sold to other countries by the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Vehicular congestion in urban areas**2781 Shri Derek O' Brien:**Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of reasons such as growing number of private vehicles on the road as the cause of traffic congestion and vehicular pollution in urban areas;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any studies on how to reduce this traffic congestion on urban roads, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering shared mobility as a means to reduce the number of private vehicles on the road; and
- (d) other measures Government is taking to reduce traffic congestion on roads, and the funding model proposed to put these measures into effect?

UIDSST**2782 Shri P. Wilson:**Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Satellite Towns (UIDSST) which was supposed to be established in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu and seven other satellite towns of megacities;
- (b) whether any public/private partnerships agreements have been entered into so as to implement the UIDSST in the prescribed satellite towns including Sriperumbudur; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of implementation of housing schemes

2783 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether only 47.6 per cent of the total number of houses sanctioned for urban areas under various urban development schemes have been constructed so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is pushing for more private participation in Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC);
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures adopted by Government for slum redevelopment and the allocations made in the current budget for the same?

Dilapidated DDA flats

2784 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) continues to be indifferent towards repair of houses to the allottees of DDA and RWA and consequently these houses are getting in dilapidated condition;
- (b) since when the houses, under the DDA residential scheme, 2010 at Molarband and Jasola have not been repaired and the number of times it should have been repaired till date; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that even the repair work of the road of these houses has not been done by the DDA and consequently residents are facing problems?

Vijayawada metro rail project

2785 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding implementation of metro rail project in Vijayawada in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any decision on the proposal received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Earthquake resistant buildings

2786 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to construct earthquake resistant buildings with the help of various agencies to reduce the losses due to earthquake;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the time by when these measures are likely to be finalized; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Design of smart cities in accordance with climate change

2787 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ongoing smart city plans face the pressure of designing for climate change;
- (b) if so, initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government keeping in mind that the Climate Smart Assessment Framework would need to put in compulsory features to align all investments with national commitments towards obligations under the Paris Agreement of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

City bus augmentation scheme

2788 Shri Jose K. Mani:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any decision on Kerala Government's demand to incorporate the option of "dry lease" in the City bus augmentation scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans/proposals to allow for the procurement of vehicles with some kind of capital subsidy for the implementation of the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plans/proposals to include co-operative societies and the SHGs to be partners under the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

National Urban Digital Mission

2789 Smt. Mausam Noor:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocation for the implementation of National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) in West Bengal;
- (b) the details of various projects undertaken under NUDM which facilitates transgenders and women;
- (c) the details of public private partnership projects undertaken under NUDM in West Bengal; and
- (d) whether the stakeholders were consulted for these programmes including the affected communities and, if so, the details thereof?

Metro rail project in Visakhapatnam

2790 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a proposal for metro rail project in Visakhapatnam;
- (b) details of the proposed Visakhapatnam metro rail project like type, length, cost, etc.;
- (c) whether Government had asked the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to resubmit proposal as per Metro Rail Policy, 2017;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a new proposal as per Metro Rail

Policy, 2017;

(f) if not, reasons therefor;

(g) the different types of funding pattern under Metro Rail Policy, 2017; and

(h) list of projects undertaken in different cities and fundings and other details thereof?

Assistance in SCM

2791 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of central and state assistance sanctioned so far for 100 smart cities selected under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), city-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of central assistance released so far, city-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of projects approved for each smart city under the Smart Cities Mission, city-wise and year-wise?

Implementation of the Smart Cities Mission

2792 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pending under the Smart Cities Mission and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the amount of Central assistance allocated for the project in the last three years and how much has been utilized till date, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people rehabilitated after eviction for the implementation of the scheme and funds allocated for that and the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

2793 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed housing for all in 2015, targeting the rehabilitation of slum dwellers;

(b) if so, the details of slums in top cities reported from 2015 to 2020 and promotion of affordable housing for weaker section during this period; and

(c) by when Government will provide sustainable housing to all slum dwellers through its rehabilitation programme and the timeline thereof?

SPV formed by cities

2794 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smart cities which are part of the Smart Cities Mission at present and whether all of them have created their Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and raised their own funds;

(b) the amount which the Centre and State Governments have provided to each and other funds available with them;

(c) the details of funding and progress under each city; and

(d) specific progress achieved by the Smart Cities Mission so far and the problems that plague it?

SCM in Gujarat

2795 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of smart cities which have been selected in the State of Gujarat under Smart Cities Mission (SCM);
- (b) the total funds allotted and utilized so far on these cities and the progress of various development projects in these cities in Gujarat; and
- (c) whether the project of Smart Cities Mission is likely to be scrapped and, if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds in SCM

2796 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the cities under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by them since the inception of the scheme, city-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether any funds have been spent to take low hanging electrical wires and other utility wires under the ground in any city which is under the Smart Cities Mission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise; and
- (d) the activities which have been undertaken for women's safety and the funds utilized for the same under the Smart Cities Mission, city-wise?

Establishment of Real Estate Tribunals

2797 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all States have established Real Estate Tribunals;
- (b) the number of Real Estate Regulatory Authorities, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the number of cases pending in Real Estate Tribunals ;
- (d) the State-wise distributions of the number of pending cases in the Tribunals;
- (e) the average number of days taken to resolve pending cases; and
- (f) whether Government has taken any revised measures to protect the exploitation of homebuyers?

Allotment of funds in HRIDAY

2798 # Shri Narhari Amin:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated/released/utilized by various States including Gujarat under the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) during the last three years, State-wise/ year-wise;
- (b) the number of the projects implemented under this scheme in various States during the said period, State-wise/ district-wise; and
- (c) the number of the pending project proposals in various States under this scheme during the said period, State-wise/ district-wise?

Services provided under AMRUT

2799 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the services and facilities being provided under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Mission (AMRUT); and
- (b) the action being taken to comply with the deadline for developing the cities covered under AMRUT, and the details thereof?

Unavailability of clean water

2800 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current progress in Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM);
- (b) whether Government has the data of households facing unavailability of clean water, State-wise statistics;
- (c) whether funds have been allocated to the States under the scheme and the details thereof;
- (d) the number of Urban Local Bodies where universal water supply has been implemented under the mission, State-wise details thereof;
- (e) the number of household tap connections implemented under the scheme, State-wise details thereof; and
- (f) the number of liquid waste management systems implemented in cities, State-wise details thereof?

Water-scarce villages/cities

2801 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any recent studies to enumerate the number of cities and villages that will exhaust their water resources in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has adopted any measures to address this issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including coverage, budget allocation and status of implementation; and
- (e) whether Government is aware that a recent NITI Aayog report has predicted that by 2030 the demand for water supply will be twice the available supply?

Timely release of State's shares

2802 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to have a sound financial management system in place to resolve the issue of non-timely release of States' shares under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh

2803 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of irrigation projects approved during the last five years and being run as on date in the State of Uttar Pradesh and across the country, State-wise and project-wise;
- (b) the details of proposals for new irrigation projects received during the above said

period, State-wise;

(c) the details of these proposals for new irrigation projects sanctioned as on date along with the present status thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the details of proposals for new irrigation projects pending for approval as on date, State-wise along with reasons for pendency?

Sanctioning of funds to Chhattisgarh under JJM

2804 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

(a) quantum of funds sanctioned by Government under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to Chhattisgarh during the last three years and funds received by the State Government out of sanctioned funds, year-wise details thereof;

(b) number of villages and houses, district-wise, in Chhattisgarh for which connections of pure drinking water were to be provided and the number of houses for which connections have been provided under the said scheme, so far;

(c) whether any time limit had been fixed by Government to complete the said scheme and whether the work was completed on time; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities under JJM in Chhattisgarh?

Water crisis in the country

2805 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data regarding the total number of districts facing water crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any measures to remove water shortage in the districts facing water crisis;

(d) if so, the total number of districts identified for this purpose and the criteria thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check depleting water table in the country?

Water scarcity

2806 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to ensure that fresh drinking water reaches those areas where there is existence of water scarcity;

(b) the details of any scheme which has been launched for the above mentioned purposes;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the scarcity of water will not cause biodiversity loss; and

(d) the details of such steps?

Regulations for pending disputes over dams

2807 Shri Jose K. Mani:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to take a decision on dams that are subject to dispute under the provisions of the Dam Safety Act;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Dam Safety Act will be enough to remedy the long pending dam disputes between States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Rain centres in Assam

2808 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the districts in Assam which have opened rain centres and the districts which have not come under purview of the National Water Missions (NWM) "Catch the rain" campaign;
- (b) the details of the amount of funds allocated and utilized under the NWM's "Catch the rain" campaign in Assam, district-wise; and
- (c) the details of the projects undertaken both completed and not yet completed, proposed timeline of completion of the projects under the purview of NWM's "Catch the rain" campaign in Assam, district wise?

Sahi Fasal campaign

2809 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of all the work done by Government under the 'Sahi Fasal' campaign from 14.11.2019 till date;
- (b) details of the amount of funds allocated and sanctioned under the 'Sahi Fasal' campaign, project-wise;
- (c) details of the number of farmers that have shifted to farming crops that require less water because of 'Sahi Fasal' campaign;
- (d) details of the estimated amount of water that has been saved due to the 'Sahi Fasal' campaign; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that providing MSP guarantee on less water intensive crops would incentivize farmers to grow them?

Optimum utilisation of unspent fund under JJM

2810 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is substantial amount of unspent balances accrued under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the years 2018-19 and 2019-20;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking for optimum utilization of allocated funds?

Arsenic and Fluoride contamination in drinking water

2811 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether excessive quantity of Arsenic/other chemicals has been found in drinking water in various parts of the country including Assam and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the vulnerability of health hazards from Arsenic and Fluoride contaminated water in various parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details of such pockets identified so far; and

(d) steps taken by Government to check such health hazards and to provide safe drinking water in the country?

Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

2812 Dr. Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of projects to be taken under new Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II and III in Odisha;
- (b) the estimated project cost under DRIP Phase-II and Phase-III, project-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the details of expenditure which has been incurred so far?

Rejuvenation work of Saraswati river

2813 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has undertaken rejuvenation work of Saraswati river, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether re-mapping of the river has been taken into consideration, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what measures Government proposes to take for the revival of river Saraswati?

Depleting groundwater levels

2814 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the abysmal state of groundwater levels in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government plans a national strategy on groundwater conservation, with consultations from the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government is aware that despite depleting groundwater levels, the extraction continues in various parts for various purposes including agriculture (which is extremely water intensive); and
- (f) if so, what has Government done in this regard?

Solid and liquid waste management in rural areas

2815 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to promote solid and liquid waste management in rural areas under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Gramin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and State-wise extent of progress achieved so far in this regard, including Rajasthan;
- (c) if not, by when such proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated for the SBM-G in rural areas during each of last three years, the State-wise details thereof, including Rajasthan?

Groundwater level in Rajasthan

2816 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of average groundwater level during the last three years in the country including the State of Rajasthan, State/Union Territory/region/district-wise;
- (b) the details of the districts of the State of Rajasthan which have notified critical level of groundwater; and
- (c) whether Government has taken policy measures to recharge the groundwater level especially in Rajasthan and various other States of the country having depleting groundwater, if not, the reasons therefor?

Tap connections in rural households

2817 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rural households provided with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) out of total households in Maharashtra along with funds utilised for the same, district-wise;
- (b) the percentage of households with FHTCs in Maharashtra, district-wise; and
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed for making FHTCs available to all households along with the progress made in this regard?

Iron and Arsenic contamination in drinking water in Bihar

2818 # **Shri Ahmad Ashfaque Karim:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the quality of drinking water in Bihar and north eastern districts of the North Eastern States in the country is very poor due to large quantity of Iron and Arsenic in water;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that lots of people in these areas are suffering from threatening diseases like cancer and daily, a large number of people are getting affected by it; and
- (c) the number of districts in these States, where survey has been conducted in this regard and the details thereof?

High river pollution in Maharashtra

2819 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) Report, Maharashtra has the highest number of polluted rivers;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) acknowledged in 2019 that Maharashtra has the most number of cities alongside polluted river stretches;
- (c) progress on steps taken to clean polluted rivers and river stretches bordering cities of Maharashtra and the details of progress made; and
- (d) funds sanctioned, disbursed and utilised for cleaning rivers of Maharashtra during the last four years, year-wise ?

Land loss in Assam due to erosion

2820 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that every year there will be a land loss in Assam due to erosion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total sq. km of land Assam has lost due to erosion and the number of people affected;
- (c) whether Government has any data on the loss of area of land in Assam due to erosion;
- (d) whether Government has devised any plan to protect from erosion in Assam; and
- (e) the number of schemes for protection from erosion presently pending for approval before Government so far as the same relates to Assam is concurred?

Financial assistance to Gujarat under JJM

2821 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has plans to provide potable drinking water to every household across the country under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Har Ghar Nal Jal Scheme;
- (b) if so, total financial assistance provided under the said scheme for all tribal areas of Gujarat including Chhota Udaipur; and
- (c) total number of household in tribal districts of Gujarat where tap water is being supplied including Chhota Udaipur?

Allocation of funds for research and development on water resources

2822 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the research and development initiatives relating to water resources management taken up by Government;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for research and development on water resources management during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government is aware of any research being conducted on the viability of the use of water resources to generate energy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for cleaning Ganga river bed

2823 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects currently underway for the river bed cleaning of Ganga river;
- (b) the amount allocated for the projects and how much of it has been sanctioned during the last five years;
- (c) the details of the amount utilised under the sanctioned amount for projects;
- (d) whether there has been any impact analysis of the projects so far since 2016; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Share of MSMEs in exports to Russia and Ukraine

2824 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the basket of exports to Russia and Ukraine;
- (b) whether small enterprises have been hit most by the shortage of raw material as a result of Russia-Ukraine war crisis; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to compensate the losses borne by the small entrepreneurs because of Russia-Ukraine war?

Allocation of amount under CSSs

2825 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of amount allocated under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) of the Ministry to Maharashtra and Rajasthan, during 2019 to 2021, scheme-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the amount released during the above period, scheme-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of amount spend by the State Governments against above allocations and released?

Six clusters identified under SFURTI

2826 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of six clusters in Mandya, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Bellary, Bidar, Chikkaballapur, Belagavi, Uttar Kannad, etc., identified under Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) in Karnataka;
- (b) the number of artisans going to be benefited from the above clusters and estimated cost of the project; and
- (c) the expected date of making these clusters functional?

Setting up of agro based industries in rural areas

2827 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being run by Government for setting up of agro based industries in rural areas of the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the same till date during 2021-22, scheme-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated under Budget 2022-23 for setting up of agro based industries in rural areas of the country under various schemes being run by Government, scheme-wise and State-wise?

UDAYAM Portal

2828 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered on the UDYAM Portal as of February, 2022;
- (b) whether Government is aware that for most MSMEs, compliance costs exceed the post-registration benefits on the UDYAM Portal, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has provided any incentives to increase registration of MSMEs on the Portal, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has taken any measures to create awareness about the Portal, if

so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has extended the timeline by which MSMEs have to register on the Portal?

Status of ECLG Scheme and its benefits

2829 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) the details and rationale of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee (ECLG) Scheme for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector;

(b) the details of its implementation;

(c) the number of MSMEs saved and did not go under because of this scheme;

(d) whether evaluation study has been carried out to see which sector has been benefitted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Khadi textile

2830 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government in association with the various State Governments to promote Khadi textile and modernise the Khadi industry as on date, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote the export and exporters of Khadi textiles, State-wise; and

(c) the number of new institutes set up under Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the last three years in various States including the State of Uttar Pradesh?

Problems of raw material in MSMEs

2831 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has been facing problems due to hike in raw materials costs by 30 per cent during the last one year;

(b) whether the RBI mandate not to demand collateral security for loans up to ₹ 10 lakh from MSMEs is being adhered to or not by all the banks;

(c) whether Government proposes tax incentives for MSME companies making efforts to reach overseas markets to augment export; and

(d) whether Government proposes to come out with an e-commerce policy for exportable MSME products?

Dynamic pricing of air tickets

2832 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Civil Aviation*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that concept of surge pricing of air tickets against realistic pricing is causing problems for air tickets;

(b) whether to promote air traffic density, Government through some study proposes to have a look at the concept of dynamic pricing of tickets;

(c) whether it will be more logical to have regulated pricing of tickets based on break even

costs per seat kilometre; and

(d) whether the concept of regulated pricing of tickets utilised during the COVID-19 Pandemic had desired results?

Underspending on Schemes related to MSMEs

2833 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of ₹ 7,572.20 crore earmarked for the MSME Ministry in the Union Budget 2020-21, ₹ 5,647.50 crore was spent across various MSMEs schemes while the remaining 25 per cent or around ₹ 1,924.7 crore was left unspent;

(b) if so, what could be possible reasons for this underspending;

(c) whether Government has analysed the impact this underspending could have caused to MSMEs sector;

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

(e) the details of support measures announced for MSMEs during the last two years along with some major achievements?

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on MSMEs sector

2834 Shri Ripun Bora:

Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to reduce the impact of any further COVID-19 waves on the MSMEs sector;

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

(c) Government's plan and time frame to bring the MSMEs sector back to pre-pandemic levels of activity thereof?

Loans to the youths under PMRY

2835 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the amount of loan provided to the youth of the States under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have got employment opportunities under the said yojana and the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it has been proved effective in reducing the unemployment rate under this yojana and the percentage thereof?

Self employment opportunities

2836 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has taken any new measures for the development of khadi and village industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any data about employment or self-employment opportunities created for people trained at its institutions in 2020-21; and

(d) if so, what is the number of such persons trained at its institutions?

MSMEs investment in backward districts

2837 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will consider exempting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from approvals and inspections for the next three years to facilitate more investment especially in backward districts of the country;
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of PMEGP

2838 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of agro based and food processing industries in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that assistance to units in Andhra Pradesh for setting up of agro based and food processing units came down from 314 units in 2018-19 to 150 in 2020-21;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the status in 2021-22 and proposed assistance in 2022-23; and
- (e) what would be the assistance that Government proposed for Andhra Pradesh in 2021-22?

Inclusion of retail and wholesale traders in MSMEs

2839 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for including retail and wholesale traders as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
- (b) how including the above segments will strengthen MSMEs sector; and
- (c) the details of schemes that are being implemented for MSMEs sector and whether these schemes are also extended to retail and wholesale traders?

Funds under MSMEs

2840 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds released under various MSMEs schemes during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds remaining un-spent in various fields in the country; and
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released?

Survey for mineral resources

2841 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to discover various mineral reserves/deposits in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and mineral-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to explore more minerals in future?

Welfare projects for miners of Odisha

2842 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

- (a) whether Government has completed welfare projects initiated for the miners in Odisha and, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether any steps for environmental preservation and to mitigate pollution generated from the mines have been taken for the welfare of localities and, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether any health coverage is extended to the miners, especially for occupation related ailments and, if so, details of the coverage thereof and the data regarding beneficiaries in Odisha; and
- (d) whether any benefits are offered to spouses and children of miners in case of an accident at the site and, if so, details thereof?

Measures to check illegal mining

2843 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

- (a) the details of the plans of Government to check illegal mining;
- (b) whether Government is aware that illegal mining is taking place in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details of the plans of Government for prevention of environmental pollution being caused due to mining in stone mines?

Status of mines in the country

2844 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the details of total number of operating mines in the country, State-wise, capacity-wise and mines-wise;
- (b) the details of total non functional mines in the country and their reasons for being non-functional;
- (c) the details of mines possessing environment and forest clearances; and
- (d) whether there is any preference provided for public sector in mines allocation as compared to private sector?

Mining in Goa

2845 Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:

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

- (a) the status of mining excavation/mining from dumps in Goa;
- (b) the status of the mining related cases filed in Supreme Court of India regarding mining in Goa;
- (c) the details of the Goa Mineral Development Corporation Act and rules made therefrom;
- (d) the details of the Goa Mining Dump Policy/Ordinance and rules made therefrom;
- (e) the details of the e-auctioning of ore from 2016 till date with details of bids won, quantum of ore auctioned and revenue earned by the State Government of Goa; and
- (f) the details of utilisation of the money spent which was earned from mining auction?

Environmental clearance of mines in Jharkhand

2846 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) the number of mines in Jharkhand that are shut due to delay in environmental clearance and which are necessary to be opened; and
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to expedite environmental clearance?

Survey for new minerals

2847 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number and names of new minerals for mining in the country for which survey has been conducted so far; and
- (b) the status of the process of mining of these new minerals and the States where these minerals are found?

Contract workers in mining

2848 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether Government maintains records of contract workers employed in the mining sector;
- (b) if so, the total number of contract workers employed in the mining sector;
- (c) the facilities provided to them particularly health benefit; and
- (d) the number of women contract workers employed in the mining sector?

Funds utilized by Indian Bureau of Mines

2849 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned and utilized by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is underutilization of funds by IBM during the last year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government will take to fully utilize allocated funds by resolving constraints?

PMJVK in Andhra Pradesh

2850 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) the details of works undertaken in different sectors under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) for Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised for Andhra Pradesh under this scheme during the said period; and
- (c) the details of projects completed under the same in the said period?

Scholarship scheme in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh

2851 **Smt. Mausam Noor:**

Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:

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

- (a) the number of students from the minority communities who were granted scholarships under Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years and their distribution among various minority communities; and
- (b) whether the beneficiaries who were provided scholarships under Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh would also be eligible for this scheme and, if so, the details thereof?

15 Points Programme for minorities welfare schemes

2852 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government is meeting the goal of utilizing the 15 per cent of targets and outlays under various schemes earmarked for the minorities for development projects in minority concentration areas under the 15 Points Programme;
- (b) the details of scheme-wise utilisation; and
- (c) whether Government has carried out a sample test of each scheme covered under the programme following sampling pattern for the districts/blocks/villages and, if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for the minorities

2853 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of the schemes being run for the minorities in the country, during the last three years, scheme-wise, year-wise;
- (b) the details of schemes being run for the minorities in the country especially in Rajasthan and Delhi; and
- (c) the society/caste-wise details of the number of people belonging to the minority groups in the country along with the State-wise details of the funds allocated by Government to various States under minority related schemes during the last three years?

Expansion of LPG network

2854 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have stalled their proposal of appointing thousands of distributors for expansion of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) network in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of LPG distributors appointed and the reasons for stalling the expansion;
- (c) whether OMC has collected any deposit money from the potential distributors;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to refund their amount; and
- (e) whether the existing distributors have any maximum limit as regards to customers, if so, then what is it?

Status of gas pipeline in Karnataka

2855 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) by when Kochi-Kootanad-Bengaluru-Mangaluru pipeline will be started;
- (b) the details of the regions where pipeline is going to cover in Karnataka;
- (c) the status of implementation of above gas pipeline in Karnataka; and
- (d) by when it is going to be completed and if there is any delay, the reasons therefor?

Status of Ujjwala Yojana

2856 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the details of first, second and third refills in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 under Ujjwala Yojana for cylinders in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the total beneficiaries purchasing gas cylinders under Ujjwala Yojana over the past one year, State-wise and month-wise; and
- (c) the total amounts transferred through DBT to bank accounts of these beneficiaries over the past one year, State-wise and month-wise?

Production of crude oil by ONGC

2857 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) the total crude oil production by ONGC over the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the total standalone natural gas production by ONGC over the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether there is a pattern of stagnated rate of production for ONGC over last few years; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for such stagnation in growth of production and the steps being taken by Government to boost the capacity of production?

Status of CGD in UP

2858 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

- (a) the present status of the ongoing works of City Gas Distribution (CGD) in the various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government proposes to extend CGD network to more districts in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the plan prepared for the same?

Production and investments in KG Basin in Andhra Pradesh

2859 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the discoveries of oil and gas reserves so far in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin in Andhra Pradesh, company-wise;
- (b) the present production of oil and gas from Krishna-Godavari basin, company-wise;
- (c) the cumulative investment so far for exploration by different companies in Krishna-

Godavari basin, company-wise;

(d) whether ONGC is planning to increase gas production to 15 mmscmd by 2024 from the present level of 3.5 mmscmd, the details thereof;

(e) the proposed investment by ONGC for increasing gas production and oil production; and

(f) the benefits accrued to people of Rajahmundry and Andhra Pradesh due to oil-gas exploration in KG basin?

Rupee contracts to purchase crude oil

2860 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

(a) whether India is under any contract with any country to purchase crude oil in Rupees instead of Dollars, either partially or wholly, if so, details thereof;

(b) the portion of India-Russia trade in petroleum products which takes place in rupees, and whether India is contemplating on expanding the trade in rupees further given sanctions;

(c) whether any country has offered to sell crude oil to India under Rupee contracts and, if so, the details thereof and whether Government has accepted/declined any such offer; and

(d) if not, whether Government is actively pursuing such contracts in its negotiations with crude oil suppliers?

LPG price

2861 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

(a) the details of monthly rise in LPG prices during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details and status of the beneficiaries of LPG subsidies in different States for the last five years, year wise; and

(c) the quantum of amount disbursed as LPG subsidies during the last five years, State wise and year wise?

Production and import of natural gas

2862 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

(a) the production and import of natural gas in the country;

(b) the details of production of natural gas from which we get CNG in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that sale of CNG in Andhra Pradesh is coming down from 32 TMT in 2017-18 to 13 TMT in 2020-21;

(d) if so, the reasons for fall in sale of CNG; and

(e) the details of cities and towns where CNG is supplied?

Visakhapatnam refinery modernisation project

2863 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

(a) when Visakhapatnam refinery modernisation project with an estimated cost of ₹ 20,928 crores was conceptualized;

(b) by what time the project is supposed to be completed;

(c) the present status of the project; and

(d) whether there is any time and cost overrun and, if so, the details thereof?

Natural Gas resources potential

2864 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether there is an immense potential of natural gas resources in some States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) in view of the prevailing international crisis, whether Government has conducted any study or survey in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Per capita consumption of natural gas

2865 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) whether the country's natural gas per capita consumption is far behind the global average and, if so, the details of per capita consumption in the country as against the per capita consumption in rest of the world particularly BRICS countries;
- (b) whether the country suffers from a significant supply deficit in the gas market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the shortfall that has existed in the past three years and the current year along with the projections of the state of deficit in the coming two years; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Diesel price for bulk buyers

2866 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) whether diesel prices for the bulk buyers have been enhanced in February 2022, if so, the rationale behind this decision and the rates applicable to the bulk buyers and the retail buyers;
- (b) the extra burden on fuel expense incurred by each State Regional Training Centres (RTCs) due to this; and
- (c) the reasons for taking such a decision?

Hindrances in achievement of targets of PMUY

2867 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that lack of infrastructural requisites in the house, delay in installation process, and the gaps in identification of beneficiaries prevents the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme from achieving targets;
- (b) if so, the remedial steps which have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Aspirational Districts Programme in Andhra Pradesh

2868 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of the Aspirational Districts that have been identified including districts in the State of Andhra Pradesh to implement various welfare measures under Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP);
- (b) the details of activities that are intended to be undertaken in those districts where Aspirational Districts Programme is implemented; and
- (c) the details of the funds that have been earmarked for each district under Aspirational Districts Programme?

Rate of poverty in urban areas

2869 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in poverty rate in urban areas in the last five years as per the estimates of NITI Aayog;
- (b) if so, the State/UT-wise details of number of people living below poverty line as per the latest estimates; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by Government to reduce urban poverty?

Wealth and income inequality in India

2870 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of wealth and income inequality in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) whether Government plans to regularly compile evidence on wealth and income inequality in the country?

Outdated data on SDG 10

2871 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason why data on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 10 of reduced inequalities within and among countries has not been updated;
- (b) by when this data will be updated and become available;
- (c) whether Government plans to regularly compile evidence on wealth and income inequality in the country; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds under MPLADS

2872 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the exact guidelines for funds under MPLADS for each Rajya Sabha MP during his six years tenure;
- (b) whether the funds can be utilized in any given year and there is no lapse at the end of any Financial Year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that for the last two years, funds are not being released for MPLADS; and
- (d) the exact status on the release of the balance funds for the entire tenure of the MP?

Comparative cost of steel production

2873 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) what is the comparative cost of production of various categories of steel by public sector undertakings and private sector undertakings;
- (b) what action has been taken to bring down the cost of production in public sector undertakings; and
- (c) whether these actions were effective?

Steel Production

2874 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of total steel production through Government Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during the last three years;
- (b) the initiatives taken by Government to reduce steel imports during said period;
- (c) whether Government has promoted technological advancement or financially supported PSUs for upgradation to increase productivity to meet the increasing demand for steel; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Steel production in Uttar Pradesh

2875 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the details of the improvements registered in steel production in Uttar Pradesh ;
- (b) the efforts made by Government in equipping the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and other PSUs with safeguards against international protectionist measures; and
- (c) the details and the status of the projects to be undertaken/being undertaken under the Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI) and the measures taken/will be taken for setting up steel industry in Uttar Pradesh?

Increasing skill development in steel sector

2876 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether any schemes have been put in place to promote the secondary steel sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the specific characteristics of this secondary steel sector; and
- (d) what are the further schemes to increase skill development in this sector?

Saleable steel production by SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant

2877 # **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) the quantum of saleable steel produced by SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant during the last three years and the details of the sale of finished and secondary products;
- (b) the quantum of tonnes of secondary products sold during said period; and
- (c) the process adopted by SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant for sale of secondary products?

Steel production capacity and percentage of import

2878 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the total steel production capacity of the country and the percentage of steel import by the country;
- (b) the steps taken to increase steel production and time frame within which the country will be self reliant in steel production;
- (c) whether Government has set up a target to this effect; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Plastic waste used in steel making

2879 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether the plastic waste is currently being used by any company in steel making in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the funds allocated by Government for the research in this area;
- (d) whether Government is providing the steel producers monetary support for using the plastic in steel production; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Steel recycling

2880 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the number of registered and unregistered setups working in the field of steel recycling and scrapping for the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has determined any steps to integrate the unregistered and small scale steel scrappers in the mainstream and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what steps has Government taken to maintain the quality of steel scrap and the details thereof?

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