

## RAJYA SABHA

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### 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 : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;  
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Development of industrial hubs around DMIC

640. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether places/areas around the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) are proposed to be developed as industrial hubs;

(b) if so, the details of places/areas in Rajasthan which are proposed to be so developed;

(c) whether Phullera in Rajasthan is also one of the areas proposed to be developed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Operationalisation of SEZs

641. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of

45,635.63 hectares notified for the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), actual operations took place only in 28,488.49 hectares *i.e.* 62 per cent of the notified land;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for not starting operation of SEZs; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy in order to revive such zones, if so, the details thereof?

#### Competition from China in pharmaceutical exports

642. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that China has doubled its financial help to some of the developing countries in Africa, Asia and East European countries between 2013 and 2015;

(b) how India looks at the conditions

put by China on countries whom it is extending financial help to mandatorily buy medicines manufactured by Chinese companies; and

(c) how Government is helping Indian pharma companies to face the situation and sharpen their strategies?

#### **Import/export of medicines/drugs**

643. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise quantum and value of medicines/drugs imported and exported during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) whether India is largely dependent on import particularly from China to meet the bulk of the requirement of various drugs including essential drugs and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs);

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to boost export of medicines/drugs and encourage the Indian pharmaceutical companies to increase their production so as to reduce dependence on imports?

#### **Bilateral trade between India and Japan**

644. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bilateral trade between Japan and India is increasing;

(b) if so, the details of import and export between the two countries during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase trade between the two countries?

#### **Import/export of agricultural products**

645. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the list and volume of agricultural products imported to and exported from the country for the last five years?

#### **Export of meat**

†646. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries to whom India exports meat; and

(b) the details of the quantum of meat exported from the country to foreign countries and the total foreign exchange earned from it from the financial year 2012 to December 2015?

#### **Revenue generated by operational SEZs**

647. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Special Economic Zones that were set up since the decision taken by Government to set up SEZs in the country;

(b) the details of the revenue generated by the operational SEZs since their inception;

(c) whether Government is of the view that SEZs are generating revenue as expected by Government at the time of policy formulation; and

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

**Economic relief to commerce and industry sectors**

648. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industry and commerce sector are getting economic relief as exemption, rebate, concession, for the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof since last two years;

(c) the reasons behind the relief given to the industrial and commerce sector; and

(d) the outcomes of the relief provided to the industry and commerce sector since last three years?

**Delay in BTIA between EU and India**

649. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the European Union (EU) have been negotiating a Bilateral Broad Based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) since June, 2007;

(b) if so, the present status in this regard;

(c) the details of the issues on which both the sides differs resulting in delay in concluding the talks; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to successfully conclude the much delayed BTIA between the EU and India?

**Bilateral trade relations**

650. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bilateral relations of Indo-China, Indo-French, Indo-Japan in the field of trade and industries;

(b) the State-wise details of investments made in the country under India's economic reforms policy by US, Japan, France, etc., during the last two years; and

(c) the necessary steps/initiatives taken by Government to attract US, Japan and other countries for making investments in the country?

**Agreement on agriculture and SSM at WTO**

651. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WTO Nairobi Ministerial Conference in December 2015 has resulted in continuation of the commitments of the Doha round, if not, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a confirmation on the use of Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM) by the countries, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issue of Agreement on Agriculture had been discussed and resolved permanently during the conference; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Approval to big projects**

652. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of big projects/proposals approved by the Ministry and started since last two years;

(b) the details of employment generated during the last two years in various parts of the country; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for generating more employment opportunities to the youth in the country?

### **Import of healthcare related devices**

653. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India imports over 75 per cent of its healthcare related device requirements, especially in cardiovascular surgery;

(b) if so, the details of reasons for this dependency on import of health related devices especially those of bioprosthetic value;

(c) the steps taken to reduce country's dependency on imports in this regard; and

(d) whether India's first Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for research in basic medical sciences is yet to be operational?

### **Adoption of AP retail policy at national level**

654. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of

the Ministry that Government of Andhra Pradesh has recently announced the country's first ever retail policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering of adopting the same at the national level; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Protecting small and medium retailers from e-commerce**

655. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy to protect the small retailers and small, medium scale manufacturers from the onslaught of 'e-commerce'; and

(b) if not, whether Nairobi Ministerial Level meeting will be used to create an International rule base for 'e-commerce'?

### **Imposing dumping duty on Chinese products**

†656. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to prevent illegal Chinese items in India inspite of restrictions over them;

(b) the plan of Ministry to tackle the cheaper Chinese products which are causing great harm to Indian companies; and

(c) whether Government is considering to impose dumping duty on Chinese products and the steps being taken to rein in the increasing trade deficit between both the countries?

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**Decline in import of life saving drugs**

†657. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of life saving drugs has been decreased after the withdrawal of customs duty exemption on these drugs in February, 2016;

(b) the month-wise details of import of such drugs during the last one year;

(c) the amount of exemption being given on these drugs before the withdrawal of customs duty exemption on it in February and the present details thereof; and

(d) the present status thereof?

**Effect of FTAs on trade deficit**

658. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Free Trade Agreements signed by Government during the last three years;

(b) whether India's trade deficit has increased or decreased after entering into FTAs;

(c) if so, the details thereof with a comparison of trade deficit/surplus before entering into an FTA and current trade deficit/surplus with individual countries and trade blocs;

(d) whether Government mandates the undertaking of joint study groups before signing of FTAs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government takes appropriate measures to evaluate the

impact of FTAs on value chains of a particular product?

**Impact of ban on import of natural rubber on tyre industry**

659. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as against 1.2 million tonnes of annual consumption, India's natural rubber production stands at 5,75,000 tonnes, leaving no other option than to import the gap;

(b) whether Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association is peeved up with recent ban on import of natural rubber and restricting entry points for import to only two ports, alleging that with steep decline in tyre exports, around 40 per cent of tyre units engaged in making rubber products have shut shops; and

(c) whether import restrictions on natural rubber is set to defy the 'Make in India' concept, escalating import of tyres from China and Vietnam?

**Rejection of Indian products by USFDA**

660. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has rejected about 13,000 Indian products including patent medicines, generic drugs, bakery products, snacks etc., during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken to improve

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the standard and quality adhering to the global market standards?

#### **Negative growth in exports**

661. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports in India showed negative growth consecutively in the last 13 months;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had announced a number of export incentive schemes for exporters during these days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

#### **Investment climate in India**

†662. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report on survey conducted by Ernst and young, India has been rated as the best investment destination for investors *vis-a-vis* other countries;

(b) whether according to the report, investor companies are enthusiastic about participating in Digital India programme and also investing in small cities;

(c) whether India is likely to be included in top 50 countries in the World Bank's list for ease of doing business in next three years; and

(d) if so, details of steps being taken to ensure ease of doing business and making it to list of top 50 countries?

#### **Assistance to States for development of export infrastructure**

663. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government extends assistance to States for development of export infrastructure through any scheme;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the funds allocated under the scheme to various States during the last three years;

(c) the project-wise details of export infrastructure created through so far and the present status of these projects;

(d) whether any review of the scheme has been undertaken by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

#### **Fall in prices of rubber and other commercial crops in Kerala**

664. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of rubber, coconut and other commercial crops in Kerala have fallen precariously in recent months putting cultivators in great distress;

(b) what immediate steps Government intends to adopt to reduce their distress; and

(c) what are the long term steps it envisages in the background of regional accords on trade and tariff which in many cases turn detrimental to our producers?

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#### **Setting up of new industrial units**

665. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for setting up new industrial units in the country including backward districts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the locations proposed for the said units along with the time-limit within which these units are proposed to be set up?

#### **Withdrawal of incentives on silk exports**

666. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has withdrawn the incentives on silk exports under the new export-import policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to protect the interests of country's silk exporters which create huge employment opportunities to craftsmen and artisans?

#### **Licences to AP through Patents Act for BT cotton seed production**

667. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh is famous for the production of cotton in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal to grant licences through Patents Act to enable more companies to enter into BT cotton seed production, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

#### **Increase in trade deficit with China**

†668. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export to China is decreasing continuously resulting in enhanced trade deficit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian and Chinese leaders had set a target of 100 billion dollar trade between the two countries;

(c) if so, the details of import-export between India and China in the year 2015 and during January- February, 2016;

(d) the details of trade deficit to India in the abovesaid period; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the trade deficit?

#### **Set back to India and other developing countries at WTO Nairobi deal**

669. SHRI ANIL DESAI:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India agreeing to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) deal in Nairobi is a huge set back not only to India but to other developing countries as well;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

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(c) why a pact on public stockholding was not in place by now; and

(d) by when it would be notified?

**Extending knitted fabrics from export sops under MEIS**

670. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has recently announced a new list of textile items eligible for export sops, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for exclusion of certain knitted fabrics for concession under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS); and

(c) the steps taken by Government to grant benefits on export of entire range of knitted fabrics including value added products such as cotton dyed and printed fabrics in order to avoid unintended inclusion?

**Review of performance of independent regulators**

671. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider its response and agree to undertake a review of performance of independent regulators across various sectors keeping widespread view in mind that India is currently in a bright spot and has an opportunity to capitalize in the current global crisis by undertaking structural reforms; and

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

**Steps to address obstacles under 'Startup India' mission**

672. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the Local Circle's survey which states that corruption and inefficiency within the bureaucracy remains the greatest bottleneck in starting a business;

(b) if so, the steps taken to address this obstacle under the 'Startup India' initiative; and

(c) the details of other policy and structural reforms proposed to be undertaken by Government to permit free and fair competition and address other issues that determine the viability and existence of start-ups?

**Slow growth of private sector investment**

673. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private sector investment has not picked up and is going down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what has been the trend during 2014-15 in this regard?

**Growth rate of industrial production**

674. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual

growth rate of industrial production is expected to increase in the current year as compared to the last five years;

(b) if so, the actual growth rate during the last two years;

(c) whether Government has also identified those industries in which growth rate is either increasing or decreasing, as compared to the last five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of funds for ASI**

675. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of funds with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to revive and maintain the monuments/sites;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof including the funds earmarked/ released and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by Government for the revival and protection of these monuments?

#### **Implementation of HPC report on Akademies**

676. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering implementation of the report of High Powered Committee (HPC) on Akademies and other institutions under the Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken/ being taken till date by Government to implement the recommendations of the report; and

(c) if so, whether any time-frame has been set to implement the report ?

#### **Monuments protected by ASI in Maharashtra**

677. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the major activities performed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country;

(b) how many monuments are being preserved and conserved by ASI in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of measures taken to protect forts in Maharashtra;

(d) whether ASI is facing resource crunch for protecting these forts; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to ensure availability of sufficient funds for this activity?

#### **Tilting of Qutub Minar**

678. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Qutub Minar is getting tilted day by day due to certain disturbances in the earth around that area;

(b) if so, how much this Minar has tilted so far and efforts made to do the renovation works;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the course of renovation and digging and strengthening of foundation, many idols belonging to Jain Dharma were found there;

(d) if so, the details thereof and where they have been kept; and

(e) the reasons behind stopping excavation in that area?

**Funding and revenue from  
archaeological parks**

679. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of archaeological parks in the country;
- (b) the park-wise and year-wise amount of funds allocated during last three years for the maintenance of these parks; and
- (c) the park-wise and year-wise amount of revenue generated during last three years from the tourism or other activities in these parks?

**Malfunctioning in Asiatic Society,  
Kolkata**

680. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of malfunctioning in the Asiatic Society, Kolkata; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Contribution for “Simhastha  
Kumbha” in Ujjain**

†681. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of contribution made on the part of the Ministry for “Simhastha Kumbha Mahaparva” to be organised by the Ministry in Ujjain; and
- (b) the measures taken on the policy of conservation, protection and promotion of culture and for its implementation in the country?

**Allocations for cultural festivals and  
tourism to Karnataka**

682. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government understands the cultural and tourism potential of Karnataka, which is one of the top most States of the country attracting foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government will consider more budgetary allocations to Karnataka for promoting cultural festivals and to exploit the tourism potential of the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Assistance to States for conservation  
of memorials and new museums**

683. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise and memorial/museum-wise details of the financial assistance provided to the State Governments including Karnataka for the conservation of memorials and setting up of new museums during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the funds allocated for the purpose have been fully utilized;
- (c) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof during the said period; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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**Manual ticketing system for entry into monuments**

684. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether manual ticketing system for entry into protected monuments in the country is irritating for visitors; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the number of such ticket counters in the country?

**Converting of heritage sites into tourist spots**

685. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of historical monuments in Maharashtra which have been identified as heritage sites by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) whether Government is working for these heritage sites to convert them into tourist spots through any schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Special force to protect monuments**

686. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create a special force to protect monuments and art installations;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal; and

(c) the time by when the special force is likely to be created and start its protection operations?

**Organising an International Festival of Dance**

687. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to organise an International Festival of Dance in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the venue of such kind of festival along with the names of the participating countries; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether any programme of such kind had been organised in the past in India?

**Outsourcing the maintenance of monuments**

688. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to outsource the operational maintenance of monuments with world heritage tag to private agencies in the country;

(b) whether the plan to outsource maintenance of monuments has been finalized;

(c) if so, the State-wise list of monuments selected for outsourcing to private agencies; and

(d) how soon the plan will be implemented?

**Adoption of monuments by corporate houses**

689. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has asked corporate houses and public sector units to adopt monuments with world heritage tag in the country and maintain them under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes;

(b) if so, how many corporate houses and public sector units have come forward to adopt monuments under Corporate Social Responsibility programmes; and

(c) the details of monuments selected by Government under the programme?

#### **Attack on minority religious places of worship**

690. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attack on minority religious places of worship have increased in the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures have been adopted?

#### **Funds for SMART Police Stations**

691. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated and released for setting up of SMART Police Stations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and expected timeline for allocation;

(b) whether the cost of establishment of SMART Police Stations will be borne by Government, if so, the details thereof along with the total cost of establishing the same in urban, semi-urban and rural areas, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether proposals have been received from State Governments for establishing of model SMART Police Stations, if so, the details thereof and timeline for establishing the same?

#### **Installation of CCTNS terminals in Police Stations**

692. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the increasing incidents of criminal offences and terror threat perception, Government has planned to fast track its police modernisation agenda including commissioning of the Crime and Criminals Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) by early 2017;

(b) whether the CCTNS system will facilitate instant connection and ready access to police stations across the country;

(c) whether similar systems are already in operation in the west for many decades now; and

(d) the present status of the installation of CCTNS terminals in police stations in the country?

#### **Facilities to Hindu refugees from Pakistan**

†693. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindus, who, after being persecuted in Pakistan came to India as refugees and settled in Rajasthan during the last five years;

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(b) the names of places where these Hindu refugees have settled and the details of facilities provided by Government;

(c) whether it is proposed to accord Indian citizenship to these refugees, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has issued any guidelines for the dignified livelihood of these refugees till they get citizenship of India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Denial of citizenship to persons migrated from Pakistan and other countries**

694. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has denied the citizenship to some persons including film personalities, business persons and other who have migrated from Pakistan and other countries despite staying in India since Independence, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the citizenship granted/denied on the applications received and the basis adopted to grant /deny citizenship to any person?

**Changing the pattern of assigning research projects by BPR&D**

695. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has suggested changing the pattern of assigning fellowships and research projects on subjects related to policing;

(b) whether the BPR&D wants to limit itself to giving funds and topics of research to the universities and other prominent institutes including IITs and the IIMs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Bureau has also suggested a committee comprising of Union Home Secretary, DG of BPR&D and DG of Police by rotation for giving out research grants for big projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**33 per cent reservation for women at constable rank in CRPF and CISF**

696. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government took an important decision very recently to improve gender equality in the paramilitary forces by approving 33 per cent reservation for women at the constable rank in CRPF and CISF, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has also decided to provide 15 per cent quota for women in BSF, SSB and ITBP and if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal to seal Indo-Pakistan border with Israel Tech Tricks**

697. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to seal the Indo-Pakistan border with Israel Tech Tricks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the entire Indo-Pak border along Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Punjab and Gujarat will be covered with this Tech Trick; and

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

**Tougher laws for child rapists**

698. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court of India recently advocated for tougher laws for child rapists, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government has taken or proposes to take in this regard?

**Anti-social activities in Park in Jhilmil colony, Delhi**

†699. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is aware of the anti-social activities going on in the park between 'A' and 'D' Block of Jhilmil colony, Delhi-110095, which has become a den of drunkards and gamblers at night; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Delhi Police against this menace on the written complaint?

**Deploying more BSF personnel along border districts of Punjab**

700. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to deploy more BSF personnel along the border districts of Punjab especially Pathankot and Gurdaspur, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a proposal in this regard from the State of Punjab and if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in battalions of NDRF**

701. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has sought to increase its battalions from its present strength of 12 to 20 battalions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NDRF has also sought approval for creation of its own dedicated aviation wing if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NDRF is increasing its presence alongside the military which is still the predominant rescue and relief operations agency in India?

**Efforts by ISI to tap ex-servicemen for spying**

702. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan's spy agency ISI is making efforts to tap ex-servicemen in the garb of providing job opportunities and financial aid for spying, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the promoters of ISI even asked some former soldiers to get in touch with their serving colleagues and try to gather information about field formation, raising suspicion among the ex-servicemen; and

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

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Gaps in security framework on international border in Punjab**

703. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were certain gaps in the security framework on international border with Pakistan in Punjab;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inadequate equipment is one of the other reasons for lapses in border patrolling;

(c) whether Government had held any discussions with the concerned in this regard recently to fill all the gaps with technological applications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Police stations and jetties under coastal security scheme**

704. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of requirement for construction of police stations and jetties under phase-II of the Coastal Security Scheme;

(b) the details of funds required for the purpose, share of Central and State Governments in this regard, and the scheme under which the works would be undertaken; and

(c) by when the current targets in this regard will be achieved?

**Files related to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose declassified**

705. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of classified files

related to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose that Government has decided to declassify;

(b) the reason why 25 files are being released every month, instead of all released at the same time;

(c) the names of Ministries which possesses files related to Netaji Bose;

(d) the name of other countries which possesses files related to Netaji Bose and whether Government has contacted them to release such files; and

(e) the current status of such requests?

**Township for displaced Kashmiri pandit migrants in the valley**

706. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current status of Government's plan to set up "composite township" for displaced Kashmiri pandit migrants in the valley;

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants;

(c) whether Government has fixed any timeframe for the township plan in the valley; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the township will be set up in the valley for the Kashmiri migrants?

**Compensation to civilians killed/injured in the Pathankot terror attack**

707. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Defence personnel, para-

military personnel and civilians were killed/injured in the recent incident of terror attacks in Pathankot airbase;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid to the civilians killed/injured in the incidents of terror attack in Pathankot airbase;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken to prevent such attacks in the border areas in future?

#### **Racial attacks on foreign nationals**

708. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that racial attacks on foreign nationals are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, how many attacks have taken place in last one year; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

#### **Smuggled narcotic drugs seized in Punjab and Goa**

709. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of smuggling of narcotic drugs reported, smugglers arrested and quantum of smuggled drugs seized during the last two years, particularly in Punjab and Goa;

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check smuggling of drugs in the country; and

(c) the details of corrective measures taken to destroy such drugs?

#### **Promoting the use of Hindi in Government offices**

†710. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to promote the use of Hindi in Government offices;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

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

#### **Incidents of drones flying without permission**

711. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of drones flying without permission have increased recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of action taken in these incidents;

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop illegal selling and flying of drones; and

(d) whether Government intends to formulate a permanent policy in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Adulteration of oil by petrol pumps**

712. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of under measurement and adulteration of oil by various petrol pumps have been noticed by Government during last three years and current year;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and State/ OMC-wise number of complaints against petrol pumps/persons involved received by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) along with the action taken against them;

(c) whether Government has also received complaints against OMCs for using outdated technology to measure quantity of oil resulting in retail outlets receiving less fuel;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent under measurement and adulteration of oil?

#### **Constitution of State Disaster Management Authority in States**

713. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have constituted the State Disaster Management Authority under the Central Disaster Management Act;

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

(c) whether Centre has assessed as to how many States are ready to deal with disasters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increasing intolerance in the country**

714. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fundamental rights and freedom enshrined in the Constitution allow people to freely express their opinions, dress and eat according to prevalent practice in the country;

(b) whether increasing intolerance to such practices is developing into a threat

to peace and national integration in various parts of the country; and

(c) what steps Government intends to adopt to defuse such expression of intolerance, to instill confidence among people and protect national unity?

#### **India third country affected by disasters after US and China**

715. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Global Assessment Report of 2015, 4.8 million people are hit by disasters in India and it can go upto 19 million soon;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is the third country affected by disasters after US and China;

(c) whether about US \$ 9.8 billion was spent by India in disasters, out of which US \$ 7 billion was spent on foods alone;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the NDRF has rescued 51,614 people in 2015, largest since its inception in 2006; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Upgradation plans of NDRF**

716. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is planning to add two more battalions to its manpower this year;

(b) whether the amount of money spent on technical equipment used in disaster response, as well as the number of such equipment procured, had gone up three times in the financial year 2015-16 as compared to 2014-15;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NDRF plans to keep upgrading itself and had sent proposal worth ₹ 58 crore to the Government for more gadgets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government on the said proposal?

**Need to use the term 'martyrs' for those killed fighting terrorists on border**

†717. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the word "killed" is used in the Annual Report of the Ministry for those BSF personnel who die during fight against infiltrators and terrorists from across the border;

(b) if so, whether Government intends to write "martyrs" in place of "killed" for such personnel;

(c) whether Government is aware that BSF personnel protecting our borders are going into depression in large numbers and percentage of their deaths due to heart attack is also increasing and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has made any effort to examine this situation, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Enacting law in conformity with UN Convention on Genocide and racial discrimination**

718. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to enact any law in conformity with India's obligations under the United Nations

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948 and/or the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1965; and

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

**Laser walls along riverine stretches along India-Pakistan border**

719. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:  
SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to cover unfenced riverine stretches along the India-Pakistan border by laser walls to check infiltration of terrorists in the wake of the recent Pathankot attack;

(b) whether laser wall technology developed by BSF will be able to completely eliminate the chance of breach of the international border by Pakistan based terror groups;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is giving top priority to check infiltration of terrorists in the wake of Pathankot attack; and

(d) the details of vulnerable points which are to be covered by laser walls?

**NSG plan to revise bomb disposal norms**

720. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the lessons learnt from Pathankot attack;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Security Guard (NSG) is planning to revise the bomb disposal norms;

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(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Lt. Col. Niranjana's death could have been avoided if he was wearing bomb suit while carrying out search of a J-e-M militant at Pathankot?

**Problems faced by women in police and paramilitary forces**

†721. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of points raised about problems faced by women in the police and the paramilitary forces, in the seventh national conference, organised jointly by the Bureau of Police Research and Development and the CRPF on the issue of women in police and the steps being taken to resolve it?

**Dowry deaths in the country**

722. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FIRs registered for the dowry deaths in the country, State-wise during the last two-three years;

(b) the percentage increase, year-wise and disposal thereof; and

(c) whether dowry death scenario in the country is alarming, if so, the measures Government intends to take in this regard?

**Cases of kidnapping/raping/killing of children**

723. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of kidnapping, raping and killing of children

have increased during the last few years, in various parts of the country;

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

(c) the details of the number of children rescued out of them, still missing and those about whom it has been confirmed that they have been killed;

(d) whether Government has formulated any scheme to get rid of gangs active in this heinous crime; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far out of these efforts?

**Rampant sexual abuse in Tihar jail**

724. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rampant sexual abuse in Tihar jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought a report in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Sex crimes in South Delhi**

725. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per media report, South Delhi has topped the chart in sex crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has devised some strict action plan to control this shame;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the status of the above crime in other sectors in Delhi region?

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**Increase in crimes against children**

726. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is sharp increase in crimes against children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is proposed to open up some centres for better counselling of children to address the menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for Residents Identity Cards**

727. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated, utilised and released for issuing Resident Identity Cards (RICs) during last two years;

(b) the State-wise details of RICs issued till date including district-wise details for West Bengal;

(c) the State-wise details of the existing strength of RIC holders and plans for increasing its strength, if any;

(d) whether Ministry is aware that with advent of Jan Dhan Yojana-Aadhaar-Mobile Number (JAM) trinity, humongous investments made in RICs will become redundant; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to solve this urgent issue and if not, the reasons for still continuing the scheme?

**Modernising Police Force deployed in LWE affected districts**

†728. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fund allocated by Central Government for the current financial year 2014-15 for development of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts in Bihar;

(b) the details of heads under which the above fund is to be spent;

(c) whether Central Government also proposes to modernise the police force deployed in the Left Wing Extremism affected districts; and

(d) if so, the amount of fund sought by State Government under the above head for Bihar and the fund allocated out of them?

**Special provisions for States under Article 371**

729. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States for whom special provisions have been made under Article 371 of the Constitution;

(b) the details of the provisions made with respect to each of the States;

(c) whether the Government of Goa has made any proposal in writing, requesting the grant of special provisions to the State under Article 371 of the Constitution;

(d) if so, the substance of the representation made;

(e) the response of the Government of India;

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(f) the names of other States who have requested for making special provisions to them under Article 371 of the Constitution of India; and

(g) the related details thereof?

#### **Tourism potential of Lakshadweep**

730. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lakshadweep has great tourism potential and it is not being tapped fully;

(b) whether it is also a fact that infrastructure facilities for proper development of tourism in Lakshadweep is insufficient;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to solve these problems?

#### **Relief and rehabilitation fund for victims of J&K floods**

731. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided relief and rehabilitation fund to victims of Jammu and Kashmir floods;

(b) whether Government has assessed the damage and loss of life and property, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the rehabilitation and reconstruction work has been completed, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Security cover for important religious and cultural places**

732. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a plan to provide special security cover to some of the important religious and cultural places of the country;

(b) if so, the places identified under the said plan; and

(c) the criterion adopted for above identification, along with the details of the budget provision Government has kept for security of these places?

#### **Vacancies in EPFO**

733. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortfall of 6000 in Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) as these vacancies are yet to be filled;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) considering restructuring plan, the number of sanctioned posts will further go up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO would have to fill these thousands of posts to meet the expectations of its over 5 crore subscribers and 50 lakh pensioners; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

### **Minimum Wages Act**

734. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any time-frame to bring the National Minimum Wages Act under which the National Minimum Wages will be fixed at ₹ 15000 per month; and

(b) whether Government is proposing to exempt startup companies including five year old registered establishments from implementation of the Minimum Wages Act?

### **Setting up of new ESI hospital in Hyderabad**

735. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to set up a new Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospital with medical college in Hyderabad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is also proposing to takeover 500 bedded State ESI hospital at Sanatnagar in Hyderabad run by Government of Telangana;

(c) if so, what alternative plans the Ministry has for working doctors and other staff there and nearly 8 lakh patients utilizing the services of ESI hospital at Sanatnagar; and

(d) if not, the efforts being made by the Ministry to modernize the above hospital within a fixed time-frame?

### **Transforming employment exchanges into career centres**

736. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal before Government for transformation of employment exchanges into career centres; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter so far?

### **Irregularities by ESIC in opening medical colleges**

737. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities in opening of medical colleges by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) have been reported by CAG and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has inquired into the irregularities and has fixed responsibility in this regard; and

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

### **ESIC medical college at Naroda, Ahmedabad**

738. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1188 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 2011 and to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of medical colleges run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the country;

(b) whether ESIC intends to start a medical college at Naroda, Ahmedabad;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has allocated land for this medical project, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when this medical college is likely to be set up, the specific timeline for the same?

**Mandatory minimum wages for unorganized workers**

739. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to make minimum wages mandatory and extend to all schemes in the unorganized sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any other welfare schemes are being brought recently for the workers in the unorganized sector; and

(c) whether other benefits like paid leaves and fixed working hours are also proposed in the statutory orders for the welfare of workers in the organized sector, if so, the details thereof?

**Unemployment rate of engineering graduates**

740. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Technical Manpower Information System has made any survey in the recent past to know the unemployment rate of engineering graduates in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide them employment; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide them with unemployment allowance?

**Increase in employment avenues**

†741. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new employment avenues have increased and month-after-month employment market has improved significantly during the last one and a half years, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the scenario of employment sector is signalling further improvement in the coming days owing to emphasis on innovations and skill development by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Volume of employment in organised and unorganised sectors**

742. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the volume of employment in the organised and unorganised sectors of the economy during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) what measures were taken to increase the volume of employment in these sector during these years; and

(c) what steps are being planned by the Ministry in this regard during the next five years?

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**Implementation of insurance scheme  
for women workers**

743. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether Government has  
implemented or proposes to implement  
any insurance scheme for such workers  
including women workers, etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with  
the total number of workers benefited/  
likely to be benefited under the said scheme;  
and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Extension of ESI scheme to all  
districts**

744. SHRIMATI RENUKA  
CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the coverage of Employees'  
State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) is  
limited to industrial or commercial pockets  
only and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ESIC plans to provide  
medical insurance to certain selected groups  
in urban areas and if so, the details thereof;  
and

(c) the steps taken by Government to  
extend the reach of ESI scheme to all the  
districts in the country and also to reduce  
the threshold limit from present ten  
workers to five?

**Paternity leave for male employees**

745. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the  
Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to  
formulate any policy or guidelines laying  
down minimum specifications for the  
provision of Paternity Leave to men  
employed by organisations and companies  
in the private sector; and

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

**Steps to address problem of child  
labour**

†746. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA  
SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding child labour  
obtained in Census, 2011 and whether it  
has been decided by the Ministry to take  
any steps in the wake of those data; and

(b) the details of issues mentioned about  
child labour in Asia and particularly in India,  
in the recent report titled 'Findings on the  
Forms of Child Labour' and the steps being  
taken by Government to resolve it?

**Pathetic condition of tea plantation  
workers in Assam**

747. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will  
the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the living  
condition of labourers working in the tea  
gardens in India especially in Assam are  
pathetic;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce any Bill or Scheme to pay sufficient compensation/wages to the labourers working in the tea gardens in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and other measures including policy adopted, if any, for social and economic security of tea garden workers in the country?

#### **Steps taken to increase employment opportunities**

748. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India the unemployment is increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government during the current financial year to increase employment opportunities in the country?

#### **Amendment in Mines and Minerals Act, 1957**

749. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mines and Minerals Act, 1957 is standing as impediment and bars transfer of captive mines in the event a company acquires another company which has mines;

(b) if so, whether amendment provisions relating to transfer to facilitate ease of doing business is required;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry would bring this amendment in the current session of Paliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Stamp duty and registration fee under MMRD Act**

750. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has revised the system for calculation of stamp duty and registration fee under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act;

(b) if so, the details of how the new system is different from earlier system and rationale for changing it;

(c) whether the new system is likely to increase Government's revenue from stamp duty and registration fee;

(d) if so, the details of stamp duty and registration fee collected under MMRD Act from April, 2010 till present; and

(e) whether the stamp duty and registration fee is utilized for development of local area around mines, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **National Mineral Exploration Trust**

†751. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of formation of the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) established by Government recently;

(b) whether any amendment has been made in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for promotion of mining sector;

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- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the result achieved so far as a result of amendment?

**Exploration of natural gas in coal seams by Coal India Limited**

752. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has ordered the Coal India Limited to explore natural gas in their coal seams;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any survey has been done by the Ministry or by the Coal India Limited to find out the probable places in the country wherein the natural gas is available for exploration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Allowing private companies for opening of petrol pumps/LPG agencies**

753. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has allowed certain private companies for opening of petrol pumps/LPG agencies during last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the names of such petrol pumps operated by them; and
- (c) the OMC/State/UT/category-wise number of cases for opening of new petrol pumps/gas agencies considered/scrutinized/interviewed and draws held/results declared during the said period including the number of complaints of corruption received and action against OMCs/officials involved therein including cancellation of petrol pumps/LPG agencies and suspension of officials, if any, during the above period?

**Linking of petroleum prices to international prices**

754. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has linked the petroleum prices in the country completely to the international prices; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Withdrawal of medical policy for dependent parents of HPCL employees**

755. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) had submitted proposal for withdrawal of Medical insurance policy for dependent parents of its employees *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2010;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to give concurrence to that proposal;
- (c) if not, why medical assistance for dependent parents has been withdrawn; and
- (d) why the newly joined employees have not been provided with the copy of medical insurance policy underwritten by New India Assurance Company Limited, Tardeo Branch, Mumbai and signed by HPCL and Insurance Company Ltd.?

**Doing away with LPG subsidy**

756. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to do away with the subsidy to the consumers of LPG; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether any time-frame has been fixed by Government in this regard?

#### **Rates of crude oil import**

757. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of lowest rate per litre and per barrel at which crude oil has been imported in India during 2015 and during 2016, so far;

(b) whether price of crude oil imported in India in 2016 is cheaper than the rate of mineral water; and

(c) if so, the reasons for exorbitant price of petrol and diesel in Indian retail market in the era of decontrol?

#### **Pending issue of payments to HAL Offshore Limited**

758. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of payments to HAL Offshore Limited has been hanging fire since long;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) what steps have so far been taken to settle the issue; and

(d) the progress made and the time by when the issue will be finally settled?

#### **Realising the hydrocarbon potential of NE States**

759. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to realize the hydrocarbon potential of the North-East States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and quantum of funds proposed to be invested therein; and

(c) the outcome of the said steps taken, if any?

#### **Online initiative for LPG distribution**

†760. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an online initiative for providing efficient and citizen friendly services under LPG distribution has been taken by the Central Government to associate the consumers and citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this online initiative has been proving effective and whether suggestions have also been received for making changes in it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Exploring hydrates in KG Basin**

761. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Geological Survey of India and the National Institute of Oceanography carried out study to find out hydrates in Krishna Godavari Basin;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 134 trillion cubic feet of hydrates are found in KG Basin;

(c) if so, the details thereof and how the Ministry is planning to extract them; and

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(d) whether any consultations have been held with Japan or Canada as they have expertise to take their help in extracting hydrates?

**CSR activities undertaken by oil companies**

762. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to allow oil companies to spend from their profit for health related CSR work, particularly for cancer awareness, early detection and treatment of cancer patients and to fund and support cancer awareness mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise and NGO-wise list of such NGOs provided with financial support by the oil companies during last three years;

(d) whether IOC, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC and other allied oil companies have contributed through their CSR activities; and

(e) if so, the year-wise and PSU-wise details thereof and the CSR activities undertaken during the last three years?

**Gas Pipeline Project of GAIL in Tamil Nadu**

763. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any letter or requests from Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu or Farmers' Association to stop Gas Pipeline Project of GAIL across seven Districts of Tamil Nadu or to change the proposed path;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has instructed concerned authorities of the Ministry and GAIL to chalk out an alternate path for the said project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken by the Central Government to protect interests of farmers who are likely to be affected badly due to this project?

**Opening of CNG filling station in Kheda District, Gujarat**

764. SHRILAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to open CNG filling station in Kheda District by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government proposes to set up the CNG station in Kheda District?

**Procurement of ethanol by OMCs**

765. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient amounts of ethanol was procured by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) on the floatation of the latest tender, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor and corrective action taken;

(b) the measures taken to ensure the implementation of the Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) in States having a lack of sugarcane cultivation/distilleries;

(c) whether Government plans to increase the duration of export permits granted for EBP, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government plans to make the process of granting NOCs and export permits online?

**Policy for allocation of petrol pumps to SCs/STs/OBCs**

766. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and criteria/reservation policy prescribed for allocation/process of selection of petrol pumps/gas distributorships/CNG pumps belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)/Other Backward Classes (OBCs)/Ex-servicemen in rural/urban areas of the country by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(b) whether there is any restriction for oil companies to increase LPG agencies/retail outlets; and

(c) if so, the State/UT/OMC-wise details thereof along with the steps taken to increase density of petrol pumps and LPG agencies as per economic viability and target fixed for lesser consumers area and remote and rural areas?

**Petroleum reserves in Rajasthan**

†767. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of petroleum reserves in Rajasthan and the quantum therein;

(b) whether survey work of petroleum reserve in Rajasthan is being undertaken, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of locations in Rajasthan, where survey work of petroleum products has been completed; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any action plan regarding such locations, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Formula for domestic natural gas pricing**

768. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current formula for the pricing of domestic natural gas (price from October 2015 to March 2016) including the weights given to the prices in each of the four markets *i.e.* UK, USA, Russia and Canada;

(b) what is the net impact of reduced domestic gas prices, in rupee terms in comparison to last three price changes; and

(c) by what projected amount will Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) see its revenues decline due to the new domestic natural gas price?

**Blending of ethanol with petrol**

†769. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is considering to blend ethanol with petrol by producing it from various other foodgrains including sugarcane;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of ethanol proposed to be produced and the product-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether any contract is being entered into with private sector for producing ethanol or there is any plan to promote private sector in this regard; and

(d) if so, the current status thereof?

**Ban on legal heir of existing license holder on applying for a fresh dealership**

770. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unmarried legal heir of an existing license holder of the Oil Marketing Companies (OMC's) cannot apply for a fresh dealership of a Retail Outlet (RO);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of any reform proposed by OMC's in this regard?

**Extension of PNG network**

771. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to extend the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network to most of the areas where it is not yet installed or started;

(b) if so, by when and which are the areas/States/cities where Government is

planning to install the PNG in its next phase; and

(c) which are the areas that have not been provided with PNG connections/ installation till now?

**Indigenous production of oil and gas**

772. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to produce more crude oil from its oil wells and oil assets to avoid heavy foreign exchange incurred on importing them from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the various measures taken by Government to produce more crude oil, petrol and gas indigenously;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the year-wise total quantity and value of petrol, diesel and LPG consumed in the country every year in the last five years; and

(e) the various methods and steps devised and adopted by Government to conserve the domestic consumption of petrol, diesel and LPG?

**Inserting special conditions in PMLs to ONGC-Cairn Consortium**

773. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan is suffering on account of loss of VAT amounting to ₹ 4,000 crores approximately ever since the commencement of crude oil production and its sale from Block RJ-ON-90/1;

(b) whether the Central Government

has been requested by the State Government of Rajasthan for grant of approval to insert special conditions in the three Petroleum Mining Leases (PMLs) awarded to ONGC-Cairn Consortium in Barmer-Sanchore Basin; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter, so far?

#### **Setting up of Steel Price Regulatory Authority**

774. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the average market prices of steel during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to set up Steel Price Regulatory Authority (SPRA) to help bridge the housing deficit in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the said authority is likely to be made functional?

#### **Steel manufacturing capacity in the country**

775. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present steel manufacturing capacity in the country is sufficient to meet demands of the growing nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of steps Government has taken to promote iron and steel manufacturing in the country?

#### **Tourism potential of Jharkhand**

776. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand has immense tourism potential and the same has not been highlighted at national and international level;

(b) whether Government has ever assessed the tourism potential of Jharkhand in consultation with the State Government; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to promote tourism in Jharkhand?

#### **Formation of Himalayan Tourist Circuit**

†777. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to form a Himalayan Tourist Circuit;

(b) if so, whether the places to be connected under this circuit have been finalized;

(c) if so, the names of places of Uttarakhand State to be included under this circuit; and

(d) if not, by when they are expected to be finalized?

#### **Domestic and foreign tourists visited Gujarat**

778. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of domestic and foreign tourist visited Gujarat in the past five years, including the current year;

(b) the scheme-wise and year-wise details of funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the Gujarat Government for the development of tourism during the said period; and

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(c) the year-wise details on foreign exchange earnings from tourism in Gujarat during the said period?

**Foreign tourist arrivals in the country**

779. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of foreign tourists who visited the country during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) the total earnings of tourism sector during these years; and

(c) what was the share of earnings from foreign tourists during these years?

**Funds allocated to UP and Bihar for development of tourism**

780. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds released by Government for the Tourism Departments of States during the last two years; and

(b) the funds allocated for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the development of tourism during the said period along with the details of total amount yet to be released to these States during the current financial year?

**Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes**

781. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise, circuit-wise and city-wise details of funds sanctioned, released and utilized under Swadesh Darshan and

PRASAD schemes along with current status of progress of the projects undertaken;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that there is a serious and significant overlap between two of its flagship schemes Swadesh Darshan choosing spiritual circuit as its development theme while PRASAD focuses on improving facilities at pilgrimage centres in the country; and

(c) the reasons for continuing two similar schemes undermining the progress of development of tourism in other States such as West Bengal?

**Promotion and development of tourism in Buxar in Bihar**

†782. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive proposal has been prepared for conservation, promotion and development of tourist places of Bihar;

(b) whether there is any plan to conserve the rich historical and religious heritage of Bihar and promote these comprehensively in view of the immense possibilities of employment in tourism;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that Buxar is a religious and mythological place where the Maharishi Vishwamitra had trained Lord Rama and Laxman in warfare skills; and

(d) if so, what is the plan to attract tourists by developing this sacred place?

**Medical tourism in the country**

783. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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(a) the year-wise and country-wise details of medical tourists who visited India in the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to take a series of steps to give further fillip to medical tourism in the country;

(c) if so the details of steps proposed;

(d) whether the Ministry has ever tried to find out from the medical tourists the problem they are facing in the country, be it relating to medical treatment or Visa or hospital charges; and

(e) if so, what steps Ministry has taken to address those issues?

#### **Weakening the Forest Rights Act**

†784. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to weaken the Forest Rights Act;

(b) whether the right of forest management would be provided to other States like that of Maharashtra and the names of States which have sought permission in this matter;

(c) whether the influence of middlemen on the forest products would not be increased by bringing the changes in the Forest Rights Act, and whether an attempt is being made to change the law in view of the large markets; and

(d) whether the losses to be incurred from it, have been assessed before making changes in the law and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Forest dwellers settled on forest lands**

†785. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/area-wise details of number of tribals and forest-dwellers settled on forest lands in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is contemplating formulation of any special scheme for development and upliftment of these tribals/forest dwellers;

(c) if so, the details of the said scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented and the State/UT-wise details of the areas selected under this scheme?

#### **Including new castes of Chhattisgarh in ST list**

†786. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received proposals from Parliamentarians/ State Government to include Dhanuvar, Ghanuvar, Pathari, Pardhi, Parhiya, Saunra, Sanvara, Sahra, Bhuiyan, Bhooiyan, Bhuyyan and Bhinya, Bhuiyya, Abujhmadia, Pahari Korva, Binjhiya, Rautia, Sabriya, Khervar, Kharvar, Kisan, Kisan Nagesia and Pradhan, Parganiha and Amneet, Amnit castes of Chhattisgarh in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking decision thereon so far; and

(c) by when the action would be taken thereon?

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**Non-implementation of Forest Rights Act**

†787. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Rights Act is not being implemented properly due to difference among the various Ministries;

(b) the reasons for not making recommendations of Professor Virginius Xaxa Committee public and whether the recommendations of the above report are not being implemented for making availability of natural resources and for providing land to private companies;

(c) whether State Governments and most of the Ministries are in favour of implementing its recommendations; and

(d) the reasons due to which the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is not responding to the letters of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

**Problems faced by tribals in getting ST certificates**

788. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding tribes facing problems in getting Scheduled Tribes (ST) certificates from the State authorities;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government has received any proposals from State Governments including Kerala and Lakshadweep for inclusion of various communities in the list of STs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a number of recommendations for inclusion of tribes in the list of STs are still pending with Government for approval; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Broadband connectivity in tribal residential schools**

789. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide broadband connectivity in tribal residential schools to facilitate video-conference facilities to improve education to students, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh proposes to set up a training centre in Vatluru in Krishna District with ₹ 40 crores to provide training to teachers who are in Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the salary of teaching staff who are on contract basis, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Special schemes for improving literacy rate of tribal girls**

†790. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running special schemes for enhancing the literacy rate of tribal girls in order to make them self-sufficient;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of districts in the States of Assam and Uttar Pradesh with lowest literacy rate among Scheduled Tribe girl children; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government in these districts?

#### **Low literacy rate of STs in Telangana**

791. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes is just 49 per cent in Telangana which is much below the national average;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is little impact on having Ekalavya Model Residential Schools, Ashram Schools, etc.;

(c) whether the quality of students coming out is also not upto the mark; and

(d) what are the reasons behind this and the efforts being made by Government to prepare students so that their employability goes up?

#### **Availability of funds for youth and sports activities among girls**

792. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient funds are made available for youth and sports activities among girls in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total funds spent by Government for promotion of sports among girls as compared with males during the last three years; and

(c) the list of sports in which women teams have represented India internationally?

#### **Funds to Himachal Pradesh under RGKA and PYKKA**

†793. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by the Central Government to Himachal Pradesh under the schemes, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) and Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) in the year 2014-15; and

(b) the funds estimated to be earmarked under this scheme for promotion of sports in Himachal Pradesh, for the year 2016-17?

#### **Development of water sports centres**

794. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop water sports centres at different locations in the country including Gujarat and Jharkhand;

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

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from the different State Governments including Jharkhand in this regard;

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

(e) the time by when the said proposals are likely to be considered?

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**Steps to increase medal tally at Rio Olympics, 2016**

795. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that good performance in sports bring national pride and glory and also instills confidence amongst the people;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken by Government so as to increase its medals tally substantially during Olympic Games, 2016; and

(c) whether Government has identified the events where Indian sportspersons stand a chance to win a medal at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and if so, the details thereof?

**Meghalaya to bid for 2022 National Games**

796. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the hindsight gained from co-hosting the recently held South Asian Games at Guwahati, Meghalaya is planning to bid for the 2022 National Games to co-incide with the 50th Year of Meghalaya attaining Statehood;

(b) whether the Centre would consider fast-track development of sports infrastructure in the North-East region which has surfeit of sports and athletic talent; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Deplorable condition of infrastructure at NIS, Patiala**

797. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infrastructure at the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala is in a deplorable condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to revamp the NIS, Patiala to match international standards; and

(d) if so, the details of expenditure for last three years on revamping the infrastructure at the Institute?

**Sportspersons supported under TOPS**

798. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the sports-wise details of sportspersons to be supported under Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme and what are their financial requirements;

(b) what is the source as well as quantum of funds available in National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for this scheme and what is the shortage; and

(c) how this shortage is sought to be fulfilled?

**Scheme to develop hidden talents of boys/girls**

†799. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to develop and hone the hidden

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talents of boys/girls aged between 9 to 14 years in sports;

(b) if so, the details of facilities being provided to the youth, especially the tribal players in popular games in States by importing year-long intensive training and upgrade the level of their games to highest standards;

(c) whether Government has any specific policy to set up academics in States for promoting their popular games; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details of the regions selected for such academics and target of allocation of funds for this purpose?

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