### **RAJYA SABHA**

#### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015/Agrahayana 11, 1937 (Saka)

(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

## Agreements made on IP in RCEP meetings in Malaysia

- 321. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the agreements made on Intellectual Property (IP) during the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meetings in Malaysia from July 12-14, 2015;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken congnizance of the concerns raised by Civil Society about India's engagement with the RCEP trade deal; and
- (c) whether the agreements would in any way affect the supply of medicines India makes to Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), and towards its own recently launched Jan Aushadhi Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

## Impact of enhancing FDI limits on more sectors

†322. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that investment limit of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been further enhanced in fifteen more sectors:
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any study has been made regarding the ill-effects of enhancement of investment limit of FDI on various sectors of indigenous industries; and
- (d) whether various sectors and organisations are showing their resentment on enhancement of investment limit of FDI?

# Incentives to industrial sector to remove unemployment

### 323. KUMARI SELJA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide incentives to industrial sector in various States of the country including

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Maharashtra and Haryana to remove/ reduce unemployment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

# Implementation of DIPP recommendations by States

- 324. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of each of the 334 recommendations made by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) to be implemented by States before December, 2015;
- (b) how the implementation of above recommendations helps in ranking States; and
- (c) the State-wise details of States which have implemented the above recommendations partially and totally?

# Bilateral trade with neighbouring countries

- 325. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has received proposals on bilateral trade from the neighbouring countries;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the terms and conditions of Government to spread the Indian business in the neighbouring countries?

# Incentives to companies providing employment

- 326. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether Government is considering

to offer special incentives to manufacturing companies that provide employment to a certain number of people;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for generating more employment opportunities in manufacturing sector?

#### FDI inflow

- 327. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) how much Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been received by India during the last one year and how it compares with the last two years;
- (b) in which sectors FDI has been allowed and in which sectors FDI has been allowed more than 49 per cent;
- (c) the sector-wise and State-wise details of FDI received and investment made during last one year;
- (d) whether Government has sorted out issues relating to ease of doing business; and
- (e) if so, the details of stumbling blocks and corrective measures taken thereon?

### Steps to address fall in export of goods

- 328. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to address the fall in India's export of goods, which has fallen for a tenth straight month in October; and

(b) whether Government has noticed any significant adverse impact of the fall in export on employment?

# Sending maiden tea delegation to Georgia

- 329. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to send a maiden tea delegation to Georgia;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government is aiming to capture a market share in countries where per capita consumpation of tea is quite high such as Turkey; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

# Representation of small tea growers by an international agency

- 330. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the small tea growers have made a proposal to have an international agency to help represent them;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that efforts are on to find ways to directly market small tea growers' produce and if so, the details thereof?

### Promotion of organic tea in NER

- †331. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is contemplating to give priority to development and promotion of organic

- plantation of tea in North East Region particularly in the State of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard till now; and
- (c) the steps taken for encouraging organic plantation of tea in North-East Region during the last three years and the current year?

### Share of manufacturing sector to GDP

- 332. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the share of manufacturing sector to GDP and how does it compare with the figures for the last three years;
- (b) whether after launch of 'Make in India' campaign any progress has been made in improving the share of manufacturing sector;
- (c) the details of incentives being provided to attract foreign investments in 'Make in India' campaign; and
- (d) what measures are taken to make fundamental corrections in infrastructure, energy availability, lowering cost of finance, skilled work force, etc., to make the manufacturing sector healthy and competitive?

### Fall in export of leather

- 333. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that export of leather and leather products posted a fall for the sixth consecutive month in the current fiscal;

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- (b) whether exports of leather and leather products have declined from April to September, 2015 as compared to the corresponding period last year;
- (c) whether the Central Government has not done much to revive the leather sector;
- (d) whether the Council of Leather Exports has requested to come out with favourable tariff so as to revive this sector; and
  - (e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Tobacco exports**

- 334. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the year-wise, country-wise and variety-wise details of different varieties of tobacco exports from India in the last ten years;
- (b) the country-wise foreign exchange earned through tobacco exports during the above period;
- (c) what efforts Ministry is making to explore new markets for Indian tobacco, particularly Flue Cured Virginia tobacco;
- (d) whether the Ministry requested the Ministry of External Affairs to instruct Embassies abroad to explore opportunities to export tobacco to those countries; and
- (e) if so, when that request was made and what is the outcome of the same?

# Adverse effect of inspection by USFDA on India's agriculture exports

- 335. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether at a time when India's

- agriculture exports to the United States are already on a downslide, the proposed US legislation that would require agri-imports to be mandatorily inspected by the USFDA officials, would raise costs for Indian exporters steeply;
- (b) whether India would prevail upon the US to allow certification and inspection by local bodies like Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for consignments of goods from India; and
- (c) whether agri-exporters from India are already following globally recognised systems such as GMP and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) that makes USFDA audit/inspection obviate?

### New policy for tobacco products for SEZs

- 336. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to have a new policy for tobacco products and pan masala for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has held discussions with the Development Commissioners of the zones in this regard, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether Government is actively considering to review the SEZ policy in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

### **Industrial output**

- 337. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether it is a fact that the industrial

- output during the months of April to August, 2005 was around 7 per cent;
- (b) if so, the overall target fixed for the current year; and
- (c) what will be the likely achievements against the target?

#### Separate Boards for development of turmeric, tamarind, mango and banana/plantain

- 338. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has envisaged the need for constituting separate Boards for development of turmeric, tamarind, mango, and banana/plantain trade in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide all kinds of support for the trade of turmeric, tamarind, mango and banana/ plantain; and
- (d) the total revenue generated through the trade of turmeric, tamarind, mango and Banana/plantain through both domestic trade and export in the last three years?

### 100 per cent FDI in medical devices

- 339. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is proposed to go in for 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in medical devices;
- (b) if so, the details with reasons therefor;
- (c) how far it will help in easy and early procurement of such items;

- (d) which are other items that are on the anvil of 100 per cent FDI; and
- (e) what are the detailed reasons for going in for such an action plan?

### Fall in exports

- 340. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Indian exports have gone down in the last one year;
- (b) if so, the detials thereof including the cumulative exports during the first half of year 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively; and
- (c) the steps proposed to boost exports?

### Inflow of FDI in railways and insurance sectors

- 341. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the railways and insurance sector have seen any rise in the inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) post relaxation of norms in the last one year;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the impact on the employment generation; and
- (d) what are the future plans to improve the situation?

### Investments by NRIs/PIOs/OCIs in FDI

- 342. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there has been any change recorded in the share of investments by

Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the last one year;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what is its impact on the employment generation?

#### Rate of industrial growth

- 343. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the rate of industrial growth in the country in the current year;
- (b) the details of industrial sectors registering low/negative growth rate along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to increase the growth rate in the aforesaid sectors and the outcome achieved thereof?

# Distress due to fall in prices of plantation crops

- 344. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that lakhs of people cultivating commercial crops such as rubber, coconut, sugarcane cotton, etc., are in great distress due to steep fall in price of their crops;
- (b) whether Government is aware that most farmers' suicides are by such farmers;
- (c) whether Government is aware that their distress is mainly due to Government allowing corporates to import such products at lesser prices from international markets; and

(d) since no corporate is prepared to sell their products at lesser prices and pass on part of their profit to consumers, whether Government would insist that they purchase raw materials only from internal market?

#### Reconstitution of Tea Board

- 345. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to reconstitute the Tea Board of India after a considerable gap of 19 months, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the proposed new Board will constitute members drawn from Parliamentarians, tea producers, traders, brokers, consumers and representatives of Government from the principal tea producing States and trade unions; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Easing of FDI rules for 15 sectors

346. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether Government has eased the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) rules for 15 sectors including retail, defence, civil aviation and media;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study regarding repercussions of easing the FDI rules in these sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Trade deficit

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is experiencing huge trade deficit year after year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Central Government to boost country's exports?

### Steps to check shrinking of exports

348. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether exports have fallen considerably in the first and second quarter of the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same; and
- (c) the measures Government has taken to check shrinking of exports during the current year?

### Number of heritage sites and monuments

- †349. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of heritage sites and monuments in the country;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any new scheme for preservation, maintenance and beautification of these heritage sites and monuments;
- (c) if so, the details of salient features and *modus operandi* of the said scheme; and
- (d) the State-wise details of amount alloted for above work during last year?

#### Return of awards

#### †350. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some artists, writers, etc. have returned their awards or expressed such an intention:
- (b) if so, the name-wise details of such individuals:
  - (c) the main reasons therefor; and
- (d) the further strategy of Government thereon?

### Tourism/eco-tourism circuit in Guntur in A.P.

- 351. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any proposal to develop Kotappakonda area in Guntur District in Andhra Pradesh as tourism/eco-tourism circuit centre with the facilities of ropeway, launching stations, aquarium, play ground for children, toy train, amphitheatre, sound and light show, zoo, viewpoint and also with the funding of Corporate Social Responsibility funds; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/spent for this purpose so far?

### Financial assistance for digitization of art objects

- 352. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of museums which are provided funds under the scheme financial assistance for digitization of museum collections for digitization of art objects in

the country and for making their images/catalogues available over the website; and

(b) the details of funds received and utilized by these museums for the said purpose?

#### Carbon pollution around Taj Mahal

- 353. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether, after a recent IIT Kanpur study revealing carbon pollution around the Taj Mahal turning its white marble yellow, the Taj Trapezium Zone Authority has ordered vehicles plying near Taj to convert to CNG before July 31, 2015;
- (b) if so, whether the vehicles plying near Taj have been converted to CNG by the stipulated date;
- (c) the factual position in the matter; and
- (d) whether the new order of Government will apply only to vehicles operating within the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) or for other vehicles *viz.* trucks and other heavy vehicles also?

# Conservation of mural paintings of Alnia, Rajasthan

- †354. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether many mural paintings almost ten thousand years old at Alnia in Rajasthan are on the verge of extinction due to negligence of Government;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) the steps being taken by Government

for the conservation of mural paintings of Alnia?

# Protection of ASI protected monuments in AP

- 355. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of Centrally protected monuments by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether all the monuments are pretected by police;
- (c) if not, how ASI is going to protect the monuments from encroachment;
- (d) whether any monuments are under the protection of private security guards; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for engaging private security guards?

### Places granted heritage status by UNESCO

- 356. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) which places in India have been granted heritage status by the UNESCO;
- (b) whether Government has asked for grant of the above status to other places, cities in the country, to boost tourism;
- (c) what are the basic requirement to be satisfied before asking for the above status;
- (d) what is the action plan of Government to attract foreign tourists in the country with added facilities; and
- (e) how far the above incentive has helped to attract more tourists in country?

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#### Sexual harassment in Asiatic Society Kolkata

- 357. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1784 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5 August, 2015 and to state:
- (a) whether the charge of sexual harassment have been probed by the internal complaints committee in the Asiatic Society Kolkata:
- (b) whether the report has been submitted to the concerned authorities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Return of awards by eminent writers

- 358. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent development in literature and cultural field where several eminent writers have returned their awards or quit the Sahitya Akademi following the Dadri beef-related killing of a human being and protesting against various incidents of rising intolerance in society; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

### Return of Sahitya Akademi Awards

- †359. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that dozens of Sahitya Akademi award winners have returned their awards during the last few days;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has taken any details from the Sahitya Akademi in this regard and action taken thereon?

#### **Incidents of terrorist infiltration**

- 360. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the incidents of terrorist infiltration has come down in recent times; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

# Increase in cases of rape in the country

### 361. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of rape have increased recently in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the last one year; and
- (c) the steps taken to curb the increasing incidents of rape in the country?

#### Increasing naxal activities in Odisha

- 362. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of increasing naxal activities in Odisha due to incursions from outside the State, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government plans to deploy additional battalions of Central

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Armed Police Forces (CAPF) at the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border to contain the growing spread of naxal activities, if so, the details thereof and timeline for the same and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to waive the CRPF deployment cost to combat Left Wing Extremism, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Development of automobile hub in Andhra Pradesh

363. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has been approached by State Government of Andhra Pradesh to develop an automobile hub in the State; and
- (b) if so, whether any potential site has been identified and if so, the details thereof?

### Increase in crimes against women

364. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in crimes against women in the past one year, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the State-wise data of FIRs registered and conviction secured in crimes against women during last five years?

#### Crimes against SCs/STs

- 365. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there has been increase in crimes against SC/ST in the past one year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the State-wise data of FIRs registered and conviction secured in crimes against SC/ST during last five years?

# Scheme to help convicted prisoners

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's several States have no scheme to help the convicted prisoners in criminal cases and their family members;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to issue guidelines to those States to make schemes to help them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Violation of ceasefire by Pakistan

- †367. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is firing incessantly by violating ceasefire;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step to prevent it; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### Proposal to increase validity of arms licences

368. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to increase the validity of arms licences to life time of the licensee, subject to periodic police verification is under active consideration of Government;
- (b) if so, whether this decision of Government is expected to limit the scope for corruption; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### ISIS spreading its network in India

- †369. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that foreign terrorist organisation, ISIS has succeeded in spreading its network in India;
- (b) if so, the strategy Government has made to tackle it; and
- (c) the details of activities of foreign terrorist organisation, ISIS which have come to light so far?

### Unhygienic conditions in the jails

- 370. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that unhygienic conditions prevail in the jails across the country which put lives of jail inmates into danger;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) whether Government has formulated

- any comprehensive plan to step up hygiene inside the jails; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Desecration of religious book in Punjab

- 371. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has received any report from the Punjab Government about the suspected foreign hand behind recent incidents of alleged desecration of the Guru Granth Sahib that sparked protests across the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken against such type of activities by foreign elements?

### Funds for modernisation of prisons

- 372. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise details of total funds granted/utilized during last three years and current year for modernisation of prisons and completion of various projects relating to jail and the States which have not fully utilized funds along with action taken in this regard;
- (b) whether Government has received proposals from various State Governments regarding enhancement of capacity of jails, improvement in housing facility, reformative services, extension of modernisation of prisons scheme, additional funds for modernisation of jails, etc.; and;

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(c) if so, the State-wise details of such proposals received along with action taken by Government during last three years and current year?

#### Crimes against women and children

- 373. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has recently released data indicating increase in crime against women and children in the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Delhi Government has recently submitted any report to the Supreme Court regarding crime against women and children in the NCT of Delhi;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the directives issued to the State Governments/police departments to curb such crimes and registration of all cases related to women and children in their respective States?

### National database on arms licences

- 374. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is examining a proposal to increase the validity of licences to life time of the license with periodic police verifications;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the automated National Data Base on Arms Licences (NDAL) is now available for 74% of licensed arms across the country and the licensees could be tracked away?

#### Poor infrastructure along China border

- 375. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that poor infrastructure and accessibility hinder proper policing along Indian border with China;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that lack of basic amenities and livelihood are forcing border residents to migrate to urban areas;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to improve infrastructure along the border and provide basic amenities to the residents of border areas?

# Criteria for award of research project by BPR&D

- 376. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) sponsors Research projects under Non-plan and Plan schemes, training programmes for prisons including the Institutes of Correctional Administration and Government of India fellowships for Doctoral work;
- (b) if so, what is the criteria adopted to award projects to individuals, Agencies, Marketing Companies, Institutes, Universities and NGOs;
- (c) whether these criteria have been violated to favour some of them by accepting their proposals before issue of advertisement and after the expiry of the valid dates for submission of proposals; and

(d) if so, the details of all such proposals with the financial implications?

# Corruption in research projects sponsored by BPR&D

- 377. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether research projects under Plan and Non-plan, training in prisons, Government of India fellowship for Doctoral work sponsored by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) since 2008 have elements of corruption, financial irregularities and financial loss to Government, if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether Ministry has received any written communications from BPR&D to initiate action against the defaulters;
- (c) whether Ministry is already in the knowledge of pending Audit paragraphs against BPR&D for financial irregularities, non settlement of Government funds released as advances; and
- (d) whether any further Audit of BPR&D has been conducted recently and if so, the issues pointed out by Audit?

### Declassifying secret files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

- 378. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has decided to declassify secret files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Azad Hind Fauz and to keep in National Archives of India;
- (b) if so, how soon and in what manner, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of files relating to Netaji Bose and Azad Hind Fauz which are classified and kept so far in Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry-wise details thereof?

### Scrutinizing requests for citizenship by States

- 379. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether with the surge in the number of Hindus from neighbouring countries applying for Indian citizenship, the Centre is mulling to empower select States to scrutinize the requests for grant of citizenship;
- (b) whether many States have large number of such requests pending after the citizenship rules were relaxed recently; and
- (c) whether such a step is intended to provide a natural home for persecuted Hindus, who have been proven vulnerable and the Centre had to revoke a notification empowering States of Gujarat and Rajasthan to grant citizenship because of misuse by some State officials?

# Unmanned Aerial Vehicle over IGI airport

- †380. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) was seen flying over Indira Gandhi International Airport recently;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether Government has conducted investigation in this regard;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of mechanism available with Government to check such UAVs?

#### Rehabilitation of Kashmiri pandits

- †381. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for rehabilitation of Kashmiri pandits had been launched in the year 2008;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of Kashmiri pandits rehabilitated under this scheme; and
- (d) the details of efforts being made by Government for complete rehabilitation of Kashmiri pandits and progress therein?

# Flags of IS and Pakistan waived in the country

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that flags of IS and Pakistan have been repeatedly waved by mischievous elements in the country;
- (b) the details of such incidents occurred during the last two years; and
- (c) the steps taken to stop recurrence of such incidents and the extent to which they have been effective?

### Strike by sanitation staff of MCD

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the sanitation staffs of the Municipal Corporations of Delhi (MCD) in National Capital have gone on strike recently which turned the Capital into garbage dump;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the reasons behind these strikes of the sanitation staff; and
- (d) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

# Madras High Court observation on child rapists

- 384. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in a recent judgement Madras High Court has observed that child rapists must be castrated which will fetch magical results in the society;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to amend the existing law to accommodate the observations of Madras High Court; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Social audit of policing in the country

- 385. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of complaints received against Delhi Police officials concerning non-registering of FIRs during the last three years along with action taken on each complaint;
- (b) whether Police themselves enquires complaints received against them;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) if so, whether there is any proposal to get inquired complaints of nonregistration of FIRs by an independent body and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Police discourage people who come for registering FIRs; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal to conduct social audit of policing in the country to improve its functioning in a transparent manner?

# Rise in crimes against women in the capital city

- 386. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that crime against women has been risen in the capital city in the recent period and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) the steps taken to post more and more women as head of police stations as women victims will find police stations headed by women officers as friendly to visit any-time and report crimes against them; and
- (c) the total number of gang rape incidents reported in Delhi during the last two years and how many such cases are still lying unsolved along with reasons therefor?

#### **Updation of NPR**

- 387. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the status of the updation of National Population Register (NPR), for which Government has fixed March, 2016 as deadline, across the country; and

(b) the details of amount earmarked for this updation and amount spent for this so far?

### IPS officers facing prosecution

- 388. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many police officers of IPS cadre face prosecution in various cases in the country during the last three years;
- (b) how many of them face criminal charges;
- (c) how many of them face corruption charges; and
- (d) how many officers were let off these charges by (i) government (ii) courts during these years?

#### Attacks made on religious places

- 389. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise details of attacks made on different religious places during last three years; and
- (b) the State-wise details of FIRs filed against accused persons and present status of such cases?

### NGOs getting foreign aid

- 390. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many NGOs were getting foreign aid between 1st January, 2011 to 31st December, 2014; and

(b) the details of these NGOs and amount of aid they are availing with details of the funding organisation?

# Problems of some residents of Goa regarding their citizenship

- 391. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 236 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25 February 2015 and to state:
- (a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee has given its report;
- (b) whether Government has taken any decision in the matter;
- (c) the number of Indian citizens who have applied for registration of birth under Portuguese law and the number who have applied for Portuguese citizenship; and
- (d) the number of persons whose Indian citizenship has been cancelled or the number of Indian citizens who have ceased to be Indian citizen in the last five years?

## Policy for security clearance to private TV channels

- 392. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has made certain changes in the policy to give security clearance and granting licences to private TV channels:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that TV channel promotors, bidders of the company are not involved in any cases that had implications on national security?

### Foreign links in Khagragarh, West Bengal blasts

- 393. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any foreign links have been traced in the Khagragarh, West Bengal blasts:
- (b) if so, which foreign organisations are associated with the blast;
- (c) whether any foreign national has been arrested in connection with the blast;and
- (d) whether the foreign terrorist organisation had any political links in India?

#### Maritime and coastal security

- 394. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has made any efforts for better and effective coordination between the various State Governments and Central Ministries and agencies on the issue of maritime and coastal security;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for early implementation of various proposals pertaining to coastal security that are pending before it?

#### Strengthening FSLs in the country

- 395. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian criminal justice system's use of forensics suffers from both on inadequacy of facilities and a lack of capability in the police forces in gathering forensic evidence;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and measures proposed to be taken to tackle these problems:
- (c) whether it is a fact that most of the forensic labs in the country are over burdened and understaffed affecting their efficiency; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to make the existing forensic science labs efficient and to open more FSLs in the country?

### Cases of online cheating

- †396. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise details of internet users fallen victims of online cheating during each of last three years, till date;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to protect people from online cheating;
- (c) the State-wise number of cases of online cheating registered during the said period and the amount of money involved therein;
- (d) the State-wise details of number of cases resolved/not resolved by the police during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to solve the unresolved cases?

#### Recommendations of Jeevan Reddy Committee

- 397. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has officially taken a decision on the implementation of the recommendations of the Jeevan Reddy

Committee Report on AFSPA, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Ministry has figures regarding the number of applications received for the repeal of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Expenses incurred on death row convicts

398. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has data regarding the average expenses incurred on death row convicts who have been hanged in the past 10 years (2006—2015);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government intends to implement the recommendations given by the Law Commission on the abolition of death penalty in all cases except terrorism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# CISF Jawans involved in vandalising of Karipur airport

399. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the action taken against CISF Jawans involved in vandalising of Karipur airport, Kerala in the month of June, 2015?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Security arrangement in wake of terrorist attacks in Paris

- 400. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has increased security arrangements in the country in the wake of terrorist attack in Paris; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

# Enrollment of women officers in police force

- 401. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of women police officers are far outnumbered than male police officers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to increase the enrollment of women officers in the police force; and
- (d) the State-wise details of women police officers recruited in last three years?

# Security clearance and licences to private TV channels

- 402. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has made any amendments for issuing security clearance and licences to private TV channels in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, the TV channels/FM channels given clearance so far?

#### Collection of Construction Workers' Welfare Cess

- 403. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of funds collected under the Collection of Construction Workers' Welfare Cess in the country so far in the last five years;
- (b) the State-wise details of funds spent so far in the last five years; and
- (c) the district-wise number of houses that have been constructed and handed over to the workers in last five years?

#### Workers covered by ESIC

- 404. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the present coverage of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC);
- (b) whether it is a fact that unorganized workers, on-site workers and workers hired through agencies are not covered by this insurance scheme;
- (c) if so, the number of such workers who are not covered by ESIC; and
- (d) whether Government plans to extend the coverage of ESIC to these workers and if so, the details thereof?

#### Amendments in ESI Act, 1948

- 405. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to bring in amendments in the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government will engage all stake holders and gain their confidence before bringing in amendments; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# **Enhancement of insurance benefit to dependents of EPF members**

406. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Board of Trustees of Employees' Provident Fund Organization has decided to enhance the insurance benefit payable to dependents of the members of the Employees' Provident Fund from the present ₹ 3.60 lakh to ₹ 6.0 lakh;
- (b) whether the said move under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976, will benefit four crore EPF contributing members;
- (c) whether Government has also decided to remove the condition of continuous employment of one year under the current employer for eligibility to the insurance scheme; and
- (d) whether even a day's employment was enough to be eligible for the insurance scheme?

### **Enhancement of bonus**

- 407. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to raise the eligibility limit of wage to ₹21000 a month as against ₹10000 or below at present under the Payment of Bonus Act;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has also decided to enhance the amount of bonus to be paid from the existing ₹3500 to ₹7000;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the above proposals are already prepared and likely to be introduced soon; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Disparity in wages of plantation workers

408. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge wage disparity among the plantation workers;
- (b) if so, whether plantation workers in different parts of the country went on strike on the issue of disparity in wages;
- (c) whether the Centre and the concerned State Governments do not address the problems of the sector;
- (d) whether the State Governments have referred the case to the Ministry for settlement: and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to remove the disparity in wages of plantation workers?

### Bharat Bandh by central trade unions

- 409. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether almost all the central trade unions recently called for the Bharat Bandh in support of a 12 point charter demanding higher wages, social security, an end to privatization of public sector companies among other things;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the quantum of loss occurred to the market and Government exchequer as a result thereof;
- (d) whether Government has considered the charter of demands of trade unions; and
- (e) if so, the details of decisions taken thereon and further steps being taken in this regard?

# Increase in number of working boys vis-a-vis girls

- 410. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in urban areas the number of working girls rose by 240 per cent during 2001—2011 census;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that during the same period the number of working boys in urban areas rose by 154 per cent; and
- (c) if so, the response of Government thereon?

#### Labour reforms

- 411. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on bringing labour reforms in the country; if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the trade unions have made any suggestion in regard to proposed labour reforms; if so, the details thereof?

# Improving facilities for ESIC beneficiaries

- 412. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has decided to adopt suggestions on improving facilities;
- (b) whether ESIC is also considering to increase the coverage aspects of ESI scheme, so that more and more workers of the country get the social security benefits including medical care;
- (c) whether ESIC will bear the expenses on super speciality treatment of ESIC beneficiaries over and above the expenditure by State Governments; and
- (d) whether the decision related to preexisting diseases not to be considered for super speciality treatment will only be with prospective effect and not with retrospective effect?

### EPFO's plan to invest in SBI Mutual Fund

- 413. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) plans to invest a corpus of ₹ 5,000 crore initially through SBI Mutual Fund;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that EPFO manages a corpus of ₹ 6.5 lakh crore of pension fund of five crore subscribers; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO is also considering to enter into stock exchange equities with the corpus available with it; and if so, the details thereof?

### Implementation of labour laws in SEZs

- 414. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce Special Economic Zones (SEZs) throughout the country for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by suspending the existing labour laws;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware of labour laws not being implemented in SEZs particularly in IT sector;
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government for the implementation of labour laws in various SEZs in the country including the IT sector; and
- (e) the details of IT Parks and other industries declared as SEZs in the country where labour laws are not applicable?

### Welfare of women domestic workers

- 415. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has data on the domestic and unorganized labour population in the country particularly the women domestic servants;
  - (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the various welfare measures initiated by Government to benefit domestic labour population in the country particularly the women domestic servants;
- (d) the State-wise total amount allocated, disbursed and spent in the last five years for the benefit of women domestic servants: and

(e) the State-wise total number of domestic servants from the unorganized sector who got benefited in the last five years?

### Job cut by companies

- 416. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some of the companies have cut jobs and retrenched in-service employees;
- (b) if so, the total loss of jobs thereby; and
- (c) the steps proposed to generate more jobs for the unemployed youth?

#### PF settlements

- 417. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that if employee's account is attached with Aadhaar details, PF settlements will be done in four hours or maximum within a day;
- (b) whether from March, 2016, PF settlements will be done in a day;
- (c) whether Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has brought out a lot of changes like filling of monthly returns, getting PF code and making remittance easier and faster through online service; and
- (d) whether as of now the PF settlements are done in paper form, but in a few months time this will be a thing of past?

#### EPFO proposal to invest in equities

- 418. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has backed the idea of the Employees' Provident Fund investing up to 15 per cent of its assets in equities to stabilize the stock market and lower volatility;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), to begin with, would put in only 5 per cent of its incremental flows or about ₹ 400 crore per month; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Survey to ascertain number of beedi workers

- 419. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government undertook any survey recently to ascertain the number of workers engaged in Beedi Industry, which was 44.11 lakhs in 2000-01, across the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Child labourers in the country

- 420. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise number of child labourers in the country;
  - (b) the details of the effective steps

- taken by Government for eradication of child labour in the country;
- (c) whether Government has formulated child labour project in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the State-wise number of child labourers benefited by these projects along with the details thereof?

#### **Small Factories Bill**

- †421. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to reintroduce Small Factories Bill very soon;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of districts in Bihar for which a scheme to set up small factories has been made?

# Contributions to District Mineral Foundation (DMF)

- 422. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) the percentage of contribution that a miner is required to make to the District Mineral Foundation currently in the country;
- (b) whether the percentage of contribution is different for different States, if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise and year-wise amount of money collected by District Mineral Foundation since January, 2010 till present across the country;
- (d) who can be members of DMF Board of Trustees and Executive Committee; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the mandatory provision of having representatives from local communities affected by the mines to be part of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee?

# Slurry pipeline to carry iron ore from Bailadila to Vizag

- 423. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the first phase of the 400 km slurry pipeline to carry iron ore from its Bailadila mines to Vizag will be completed by 2018;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the slurry pipeline, which will be built at a cost of about ₹9,000 crore will be used to transport iron ore fines from NMDCs Bailadila mine in Chhattisgarh to Vizag in Andhra Pradesh where RINL has its steel making facility; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

## Handing over explored block of auctioned mines to States

- 424. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has completed the process of auction for mines and handed over to the States a list of 58 explored blocks to 12 producing States;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has spent ₹ 350 crore on detailed exploration of 155 blocks;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has

identified 560 million tonnes of mineral resources in these mines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Taxes levied on petroleum products

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that various taxes levied by Central and State Governments for petrol are higher than their actual cost;
- (b) the basic price of petroleum products and the amount spent for making them usable and the State-wise price of petrol after levying different State and Central Taxes on it;
- (c) the amount of Dealer Commission per litre on petrol and diesel respectively;and
- (d) whether Government is considering upon any draft for reducing taxes on petrol and diesel?

# Investment by PSU's under NELP

- 426. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the majority of investment received under NELP has been by PSUs or private companies;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to attract greater investments from PSUs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) reasons for decrease in participation in round VIII and IX of the NELP, the number of foreign companies that have participated in the last 3 rounds and the reasons for the drop in participation in the last round; and
- (d) corrective action taken by Government to boost participation in round X, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### Pricing of petroleum products

- †427. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of price of crude oil in international market which is being imported by various oil companies during the last year and current year;
- (b) the product-wise details of price of petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG during the aforesaid period; and
- (c) the details of the amount of subsidy given by Government and the tax levied on these items during the aforesaid period?

### Savings under PAHAL

- 428. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the study of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, Government has saved only ₹ 143 crores against its claim of ₹ 12,700 crores under PAHAL, scheme for 2014-15; and
- (b) if so, why is there such a glaring difference between the two figures?

#### Investment in research for unconventional fuel resources

- 429. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any plans to invest in research for alternative to conventional fuel resources;
- (b) if so, the details of quantum of amount invested for the last three years and result thereof; and
- (c) why does diesel fuel cost the same as gasoline, if it is refined less?

## On-going projects for exploration of shale oil and gas

- 430. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of on-going projects for the exploration of shale oil and gas, and the number of such projects completed since 2005:
- (b) the funds allocated and disbursed for these projects;
- (c) the results of these exploration projects; and
- (d) the details of guidelines set in place to evaluate the environmental impact of such explorations?

# Extension of CNG/PNG to southern States

- 431. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether Government is extending

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

the CNG/PNG to other southern States of the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by when all the States of the country could be covered by CNG/PNG?

### Price fluctuation in international crude oil

- 432. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is price fluctuation in the international market of crude and other petroleum products if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government/oil companies save huge money when the prices drop in the international market, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the company-wise and year-wise savings of oil PSUs due to this drop during the last two years and current year?

### Production of 5 kg cylinders

- †433. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of number of 5 kg cylinders produced so far;
- (b) whether its distribution has started in Delhi; and
- (c) the names of areas in Delhi where PNG gasline has not reached and by when it will reach there?

### Use of oil pipeline by private companies on rental basis

- 434. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether private companies have requested Ministry to allow them to use the existing oil pipeline network in the country to transport their oil on rental basis;
  - (b) if so, the details of this proposal;
- (c) whether it is a fact that such a sharing of pipelines will enhance revenues of all Oil PSUs; and
- (d) what steps will be taken to ensure that the entire PSU pipeline infrastructure is fully utilized?

# Steering Committee to indigenise oil and gas exploration

- 435. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry has constituted a Steering Committee as part of Government's 'Make-in-India' initiative to recommend ways to indigenise the complex oil and gas exploration work undertaken by upstream companies;
- (b) whether the Committee will suggest changes in the public procurement norms to mandate aggregation of requirement and local content as procurement criteria, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has also prepared a blue print for setting up dedicated manufacturing zones/clusters catering to oilfield services; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Theft/pilfering of petroleum products from oil tankers in Delhi

- 436. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that theft/pilfering of petroleum products has been reported from tankers leaving Shakur Basti Oil Depot, Delhi as reported in the media reports;
  - (b) if so, the facts reported therein;
- (c) whether any arrests have been carried out in such cases, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by Government to stop theft/pilfering of petroleum products?

### **Expansion of CNG network**

- †437. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry is working on the scheme of expanding CNG distribution centres to control the increasing air pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, the States where setting up of CNG distribution centre has been proposed on priority basis;
- (c) whether Ministry proposes to lay CNG pipelines in Haldwani and Ramnagar at Nainital, Udhamsingh Nagar, Haridwar and Dehradun of Uttarakhand on priority basis; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Marketing margin by private sector natural gas marketers

- 438. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of marketing margin charged by private sector natural gas marketers as this matter is directly linked with Government subsidy outgo for LPG and urea sectors;
- (b) the specific time-limit by when Government is going to decide marketing margin of private sector natural gas marketers; and
- (c) by when the Ministry is going to communicate with the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in this regard?

### Import of crude oil from Saudi Arabia

- †439. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the import of crude oil from Saudi Arabia during the last three years as on date;
- (b) the details of the foreign exchange spent on the import of crude oil during the above period; and
- (c) whether Government has any scheme to save this foreign currency which is being spent on the import of crude oil from foreign countries?

# Allotment of petrol pumps in Rajasthan

†440. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the petrol pumps

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allotted by various companies under various schemes in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan;

- (b) the names of the districts where petrol pumps are being run by oil companies themselves particularly in Rajasthan and the locations thereof; and
- (c) the names of the districts in backward and tribal areas of the country particularly in Rajasthan where petrol pumps have not been allotted at all?

## Identification of rich households for taking out of LPG subsidy

- 441. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is looking at taking rich households out of LPG subsidy to provide clean kitchen fuel to more poor families;
- (b) whether Government has fixed any income limit to identify these rich households with LPG subsidy; and
- (c) if so, what will be the approximate number of rich households having LPG subsidy in the country, the details thereof?

### Allotment of dealership to physically challenged persons

- 442. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have a scheme for allotment of dealership to the physically challenged persons;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the State-wise details of Retail Outlets allotted to physically challenged persons in last three years by OMCs?

### Increase in prices of petrol/diesel and LPG

- 443. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have increased the price of petrol, diesel and LPG since 1st September to 15th November, 2015;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) the reasons for the increase?

## Imposition of safeguard duty on import of steel

- 444. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to stop the import of steel from foreign countries by imposing safeguard duty on all imports of steel into the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) what are the other incentives and concessions being given to steel traders to protect the domestic steel industry?

#### Shutting up of sponge iron plants

- 445. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether certain sponge iron plants have been shut down in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the plant-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for revival of the said plants; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Crime against tourists at tourist centres

### 446. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of increasing cases of crime against tourists at tourist centres;
- (b) whether Government has under its consideration a mechanism to prevent crimes against tourists; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Funds for tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh

- 447. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any plan to fund the tourism projects of Papikondalu, Araku, Kolleru, Pulicat lake, Gandikota in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Volume of tourists**

- 448. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the volume of tourists from India going to Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka every year since 2000; and
- (b) the volume of tourists coming from the above countries into India every year since 2000?

#### Promotion of tourism in North Eastern States

- 449. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that tourism has been universally recognized as an engine for growth having economic, social and cultural and value:
- (b) whether Government is aware that tourism plays a huge role in sustaining the economy;
- (c) whether Government is also aware that Assam and North-East have a stunning diversity in terms of tourism and it provides employment aspects also;
- (d) if so, whether Centre will take this into consideration while promoting further tourism in the North-Eastern States; and
- (e) if so, to what extent and the details thereof?

### Growth in Indian tourism industry

- †450. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that tourism industry has witnessed decline in comparison to last few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the quantum of growth in the Indian tourism industry during last three years and the revenue collected through it; and
- (d) the names of attractive tourist places in India for the foreigners?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Implementing STCI**

- 451. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is implementing any comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI); and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that the tourism industry follows the criteria?

#### Foreign tourists

- †452. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of tourists who visited India after new Government came into power during last one and half year;
- (b) the number of incidents of misbehaviour that have taken place with foreign tourists; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government for their safety?

### Coastline tourism

- 453. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any projects have been proposed for developing coastline tourism in the country, by developing infrastructure for hotels, resorts, yoga centres and spa, etc.:
  - (b) if, so, the details thereof;
- (c) the potential of creating additional employment for local people; and
- (d) the details of estimated expenditure for such schemes, areas to be covered and mode of funding?

### Advisory not to visit cities in India due to pollution

- †454. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a few developed countries have instructed their citizens to avoid visiting some cities in India due to air pollution therein;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the income from tourism has been affected during current year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

## Funds released to States for tourism projects

- 455. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the funds released to State Governments by Centre for development of tourism projects during the last two years:
- (b) whether funds released to State Governments for development of tourism projects are not being fully utilized; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

# Adding new tourist places on tourist map

- †456. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry has received proposals/requests from States to add new tourist places of the States on tourist map of India:

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- (b) if so, the details of proposals/requests received;
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry is ready to contemplate such proposals from States in future; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Establishing of Expo-cum-Convention Centre in Goa

- 457. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the progress made as regards establishing Expo-cum-Convention Centre in Goa:
- (b) whether the architectural plan of the project has been drawn;
- (c) what are the facilities contemplated under the plan;
- (d) the total amount expected to be incurred;
- (e) whether details regarding sharing of expenditure between the Central Government/State Government/Private companies have been worked out;
- (f) in whom the ownership of the land will rest upon commissioning of the project;
- (g) the total cost of the land and estimated cost of the project?

### Tourism projects in States/UTs

- 458. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the State/Union Territory-wise including Haryana details of the tourism projects sanctioned by Government during the last five years;

- (b) the State-wise details of the projects which are running behind schedule along with the steps taken by Government for timely completion of various tourism projects in the country; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on such tourism projects during the last five years?

#### Attracting more foreign tourists

- †459. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the places identified and developed by Government during last two years for boosting tourism in various States of the country including Rajasthan and the schemes that have been chalked out; and
- (b) whether Government has formulated any scheme to attract more foreign tourists to our country in future, if so, the Statewise details of the amount allocated to materialise these changes?

# Innovative means for promotion of tourism in West Bengal

- 460. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of policies and programmes which are being implemented in order to attract large number of tourists in famous tourist attractions in the State of West Bengal such as Kolkata, Gangasagar, Darjeeling, Howrah, etc.;
- (b) whether the Ministry is undertaking any Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects for promotion of tourism in West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) the total number of tourists along with foreign exchange received in last three years in West Bengal?

### Setting up of religion based tourism circuits

### 461. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: DR. CHANDAN MITRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has established religion based tourism circuits in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the State-wise infrastructure/tourism facilities set up in those religion based tourism circuits and the budgetary allocation made therefor?

### Superstitions among tribal population

#### 462. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TRIBALAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the tribal population in the country is still reeling under various kind of superstitions;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make the tribal population aware and make them educated; and
- (c) the assistance given to each State for upliftment of tribal people in the country?

### Increasing grants-in-aid for welfare of tribals

463. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to increase its grants-in-aid under the Ministry for welfare of the tribal people of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Problems faced by tribals

- 464. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any attention has been drawn by Govenment towards the problems being faced by population of tribals of the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the incentives given to tribal people of the country?

# Implementation of recommendation of Prof. Virginius Xaxa Committee

- 465. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the recommendations made by the High Level Committee under Prof. Virginius XAXA, if not, the reasons therefor:
- (b) whether Government is planning to take steps to implement recommendations made by the Committee;
- (c) if so, the details for the recommendations made under the heads of Legal and Administrative Framework, Livelihood and Employment, Health, Involuntary Displacement and Migration and Legal and Constitutional Issues in the report; and

(d) if not, state the objections to the recommendations and reasons for non-implementation of recommendations?

# where the game has been popular over the years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Measures to improve income of tribals

- 466. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise and tribe-wise details of total population of tribals in the country;
- (b) the State-wise and tribe-wise details of tribals living below the poverty line in the country;
- (c) the State-wise and scheme-wise amount allocated and utilized under various schemes for the welfare of the tribals in the country; and
- (d) the measures which are being taken for improving the incomes of the tribal population living below the poverty line along with details of participation of States in these measures?

# Promotion of Badminton as major national sports

- 467. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government would consider promoting Badminton as a major national sports since India has made a good mark in the game internationally;
- (b) whether Government plans to tap the Badminton potential in small towns particularly places like Guntakal and Guntur

#### NYKs in West Bengal

- 468. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) sanctioned, under construction and actually operating in West Bengal;
- (b) whether all of them do not have infrastructure/manpower etc. as per the norms laid down:
  - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the location-wise status of NYKs in West Bengal?

# Spending night on pavement by participants of APDG

- †469. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that the members of Indian team participating in Asia Pacific Deaf Games (APDG) in October, 2015 had to spent night on pavement while waiting for visa in Taoyuam in Taipei;
- (b) if so, whether this incident has been investigated;
- (c) if so, the names of the officials found responsible therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to avoid occurrence of such an incident with sportspersons in future?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Fostering Public-Private Partnership in sports

- 470. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has prepared any policy fostering Public-Private Partnership in the field of sports and in the preparation of sports infrastructure in the country;
- (b) what has been done by Government to attract the rural youths and providing them adequate sports facilities for training and sustenance; and
- (c) whether Government have explored the possibilities of sponsoring of players and sports grounds, etc., by the PSUs and private business houses particularly in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

### Special initiatives to promote sports in tribal areas

- 471. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken special initiatives to promote sports activities in the tribal and rural areas of the country based on their indigenous talents;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities of corporates and PSUs for promotion of sports and fitness programmes in the tribal dominated areas in the last three years?

## Criterion for funds for organising national level sports events

472. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) how much is the limit of amount given to the organising sports body for organising All India sports events and criteria thereof:
- (b) how much funds have been released to different sports bodies during the last three years to organise national level sports events in the country; and
- (c) if so, the sports event-wise and State-wise details thereof?

# Law to make spot fixing and match fixing criminal offences

- 473. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no law in India which criminalizes match fixing and spot fixing in sports;
- (b) if so, which other laws and provisions are used to prosecute persons accused of match fixing and spot fixing;
- (c) whether Government intends to make a law to make spot fixing and match fixing criminal offences?

# Sportspersons and teams qualified for Rio Olympics, 2016

- 474. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many sportspersons and teams have qualified for Rio Olympics, 2016 the details thereof along with the names and the sport qualified for;
- (b) the details of the funds, if any, allotted for the purpose of Olympics, 2016, if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to improve performance of sportspersons and to increase the number, of medals won, if none, the reasons therefor?

#### Revival of traditional games

- 475. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that many of our ancient rural games, which are able to strengthen mental and physical fitness, have been losing charm and are on the verge of disappearance;
- (b) if so, the number of such games identified, if any, by Government in consultation with State Governments or otherwise for revival;
- (c) whether Government would take immediate corrective steps for their revival, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government would contemplate introducing them in the school curriculum to save and popularise them in younger generation, if so, the action plan in this regard?

# Centre at Hazaribagh to train sportspersons from tribal areas

- 476. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has set up a centre in Hazaribagh to train sportsmen from tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the total expenditure on its construction as well as annual recurring expenditure on its infrastructure upkeep;

- (c) the reasons for which security clearance for the Centre had not been obtained from the State; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to make it operational at the earliest?

### Financial crunch faced by sportspersons participating in Luge Winter Games

- 477. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that sportspersons participating in Luge Winter Games are faced with financial crunch from Government:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to overcome the financial crunch; and
- (d) the year-wise details of the funds demanded by the sportspersons and expenditure of Government on Luge Winter Games during the last three years?

# Expenditure on officials vis-a-vis sportspersons in international sporting events

- 478. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that there is an excess of expenditure being incurred on officials and their families than sportspersons who participate in international sporting events;
- (b) if so, the event-wise details of expenditure incurred on officials and their guests including their families *vis-a-vis*

sportspersons during the international sporting events in the last five years;

- (c) whether there is a specific policy to regulate number of officials being a part of the contingent participating in an international sporting event from the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# BCCI like institutions for hockey and football

- †479. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any other institution like the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for hockey and football also;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) if not, whether Government has

made any specific plan to encourage hockey and football; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

# Fixing age for identifying talented sportspersons

480. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale behind Government fixing the age for identifying talent from only 8-12 years as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry on 20th February, 2015;
- (b) whether the guidelines were framed after due consultation with all the stakeholders in the process;
- (c) whether Government has any existing programme which concentrates on identifying sports talent from the age of 12-18 years; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

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