

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

Uranium exploration in Arunachal Pradesh

961 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Atomic Minerals Directorate (AMD) had taken up exploration for Uranium in the State of Arunachal Pradesh sometime ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the findings so far; and
- (c) whether similar exploration by AMD has also been planned in some other States?

Technology transfer for commercial use by DAE

962 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has developed some exclusive technologies which are useful to the industries also;
- (b) if so, the areas of technology that are useful in industries;
- (c) whether Government had prepared a plan for technology transfer to industries and the conditions to be imposed on the industries to restrict their misuse; and
- (d) if so, the details of technologies transferred during the last 3 years and those which are planned to be transferred in 2021-22 & 2022-23?

Security of Indian Nuclear Installations from Cyber attacks

963 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) whether Indian Nuclear Installations and Nuclear Power Stations are secure from Cyber attacks;
- (b) the steps that Government has undertaken to ensure their safety and security; and
- (c) whether there has been any incidents of breach of security in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Accessibility of religious sites

964 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) steps that have been taken by Government to make the religious sites accessible to the specially abled people, the details thereof; and
- (b) progress that have been made under Accessible India to provide access to public spaces to Persons with Disabilities (PwD), the details thereof?

Protection of monuments from pollution

965 # **Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

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

- (a) whether any mechanism has been there in practice to assess the damage caused by pollution to National monuments, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures being adopted to protect monuments from damage caused by pollution; and
- (c) whether any agreement has been made with any private company to preserve the beauty of monuments and history related to them, if so, the details thereof?

Transfer of ancient Tamil inscriptions from Mysore to Chennai

966 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government has directed the epigraphy department of Archaeological Survey of India to transfer the Estampages, photo documents, unpublished and published material regarding the ancient Tamil inscriptions from Mysore to Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the inventory of epigraphic documents available at the O/o Director of Epigraphy, Mysore;
- (c) whether the Estampages and photo documents of many unpublished ancient Tamil inscriptions copied from various temples and monuments were lost and remain untraceable; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

World Heritage Sites in Odisha

967 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of funds and heritage sites, including those in the State of Odisha, which have received funding from the World Heritage Fund during the last three years and current year;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to include any other heritage site in the World Heritage List; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Translation of Indian literature into foreign languages

968 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) steps that have been taken by Government to promote/encourage the translation of Indian literature into foreign languages; and

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and spent for promotion of Indian literature abroad during the last three years?

Safeguarding heritage buildings

969 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any policy for safeguarding heritage buildings and structures in the country and the time of the framing of this policy;
- (b) whether any review has been done from time to time to incorporate changes therein, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of heritage structures that have been identified in the country which requires immediate renovation, the details thereof, State-wise?

Preservation of folk art and culture

970 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) steps that have been taken by Government for preservation of folk art, folk dance, folk music, and folk literature in the country, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government propose to constitute a committee in this regard for scientific preservation and popularising country's ancient culture, literature, folk music, folk literature and folk art for coming generations, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to promote Indian Culture

971 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether many positive and encouraging steps have been taken by Government to promote Indian culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds spent on various schemes and names of Government and non-Government organisations for which funds were released during the last three years?

Varanasi ghats & Lepakshi as World Heritage Sites

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

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

- (a) list of sites from India on tentative list of World Heritage Sites;
- (b) detailed status of dossier for final nomination of Varanasi ghats on tentative list;
- (c) reason for non-inclusion of a single site from Andhra Pradesh in the tentative list;
- (d) whether Lepakshi monuments will be included this year in the tentative list;
- (e) the procedure adopted for inclusion in the tentative list;
- (f) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has ever requested for inclusion of Lepakshi in tentative list; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof, and if not, whether Government ever suggested it?

Preservation of monuments in Tamil Nadu

973 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to protect and preserve monuments and heritage sites in the State of Tamil Nadu, the details thereof; and
- (b) the amount of funds allocated, utilised and disbursed for the preservation of monuments and heritage sites under the control of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Tamil Nadu, monument-wise from the year 2017?

Projects sanctioned under NEC

974 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- (a) the details of projects sanctioned by North Eastern Council (NEC) during the last two financial years in the State of Assam;
- (b) the list of ongoing projects under NEC in Assam; and
- (c) the number of project proposals received by NEC so far from the State Government of Assam during the last two years?

Infrastructure development in North Eastern States

975 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the details of the projects implemented by Government for infrastructure development in the North Eastern States of the country during the last 5 years and the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose; and
- (b) the number of projects completed out of these and the time by which the remaining projects would be completed?

Measures to tackle extreme weather events

976 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) the manner in which Government reacts to the country being listed as the 7th worst hit due to extreme weather events as per Germanwatch;
- (b) the estimated loss, in terms of economic, life, property, etc., due to extreme weather events;
- (c) the remedial action Government proposes to take to address this problem;
- (d) whether it is a fact that coastal areas are most vulnerable and the State of Andhra Pradesh is one of them; and
- (e) if so, the special attention that has been paid on coastal areas by Government?

Coastal vulnerability due to sea erosion

977 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether the coastal vulnerability due to sea erosion, cyclones, floods, etc., has become a reality which poses a big threat to the lives of large coastal communities, especially the fishermen and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to prevent such hazardous situation by implementing newer anti-sea erosion techniques;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the new measures taken to protect and restore the entire coastline of the country; and
- (d) whether the stakeholders have been taken into confidence while implementing

preventive measures and if so, the details thereof?

Deep Ocean Mission

978 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken up the Deep Ocean Mission in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for this mission and its estimated revenue generation according to timeline; and
- (d) the details of the objective of the mission?

Dedicated Institute of Earth Sciences

979 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to set up a dedicated Institute of Earth Sciences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the financial outlay of the project;
- (c) whether IITs, NITs and other private institutions have dedicated departments for research in earth sciences;
- (d) whether Government has taken initiatives to boost research avenues in the domain of earth sciences; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Improving accuracy of IMD forecasts

980 Shri John Brittas:

Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) status of the 'Upgradation of Forecast System' programme under Atmosphere and Climate Research – Modelling Observing Systems and Services (ACROSS) Scheme, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this programme has resulted in increased accuracy of weather forecasts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps Government has undertaken to improve the accuracy of IMD forecasts in the country and in the State of Kerala?

Status of marine litter in the country

981 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study of marine litter found in coastal States in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated the National Marine Litter Policy announced by it in 2018, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has analysed various categories of waste found on shores of coastal States in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) steps taken by Government in the last four years to mitigate the harmful impacts of marine litter on ecology and economy of the Coastal States?

Preparation for threats of extreme weather events

982 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that technological advancements, along with better mitigation and adaptation measures, streamlining of disaster management in development policies and improving last mile delivery systems are some of the important ways to prepare for the inevitable incoming threats of extreme weather events and disasters in the coming years;
- (b) if so, the steps that have been taken so far by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to protect the flora & fauna of their habitational places?

Conservation and protection of mangroves

983 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) efforts made by Government to protect mangroves and sensitise people about its conservation;
- (b) whether Government would supplement the efforts of World Wide Fund for Nature, India which took the initiative to identify volunteers, and train them for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) other measures taken by Government for conserving vital coastal ecosystems in the country, the details thereof?

Online fantasy sports

984 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government recognizes the increasing prevalence of fantasy sports and their role in promotion of sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to implement the recommendation of NITI Aayog for bringing uniform national-level regulation or guiding principles for online fantasy sports in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Population of Great Indian Bustard

985 # **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether Great Indian Bustards are rarely found and whether out of them some of the birds are in Great Indian Bustard sanctuary in Kutch, Gujarat, if so, the reasons owing to which the birds here have not been counted;
- (b) the year in which the counting of Great Indian Bustards was done last time; and
- (c) the details of steps to be taken/taken for conservation of these birds?

Cleanliness drive at beaches

986 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has identified certain beaches in Coastal States/UTs for

undertaking a mass cleanliness-cum-awareness drive;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to make beaches clean and create awareness among citizens about the importance of coastal eco-system?

Steps to implement NCAP

987 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

(a) whether Government has started National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) for better air quality in 122 cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this programme could not be executed properly in the country; and

(d) if so, steps Government is taking for its proper implementation?

Pending instalment under Forest Fire Prevention & Management

988 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

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

whether it is a fact that central share under " Forest Fire Prevention & Management (FFPM)" to the State of Odisha is pending with Government for release of 2nd instalment during 2020-2021 after receipt of 50 per cent Utilization Certificate under the sub head general works, Tribal Area Sub Plan(TASP) work & Schedule Caste Sub Plan(SCSP) work?

Area of Sunderbans damaged by cyclones

989 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

(a) the total area of Sunderbans in the State of West Bengal and how much of it is covered by forests, human habitation and water;

(b) the percentage of each area that has been damaged by cyclones and other climatic factors during the last five years according to the State and Central Government;

(c) the response of Central Government and funding for each of these damaged zones; and

(d) action taken by Central Government to plant mangroves and assist in protecting the livelihood of Sunderbans dwellers and conserve forests?

E-Waste management in the country

990 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

(a) the amount of e-waste generated in the country annually in the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether India imports e-waste from developed countries;

(c) if so, the details of the amounts imported thereof, along with the names of the exporter countries, year-wise during the last five years; and

(d) details of steps Government is taking to prevent e-waste from being imported given that a 2020 report by the Central Pollution Control Board states that India generated 1,014,961 tonnes of e-waste in FY 2019-2020 which went up by 32% from FY 2018-2019?

Steps for environment protection

991 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) concrete steps taken by Government to protect the environment during the last five years, the details thereof; and
- (b) the level of reduction in pollution recorded because of these steps and future plan of Government in this regard, the details thereof?

Expenditure on environment protection

992 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) the details of expenditure incurred by Government and its agencies for environmental protection during the last five financial years and the different purposes for which the amount has been spent;
- (b) the name of the projects under which expenditure was met by Government and its agencies during the said period;
- (c) the name and address of the NGOs who received amount from Government and its agencies during the said period; and
- (d) the name of the project for which NGOs received the said amount?

Deaths due to human-wildlife conflicts

993 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has data regarding the deaths occurred due to human-wildlife conflicts across the country over the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plans/proposals to prevent wild animals from attacking humans and crops at human habitations;
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard;
- (e) whether Government has any plan to consider the demand of the State Government of Kerala to declare wild boars as vermin; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Forest area in the country

994 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the total area of forest has gone up in the country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the area of forest in each State with the details of progression and regression; and
- (c) the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Human-elephant conflict

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately 500 people and 100 elephants die every year in

the country due to negative interactions between humans and elephants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government authorities failed to address the needs of local people or work with them to address their issues; and

(c) if so, the initiatives taken by Government in this regard?

Grants-in-aids to NGOs under the Ministry

996 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to reduce grant-in-aids in the next financial year for the NGOs;

(b) if so, the reasons for reducing grant-in-aids to the NGOs;

(c) the budget allocated under grant-in-aids to NGOs during the last three financial years;

(d) grants that have already been sanctioned during last three financial years i.e. 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021; and

(e) the details thereof?

R&D Scheme for conservation and development

997 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

(a) the reasons for underutilization of funds allocated to 'R&D Scheme for Conservation and Development' during the last three years and the manner in which this is being assessed by Government, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being undertaken by Government to improve the utilization of funds?

Amount disbursed to registered beneficiary under PM-SYM

998 # **Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

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

(a) the number of workers from unorganised sectors registered under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) during the last five years, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the amount disbursed by Government to registered beneficiaries during the last five years, gender-wise and State-wise details thereof?

Status of State Action Plan under NAPCC

999 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that under National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) the Central Pollution Control Board is mandated to formulate guidelines for preparation of the State Action Plan by 2019 and thereafter each State Pollution Control Boards are to formulate and implement the State Action Plan by 2020 to prevent air pollution;

(b) if so, the status thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has directed all the State Governments to prepare a State Action Plan to prevent air pollution as proposed under NAPCC, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of SAPCC and SCAP in INDC

1000 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

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

- (a) whether Government has included/will include in future all State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC) & State Climate Adaptation Plan (SCAP) in its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) plans under Paris Climate Agreement, 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has directed all State Governments to prepare their respective State/City/Local bodies Climate Adaptation plan, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details & status thereof?

Environment clearances to the pending projects

1001 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government would provide the list of project proposals pertaining to Road Transport, Seaports, Airports, Industries of Government and private all over the country, where more than ₹ 20 crores have been invested and the projects are lying pending for environmental clearances from the Ministry; and
- (b) the details of the steps being taken by Government for providing early environmental clearances?

Protection of Western Ghats in Karnataka

1002 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) measures taken by Government to protect forest, wild-life, environment in Western Ghats of Karnataka from 2019 till date;
- (b) details of the amount spent for the said period, project-wise;
- (c) the accomplishments with respect to the target beneath each venture amid the said period; and
- (d) the budgetary allotment made for these ventures from 2019 till date?

Establishment of fresh air quality standards

1003 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government has drawn any plan to establish fresh air quality standards which would factor in more particulate matter finer than PM 2.5;
- (b) whether Government has drawn any plan for cities to operationalise plans to limit air pollution, one of the leading causes for premature deaths and disabilities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection and conservation of big cats

1004 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government has drawn any plan for protection and conversation of major big cats including Cheetah in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plan or whether efforts are being made for involvement of

local communities for protection of tiger reserves and eco-tourism in various parts of the country; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof?

Submission of research papers at UN Climate Change Conference

1005 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government has submitted any agenda and research papers at the recent UN Climate Change Conference COP26 held at Glasgow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the major decision taken in COP26;
- (c) whether India being one of the largest emitter of Carbon Dioxide and Green House Gases was directed by UN COP26 to adhere certain major changes in their transport vehicle policy and energy sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

E-wastes & non reusable plastic wastes

1006 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the quantity of e-waste and non reusable plastic wastes produced in the country, year and State-wise since 2017;
- (b) whether Government has studied the impact of e-wastes & non reusable plastics;
- (c) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to deal with the issue; and
- (d) if so, its achievements till now and if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of e-waste in the country

1007 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the percentage of e-waste disposed out of the total e-waste generated in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) steps that Government has taken to properly implement the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to provide simple regulatory mechanisms, and constant monitoring and regulation at certain intervals under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocation for IMWBES

1008 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) funds allocated for Integrated Management of Wetland Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service (IMWBES);
- (b) the State-wise distribution thereof;
- (c) the progress made under this Scheme; and
- (d) whether Government plans to add any new provision therein?

Depleting forest cover in the country

1009 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the measures that will be undertaken by Government to achieve sustainability in development and to ensure the growth of forest cover, as the "India State of Forest Report" released by Government, states that growth of India's forest cover has slowed to an eight-year low in 2021;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase the forest cover given that 45-64 per cent of India's forests is projected to be impacted by climate change and rising temperatures;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to increase afforestation across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Dry and naturalised forests in the country

1010 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the definition of natural, naturalised and dry forests in the country;
- (b) whether there is a common definition for them that exists in all the States and UTs;
- (c) the total areas of natural, naturalised and dry forests in the country;
- (d) whether Government has estimated the comparative effectiveness of natural and naturalised forests at sequestering Carbon than planted forests; and
- (e) the methodological and definitional differences between dry forests and others?

Management of e-waste in the country

1011 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the details of statutory regulations to manage e-waste in the country;
- (b) whether any efforts have been made to segregate hazardous and toxic substances from the metallic wastes in the country;
- (c) whether adequate measures have been taken for safe storage and pollution control from e-waste;
- (d) whether it will not lead to adverse impact on health and environment in the absence of compliance of regulations and strict monitoring of handling of hazardous and toxic substances; and
- (e) if so, mechanism put in place for strict monitoring and compliance of regulations in various parts of the country, the details thereof?

Steps to counter challenge by climate change

1012 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to counter the challenges posed by climate change;
- (b) the climate change policy as laid down by Government along with its stand viz-a-viz other countries in tackling pollution and carbon emissions;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any audit to identify the percentage of land in the country that is Carbon negative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental issues/concerns in Darjeeling Region

1013 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the details of efforts being made by Government to promote awareness among people regarding various environmental issues/concerns in Darjeeling region;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to assess and compensate the damage caused to environment due to infrastructure development works in Darjeeling Hills; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Declining forest cover in States

1014 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether the forest cover in the country, particularly in 11 states are continuously declining as per the recently released India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many environmental experts have objected to using current method to observe forest cover in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government response thereto; and
- (e) the details of steps taken by Government to increase tree cover up to 33 percent in the forest area?

Entry of fully vaccinated passengers

1015 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether many European countries are permitting entry of passengers without RTPCR test if the passenger is fully vaccinated;
- (b) if so, whether India is also planning to apply the same entry rule keeping in mind the passenger's convenience; and
- (c) If not, the reasons for a different approach from rest of the European World?

Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserve

1016 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the five sites expected to be formally declared as tiger reserve by Government;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Bihar has been given in-principle approval by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for tiger reserve;
- (c) whether NTCA has solicited detailed proposal from Bihar under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; and
- (d) the progress made in giving approval to Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserve?

National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS)

1017 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the objectives and achievements of NNRMS;
- (b) the extent of remote sensing technology in NNRMS; and
- (c) the kind of infrastructure created under NNRMS during the past five years to enable

generation of geo-spatial data?

Achievement of GB Pant National Himalayan Institute

1018 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the achievements of GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development during the past five years;
- (b) whether Government has conducted a performance audit of the above institution; and
- (c) the results of the study conducted by the above institute on the impact of global warming on the Himalayas?

Decline in moderately dense forest cover

1019 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that moderately dense forests have been declining in the country;
- (b) if so, measures that Government has taken to ensure that the moderately dense forest covers are restored near habitat areas; and
- (c) the percentage decrease over the last five years, State-wise?

Data on release of Nitrous Oxide

1020 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) data of Nitrous Oxide released by agriculture and related activities for the last five years State-wise;
- (b) data of Nitrous Oxide released by industrial and other human activities for last five years State-wise;
- (c) details of names of products and commodities releasing Nitrous Oxide;
- (d) details of Government studies and reports to understand the harmful effects of Nitrous Oxide on environment and humans; and
- (e) details of Government initiatives to reduce Nitrous Oxide produced in the country?

Deaths of expatriates due to COVID-19 pandemic

1021 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) the number of Indian expatriates who died due to COVID-19 pandemic in foreign countries till date, country-wise data thereof;
- (b) the number of such deceased persons whose bodies were brought back to India for funeral;
- (c) whether Government or Indian Missions in the respective countries gave financial assistance for bringing back the dead bodies to India; and
- (d) whether Government has any policy that the dead bodies of COVID-19 affected expats should not be brought back to India?

Proposal to permit NRI voting via postal ballot

1022 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has informed the Election Commission of India (ECI) that huge logistical challenges needs to be addressed and assessed before implementation of the proposal to permit NRI voting via postal ballot;
- (b) if so, the details of assessments made so far;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any measures to redress the challenges;
- (d) if not, the reason for not undertaking any measures;
- (e) whether Government has fixed a time-frame to implement the proposal of ECI; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Indian expatriates imprisoned abroad

1023 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any data on Indian expatriates imprisoned, facing trial or convicted in Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government is considering to conduct a study on expatriates imprisoned abroad;
- (d) whether Government has any division in its missions abroad to extend adequate legal assistance to those who are facing trial or imprisoned;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether Government is willing to formulate any plan and sign any agreement with Gulf countries in expediting the release of undertrials in Gulf countries?

Data on foreign students pursuing higher education in India

1024 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether Government maintains data with respect to foreign students pursuing higher education in India;
- (b) if so, the number of such students studying in the country during the last five years and the current year;
- (c) whether the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a decrease in the inflow of such students; and
- (d) if so, the details of any plan of action implemented to ease the flow of such students?

Files related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

1025 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the reasons for not giving more focused attention to obtain files and records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the UK, USA, Russia, Japan and China;
- (b) whether the PM has taken up the issue with his counterparts in these countries; and
- (c) the reasons for not conducting the DNA test of the ashes at Renkoji temple in Japan to clarify the matter once and for all?

Indians in foreign jails

1026 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

the number of Indians in foreign jails and the number of prisoners exchanged by India with

foreign countries through The Repatriation of Prisoners Act, 2003?

Humanitarian aid to Afghanistan

1027 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) policy of Government on supplying humanitarian aid to Afghanistan after August 2021;
- (b) the amount of funds so far invested in developmental projects and funds provided for humanitarian aid to Afghanistan;
- (c) whether Government intends to continue funding developmental projects in Afghanistan while it is under the Taliban leadership, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government provided any humanitarian aid to Afghanistan since August 2021, if so, the manner in which the aid has been provided, the details thereof?

Second India-New Zealand Bilateral Cyber Dialogue

1028 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the details of the second India-New Zealand Bilateral Cyber Dialogue;
- (b) the steps, measures and benefits derived out of the Bilateral Cyber Dialogue if any; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Aid to Sri Lanka

1029 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether any aid is to be provided by Government to Sri Lanka to come out of present financial crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any surety and reciprocal benefits may be considered for giving loan to Sri Lanka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Time period for issuance of passport

1030 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) the time taken in days for issuance of passport after an applicant applies for a normal Ordinary Passport;
- (b) whether any SOP exists regarding the number of days within which the Police have to do verifications and report the case to the Regional Passport Office; and
- (c) steps taken to reduce the waiting time and ensure that passports are issued within the shortest possible time?

Empanelment of writers by Ministry of I&B

1031 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the number of books published by the Publications Division of the Ministry during the last five years, year-wise details thereof;

- (b) the titles of these books along with the details of their writers;
- (c) the details of the criteria through which these writers were empanelled; and
- (d) whether there is any mechanism to evaluate the quality of writers and the number of their copies sold, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sanskrit TV Channel

1032 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a plan to launch a TV Channel dedicated to Sanskrit language as reading, writing and speaking mode of Sanskrit has a presence in all the States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Media Accreditation Cards

1033 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the number of journalists who have received the Media Accreditation Card from Government in the last three years;
- (b) the number of journalists who have availed the Central Government Health Scheme through the Media Accreditation Card; and
- (c) the reason for delay in the issuance of Media Accreditation Card to journalists from the Press Information Bureau of India, the details thereof?

Expenditure on Advertisements

1034 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the amount spent by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) and/or Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) for advertising in Newspapers from 2017 till date, year and newspaper-wise data thereof;
- (b) the amount spent by DAVP or BOC for advertising in Social Media platforms from 2017 till date, year and platform-wise data thereof;
- (c) the amount spent by DAVP and/or BOC for advertising in Television channels from 2017 till date, year and channel-wise data thereof; and
- (d) the amount spent by DAVP and/or BOC for advertising in Radio from 2017 till date, year and channel-wise data thereof?

Fake news on sensitive subjects related to India

1035 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that there are channels and websites belonging to a coordinated disinformation network operating from Pakistan and are indulging in spreading fake news about various sensitive subjects related to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any action against such channels and networks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Blocking of online channels

1036 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government has specific parameters to evaluate content as "anti-India" as Government recently blocked 35 Youtube news channels, 2 websites, 2 twitter and 2 instagram accounts because of their "anti-India" content; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of products and services through media

1037 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of updates made in existing policy for promotion of products and services through several media platforms during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any step against those advertisers who made wrong commitments through several advertising medium and cheated consumers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Journals under publications division

1038 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of journals along with titles which are published by the Publications Division under Ministry;
- (b) their comparative growth or decrease of circulation during the last one decade;
- (c) whether Government has planned to review the policy of content and circulation of these journals to make it compatible with the changed socio-economic life as well as communication revolution; and
- (d) the steps being taken to make such journals readers friendly and educative?

Decline in Doordarshan viewership

1039 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Doordarshan viewership has been declining sharply in recent years if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken to arrest this decline; and
- (b) the trend of revenue generation in Doordarshan through advertisements during the last three years, year-wise break-up thereof?

Financial assistance for Community Radio stations

1040 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of Community Radio (CR) stations which have obtained financial assistance from Government under the Scheme "Supporting Community Radio Movement in India", State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of grants provided by Government to each CR Stations, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any system to monitor the CR Stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Forest depletion in North East India

1041 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed forest depletion in the North East Region over the past decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has conducted consultations with stakeholders from the North East Region regarding proposed amendments to the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the reasons why India did not join 100+ world leaders in signing the Glasgow declaration in November 2021, to halt and reverse deforestation and land degradation by 2030?

Services in ESI Hospitals

1042 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need to improve medical services in state run ESI hospitals and undertake surveys to ascertain takeover of such hospitals by ESIC to ensure better management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Upgradation of ESIC Hospital, Kalaburagi

1043 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there have been demands to upgrade ESIC Medical College and Hospital in Kalaburagi, Karnataka to a Regional Institute;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that if the above medical college is upgraded it will help labourers working in Kalaburagi and its surrounding districts; and
- (c) the efforts being made by Government so far in this regard?

Measures to ensure livelihood for unemployed

1044 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the measures taken by Government to ensure livelihood for unemployed and to improve their condition;
- (b) whether there has been an increase in the rate of unemployment during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of rate of unemployment in rural and urban areas, State-wise?

Details of contractual employees

1045 # **Smt. Seema Dwivedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes any complete plan to develop work culture of respectful working condition by employer and officials responsible for the same in contractual jobs being provided in view of the fact that the Constitution guarantees dignified life to every

citizen;

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

(c) the ratio of male and female employees appointed by Government on contract basis, Ministry and State-wise details thereof?

Loss of Jobs during Pandemic

1046 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on job loss due to COVID-19 pandemic in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken cognizance of complaints regarding termination of employment of workers of the industrial establishment during the Pandemic; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken in this regard?

National Employment Policy

1047 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to bring out a National Employment Policy, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the timeline for roll out of such a policy and the manner in which such a policy would lead to increase in employment opportunities?

Rise in Unemployment rate

1048 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

(a) whether unemployment is on the rise in the country during the last five years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) the employment generated both in organised and unorganised sectors during each of the last five years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the schemes/programmes being implemented by Government for eradication of unemployment in the country and the achievements thereof during the said period, year and State/UT-wise including in the State of Maharashtra; and

(d) the complete details thereof?

Registration for Unemployment subsistence allowance

1049 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

(a) the State-wise details of number of unemployed who have registered to get unemployment allowance or subsistence allowance in the country; and

(b) the number of educated unemployed having qualification of graduation or more, out of the unemployed who have applied for unemployment allowance or subsistence allowance?

Labour Rights of Food Delivery Platform Workers

1050 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under the current labour codes, food delivery app workers do not have the right to form legally recognised labour unions;
- (b) whether Government is planning to enact a law to guarantee minimum wages and occupational safety to gig workers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is aware that the definition of gig workers in the labour codes is ambiguous and prevents them from accessing schemes; and
- (e) if so, the measures adopted to address this issue?

Construction of ESI Hospital at Visakhapatnam

1051 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has accorded approval for construction of new ESI Hospital at Visakhapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allocated any fund for construction of ESIC Hospital in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hurdles in registering at e- Shram Portal

1052 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a plan to aid the registration process of those unorganized workers who are required to self e-register on the e-Shram portal but may not have the resources or technical know-how;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to rectify the current process to include more employer participation considering that the self registration precludes employer participation and therefore might affect real time implementation of labour rights; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Payment of Gratuity up to Rs.20 Lakh

1053 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether any representations have been received for issuance of notification to provide gratuity up to ₹ 20 lakh to the employees for the intervening period from January 2016 to March 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would consider taking necessary action for issuing the said notification, as very few employees were left out, the financial burden is not much and employers are ready to make payment of enhanced gratuity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Exaggerated figures in advertisements of employment

1054 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many States have presented exaggerated figures in employment related advertisements;
- (b) whether there is any mechanism to get it examined; and
- (c) the reasons for increase in unemployment rate, if the jobs shown in the advertisements by the States have eventually been provided to the unemployed?

Welfare measures for unorganised workers

1055 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated and implemented a number of welfare measures for the unorganized workers particularly for the rural and agricultural labourers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the schemes during the last three years and the current year, State and scheme-wise, particularly for the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the estimated number of labourers/workers benefited by these schemes during the said period and other steps taken by Government exclusively for their welfare?

Employment guarantee for unemployed in the country

1056 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of unemployment rate in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government is formulating any scheme to ensure employment guarantee and livelihood for the urban poor in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is formulating any policy to provide timely employment to educated unemployed, if so, the details thereof?

ESI hospital in Andhra Pradesh

1057 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) when was the proposal to set up 350 bedded ESI hospital in Andhra Pradesh with an estimated cost of ₹ 500 crores mooted;
- (b) whether tender has been issued for construction of the above hospital;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the timeline by which the hospital is scheduled to be completed and whether the works are as per schedule; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor, apart from pandemic?

Job loss due to COVID-19

1058 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any authenticated information regarding job losses in various

sectors reported in the country during the COVID-19 pandemic period since January 2020 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the strategies formulated by Government to address the problem of job losses in various sectors in an effective way?

Demand to increase pension under EPFO

1059 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long pending demand of subscribers of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to increase the pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether EPFO is planning to increase the minimum monthly pension of pensioners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Social security benefit for migrant workers

1060 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

(a) the measures undertaken by Government to ensure social security benefits for migrant workers since 2020, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized for the social security benefits to Migrant Labourers, State-wise from the year 2020;

(c) whether Government maintains any database to track the movement and for utilisation of social security benefits to migrant workers and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation under NCLP

1061 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

(a) the number of children rehabilitated under National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, year and State-wise since 2017;

(b) the total amount of stipend sanctioned under NCLP since 2017, State-wise;

(c) the total number of existing Training Centers for rehabilitation, State-wise; and

(d) the total number of grant-in-aid sanctioned to the project societies to operate the Special Training Centres, State-wise?

Special Training Centres for rescued children

1062 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

(a) State-wise data on number of rescued children in age group 9-14 years enrolled into Special Training Centres (STCs) under National Child Labour Project scheme till date;

(b) data on total number of STCs, State-wise till date;

(c) whether Child Labour Monitoring, Tracking and Reporting System was operationalized in 2021-2022, if so, details of number of districts that carried out preliminary survey regarding number of children/ adolescents engaged in hazardous occupations and non-hazardous occupation till date; and

(d) data on percentage of beneficiaries provided with cash upon release for initial

rehabilitation under Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour, age and gender-wise till date?

Publication of books by ministry and its constituent bodies

1063 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry or any of its constituent bodies routinely publish books, if so, the number of books published, their titles, writers and the number of copies sold till 15th January 2022, the details thereof;
- (b) the mechanism followed for circulation of these books, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry or any of its constituent bodies have tied up with private agencies for selling these books, the details thereof?

Proposal to set up Fast Track Courts for undertrials

1064 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up fast track courts for delivering justice to the undertrials lodged in various jails of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received any suggestions/proposals in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

Gram Nyayalayas in Karnataka

1065 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of two Gram Nyayalayas (GNs) notified in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) the constraints in operationalising the above GNs;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to operationalize the above GNs; and
- (d) the financial and other assistance provided to the State of Karnataka in this regard?

Compliance of direction of the Supreme Court

1066 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of District Courts and High Courts which have complied with the direction of the Supreme Court for bringing down pendency to nil for cases pending for ten years or more and cases pending for five years or more on or before 31st December, 2021, State-wise;
- (b) whether any court in NCT of Delhi and State of Uttar Pradesh has complied with the said direction of the Supreme Court;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, Court-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cases pending in Lok Adalats across the country

1067 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the total number of cases pending and resolved under Lok Adalats in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially with respect to the State of

Jharkhand;

(b) the number of functioning Lok Adalats in the country, if so, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to promote the establishment of more Lok Adalats in the country, the funds allocated and spent during the last three years, the details thereof?

Creation of Legislative Councils in States

1068 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) the States in the Union of India where State Legislative Councils are in existence;

(b) the State Legislative Assemblies having adopted resolutions for creation of Legislative Councils in their respective States; and

(c) whether Odisha Legislative Assembly has adopted unanimous resolution for creation of Legislative Council and whether Central Government would move to create such council under Article 169 of the Constitution, if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Initiative to maintain independence of Judiciary

1069 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to insulate the judiciary from unfair attacks, preventing a sudden fall in the judiciary's reputation in the public eye, and helping judges to do their duties of deciding cases without fear, favour, affection or ill will; and

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

Inadequate Fast Track Courts and Vacancies in Courts

1070 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

(a) the number of judges per million of population in the country;

(b) the number of judges per million as suggested by the Supreme Court;

(c) whether problems are being faced in timely disposal of cases in the absence of adequate Fast Track Courts in the country and also due to large number of vacancies in such courts, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is considering the suggestions of Apex Court for setting up a time frame for hearing of cases, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Clearance of proposals for pending vacancies in the High Courts

1071 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

(a) whether Government has cleared the pending proposals for filling up the vacancies in High Courts across India;

(b) if so, the details of the approved proposals, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the details of the proposals pending with the Department of Justice, State-wise?

Adherence to PLCP

1072 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the number of Bills passed during the last 5 years that have been put in public domain for a minimum period of thirty days as per the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy (PLCP);
- (b) the number of Bills which were not placed in the public domain before introduction during the last 5 years;
- (c) the number of Bills which were placed in public domain for a period less than 30 days;
- (d) whether Government intends to disband the PLCP and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reason therefor?

Vacancies in Indian Legal Service

1073 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether 53 per cent (approx.) of sanctioned posts in the cadre of Indian Legal Services (ILS) are vacant, if so, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has held consultation with concerned agencies like DoPT, UPSC and SSC in this regard, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether 50 per cent vacancies exists in legislative department and its two wings, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has assessed the impact of such a large number of vacancies on its performance, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps undertaken by Government to expedite filling-up of these vacancies in a time-bound manner?

Lok Adalats in rural areas

1074 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the details of Lok Adalats organised in rural areas during the last three years till date, State and place-wise;
- (b) the details of total number of cases settled in these Lok Adalats, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether Government contemplates to make these Lok Adalats more effective and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) total number of Lok Adalats proposed to be organised during the current year, State-wise?

Access to justice for the poor

1075 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase access to justice for poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any representation in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

Additional attempts for Civil service aspirants

1076 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court asked Government to give additional attempts to UPSC 2020 Civil Services Examination aspirants in view of COVID-19 Pandemic;
- (b) if so, whether Government has allowed additional attempt for 2021 exam;
- (c) whether Government would consider giving additional attempts for the year 2022; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Efficient functioning of Lokpal

1077 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the complaints registered with the Lokpal have been consistently decreasing since its establishment;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has adopted any measure to make Lokpal effective;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has not chaired a single meeting of the Lokpal Selection Committee; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Working hours in Government offices

1078 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is in the process of increasing the man hour work from 8 hours to 12 hours a day in all Government establishments;
- (b) if so, whether Government will invite suggestions from various corners before its implementation; and
- (c) whether Government will convey the pros and cons of increasing the man hour work in a day to 12 hours?

Change in IAS (cadre) Rules, 1954

1079 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Centre plans to change the IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954 to exercise greater control by the Centre in deputation of officers from State Cadres;
- (b) if so, the reason for bringing this change;
- (c) the reasons Government intends to diminish the authority of States over their own officers; and
- (d) whether the move can lead to instability in States' administration and if so, the reasons for moving ahead by Government with the change?

Shortage of Group A officers

1080 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether there exists a shortage of Group A officers in the country;

- (b) if so, State/UT-wise details of shortage of each Group A service;
- (c) whether the number of recruits through UPSC has reduced every year since 2014, if so, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase the annual intake in Group A services through UPSC/CSE;
- (e) whether it is a fact that there is underrepresentation of women and minorities in Group A services, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken to correct this mismatch?

Complaint of irregularities in lateral entry scheme

1081 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that individuals from private sector have been appointed by Government on the posts of Joint Secretary in All India Services and Director in various departments, only on the basis of interview and without the Civil Services Examination;
- (b) if so, the number of individuals appointed on these posts and the dates on which they were appointed and the number of appointments yet to be made;
- (c) the name/post/home State/district-wise details of the individuals appointed on the said posts; and
- (d) whether Government has received any complaints regarding any irregularities and discrepancies in these appointments?

Civil Servants on Central deputation

1082 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to acquire overriding powers to transfer IAS and IPS officers through Central deputation, doing away with the requirement of taking approval of the State governments;
- (b) whether the states have opposed any such move, if so, the names of the States;
- (c) the number of officers from the 2007 batch and batches thereafter who are mandatorily serving for two or more than two years in Central deputation as of December 2021, the details thereof;
- (d) the total number of positions of director and joint secretary that are lying vacant in various Central ministries?

Inclusion of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat in NRDMS

1083 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether all the districts of the States of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat have been included in the Natural Resource Data Management System (NRDMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by when all the districts of every States are likely to be included in the said system; and
- (d) the number of districts proposed to be covered in the country under the system during the year 2021-22, State-wise details thereof?

Implementation of INSPIRE Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

1084 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has been implementing the Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to inculcate the innovative potential of the students and encourage their scientific approach through this Scheme; and
- (d) the other schemes being implemented along with this Scheme?

Indigenous technology to control boiler accidents

1085 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there have been 23,000 boiler accidents due to vapor explosion in the world during the last ten years;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to develop any indigenous technology with an aim to predict and control the boiler accidents; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Technology for energy storage

1086 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is carrying out research work on developing a technology for storage of energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made during the last three years;
- (c) the steps being taken to inspire and engage students in the said research; and
- (d) the outcome thereof?

Spacecrafts launched by the Country

1087 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the number of spacecrafts launched by Space Centers in the country from 2016-17 to 2021-2022 till date, year-wise;
- (b) the number of spacecrafts launched by the country for domestic use, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of spacecrafts launched for other countries, year and country-wise?

Performance of satellite programmes

1088 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of total number of satellites launched by the country till date;
- (b) whether Government has set any target to launch satellites for the benefit of various sectors of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the targeted objectives have been achieved till date and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government is taking any effective measures to ensure better performance of

the satellite programmes in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1089 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in the country post COVID-19 pandemic, the details thereof;
- (b) the initiatives taken under the Dekho Apna Desh Scheme for promoting tourism in the country, including in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and
- (c) whether inflow of foreign tourists have picked up in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Schemes to promote tourism in Ladakh

1090 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to implement any schemes to promote tourism in the Union Territory of Ladakh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the Schemes being implemented?

Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Assam

1091 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether Government has developed/funded theme-based circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Assam, more specifically eco-tourism circuits, during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government plans to do so;
- (d) whether Government plans to develop/fund more eco-tourism projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, State-wise including those in the State of Assam; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Status of eco-tourism in the country

1092 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) details of the amount of central funds allocated/released for the development/promotion of eco-tourism in the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the appropriate measures taken to minimize potential negative impacts associated with eco-tourism in ecologically sensitive areas in the last two years;
- (c) whether eco-tourism has led to the distinguishable change in domestic tourism in the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in Odisha

1093 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the tourism potential in Odisha as the State is blessed

- with tourist attractions, beaches, wildlife, heritage sites, historical places and temples;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in Odisha?

Funds for circuit development in Odisha

1094 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

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

- (a) whether Government will approve the project proposal of Buddhist Site across the State of Odisha for sanction under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (b) whether Government will consider sanctioning funds for development of Rural Circuit & Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

Training of guides as Paryatak Mitra

1095 # **Smt. Seema Dwivedi:**

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

- (a) the number of officially registered guides for the show-round and to provide authentic information to Indian and International tourists visiting mythological sites located in Varanasi, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) if so, whether all the registered guides have been completely trained under any scheme for this purpose; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan of Government to train them as "Paryatak Mitra"?

Eco tourism districts in Maharashtra

1096 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has developed the concept of eco-tourism district in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of districts identified so far for promotion of eco-tourism in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) to what extent the State Government has been supporting to promote eco-tourism in various districts of the State; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promoting tourism in rural areas of North Eastern States

1097 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on any specific plan with the objective of increasing tourism in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the participation of locals and regional people in the said plan;
- (c) whether any plan is proposed by Government to set up Rural Tourism Parks in the hilly and rural areas of North-Eastern States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by Government for the same?

Reviving tourism to pre-pandemic level

1098 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) Government's plan of action to overcome the COVID situation in a sustainable manner, considering a report by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) stating that tourism in India will not return to pre-pandemic levels till 2026, World Tourism Organization stating that international travel won't recover fully before 2024 and there is a complete uncertainty in the lives of people directly and indirectly employed by the travel and tourism industry which has been increasing steadily; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Buddhist culture and tourism

1099 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government to establish the country as a global centre of Buddhist culture and tourism, with a special focus on Bodh Gaya; and
- (b) the number of projects under Buddhist Circuit theme sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the details thereof?

Adarsh Smarak Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

1100 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) the progress in provision of facilities like cafeteria, Wi-Fi, Braille signages, interpretation centre, illumination to Salihundam in Srikakulam, Nagarjunakonda in Guntur and Veerabhadra temple (Lepakshi) in Anantapur under Adarsh Smarak Scheme;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to extend the scheme to 135 centrally protected monuments sites in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Indian Culinary Institute at Tirupati

1101 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether all the works relating to setting up of Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh have been completed;
- (b) if not, the reasons for delay;
- (c) whether there is any cost overrun of the project which was conceived with an estimated expenditure of ₹ 100 crores;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether academic session has started and if so, the details thereof and the procedure to get admission in ICI?

Achievement of Khelo India Scheme

1102 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) the details of funds released under Khelo India Scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the fund allocation and actual release of funds since the rolling out of this Scheme, year-

wise; and

(c) to what extent this scheme is able to achieve its objectives?

Promotion of new sports in Rajasthan

1103 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the lists of sports organised in the category of sports under Khelo India Programme for youth;
- (b) the district-wise/sports-wise/medal-wise numbers of youth sports under khelo India Programme during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government proposes to promote new sports in addition to the existing sports under said programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including in the State of Rajasthan in particular?

Removal of shortcomings in sports

1104 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) funds allocated for promoting sports in the country particularly in rural areas during the last three years and current year, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to remove the shortcomings prevalent in sports; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the performance of the country in International sports events?

Measures taken to support Paralympians in the country

1105 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the number of new talents that have been registered in sports academies during the last three years, gender and State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of Persons with Disability (PwD) participants in sports competitions in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (c) measures being taken by Government to promote infrastructure development for Paralympians and for Winter Olympics, during the last five years, along with the budgetary allocation and the amount spent till date, the details thereof?

Sports Academy in Odisha

1106 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) the details of Sports Academies established by Government in the country, State/UT-wise including in the State of Odisha;
- (b) whether Government proposes to establish a new Sports Academy in Odisha; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Scholarships to sports persons

1107 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether scholarship is provided to sportspersons and if so, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries and the expenditure incurred, since its inception, year wise;
- (b) whether there are provisions for aiding marginalized communities, including but not limited to SCs/STs, rural candidates;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase the number of sportspersons being provided scholarships; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Sporting events in rural/urban areas

1108 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government has succeeded in providing all requisite facilities to the para-athletes at par with other sports persons, as one of the verticals of the Khelo India Scheme is specifically dedicated to the para-athletes of the country; and
- (b) steps taken by Government to boost and promote sporting events across rural and urban areas by ensuring equitable distribution of funds across all the states?

Infrastructure development for Para Athletes

1109 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to establish dedicated sports infrastructure catering to the needs of Para Athletes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding existing infrastructure dedicated for Para Athletes?

Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut

1110 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the nature of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University which is going to be built in Meerut, the timeline of its completion and funds allocated for this purpose;
- (b) the changes that the creation of this university will bring in the lives of players of other states of the country including in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of States

1111 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the details on performance of States in developing sports in India;
- (b) the details of some best practices and innovations undertaken by States in the country for developing sports; and
- (c) the manner in which the State of Odisha has performed in development of sports in the country?

Sports events organized under Khelo India

1112 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of sports events organized so far under "Khelo India" along with its venue, number of participants, talent selection and kinds of incentive offered; and
- (b) the status of upcoming expansion programme, important review, the goals set under "Khelo India" and the availability of resources therefor?

National Sports award for sports persons from Puducherry

1113 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether Government of Puducherry had furnished the list of persons from Puducherry who have been recommended for National Sports Award during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the list of beneficiaries recommended during the last five years;
- (c) the number of sports persons from Puducherry who have been granted National Sports award during the last five years; and
- (d) the details thereof including category of awards?

Recognition of new talents in athletics

1114 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of programmes launched by Government during the last three years to recognize new talents in athletics;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme to promote sports at school level; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities to Athletes including differently abled athletes

1115 **Shri Vaiko:**

Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) whether several athletes, including differently abled, face difficulties in competing in national level events since many of them are not given proper accommodation, space for training or even nutritious food during these events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of action taken to provide necessary training, free medical facilities including physiotherapists and psychological support, provision of disabled friendly material such as prosthetics, clothes and other accessories; and
- (d) whether any directive has been issued to the concerned organisations to allow one family member of differently abled athlete to travel for international events, if so, the details thereof?

Doping in Indian sports

1116 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether the incidents of doping in Indian sports has witnessed a sharp rise in recent years;

- (b) whether in terms of global ranking in doping in sports, India ranks 3rd as per the latest World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Report, if so, the reasons of such rising incidents of doping in sports in the country; and
- (c) steps taken by Government to deal with the scourge of doping in Indian sports?

Sports infrastructure under Corporate Social Responsibility

1117 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) the details of existing sports infrastructure in the country across all sports, State and district-wise including that in the State of Haryana;
- (b) whether Government plans to expand and improve existing sports infrastructure under Khelo India Scheme and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to expand the scope of sports infrastructure under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of other steps taken by Government to promote Khelo India initiative at the rural and local level across the country?

Khelo India Scheme in Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh

1118 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) list of Khelo India centres established in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh and funds released for them during last three years;
- (b) funds released under various components of Scheme during last three years to above stated States, year-wise;
- (c) list of sanctioned sports infrastructure projects since inception of Scheme in the said States;
- (d) details of projects in (c) above like location, approval date, sanctioned budget, amount released, implementation agency, implementation status etc;
- (e) list of proposals for new sports infrastructure projects received from Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh; and
- (f) approval status of each proposal?

Nurturing of talent in sports at grass root level

1119 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is fact that there is an urgent need to have grass root instead of top-down approach, for search and nurturing of natural talent in sports with inherent potential from rural, tribal and backward areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of schemes undertaken in the country; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to provide intensive training and financial support to improve medal prospect of the country in National and International sporting events?

Projects under Khelo India Scheme in Assam and West Bengal

1120 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the details of projects including the amount of fund sanctioned under the Khelo India Scheme that have been completed or are pending in the States of West Bengal and Assam;
- (b) the status and estimated time of completion of the pending projects in Assam and West Bengal;
- (c) the details of number of students engaged under National Service Scheme in Assam during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number of state and centrally funded schools in Assam that has basic sports facilities for its students, district-wise?

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