RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016/Sravana 12, 1938 (Saka)

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 160

India lagging behind in Business Optimism Index

†1822. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY of be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has lagged behind other countries on Business Optimism Index in the last quarter (April-June, 2016), if so, the sectors where it has lagged behind other countries on the said index, the details thereof; and
- (b) the reasons for which India has lagged on Business Optimism Index, the remedial action taken by Government, the details thereof?

Institutional mechanism for export facilitation

1823. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to boost farm exports, Government is

considering creating an institutional mechanism to address all Inter-Ministerial issues related to market access and export facilitation for agri-products;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is trying to get new markets for the export of various commodities like mangoes and grapes;
- (d) whether these proposals are pending for want of appropriate documents prescribed by the importing nation; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Fall in trade deficit

1824. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that trade gap of the nation has recently hit five year low;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind this development; and
 - (c) what remedial measures

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Government has taken/proposes to take in this regard?

Decline in exports

1825. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV

SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that exports have declined during the last two years, the reasons therefor:
- (b) the month-wise and sector-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to boost exports and to increase foreign exchange?

Import of pulses and edible oil

†1826. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

- (a) the details of import of pulses and oil (edible oil) in the last three years and quantity of pulses planned to be imported from the African countries in the next two years:
- (b) the amount paid for import of oil and pulses during the said period;
- (c) whether there is any plan towards reduction of import of pulses and oil; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Export of spices

- †1827. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount of foreign currency being earned by Government through export of cloves, small and long cardamom and black pepper;
- (b) the details of foreign currency earned in the financial years 2010-11 to 2015-2016:
- (c) whether the Ministry will consider sending a team of agricultural experts to the hilly areas of the country to explore the potential of farming of cloves, cardamom and black pepper in order to increase their production; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of import of fruits

- 1828. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of import of fruits including apple by some foreign countries in India, thus affecting domestic fruit growers adversely;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of those countries from which fruits are being imported;
- (c) whether Government has received requests from various quarters including public representatives for increasing import duty on fruits expecially on apple;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto; and

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(e) the other corrective measures taken/ being taken by Government to protect domestic fruits growers in the country?

Achievements under 'Make in India' programme

- 1829. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the year since 'Make in India' programme has been launched;
 - (b) what gains have been made so far;
- (c) the details of amount spent/to be spent on the scheme; and
- (d) the employment generated from the scheme so far?

Price stabilisation of rubber

- 1830. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount disbursed to the rubber farmers as part of price stabilization effort by Government during the last two years, State-wise:
- (b) whether any special package has been given to Kerala in the current year and the amount disbursed till date;
- (c) whether the Central Government has received any request from Kerala Government regarding the price stabilization of rubber; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by Government?

Foreign investment in pharma sector

†1831. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total foreign investment made in pharmaceutical sector during previous year;
- (b) the sector wherein India is ahead of China in terms of exports; and
- (c) the total foreign investment attracted by India during the last two years?

Violation of DPE guidelines on Cafeteria based perks and allowances

- 1832. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Department of Public Enterprises is aware that State Trading Corporation (STC) has violated DPE guidelines regarding Cafeteria based perks and allowances:
- (b) if so, what action has been taken against STC officials who have violated DPE guidelines regarding Cafeteria based perks and allowances;
- (c) the details of total loss to the exchequer of the country by taking of perks and allowances by top officials of STC beyond the prescribed limit; and
- (d) whether STC top management has discontinued some perks and allowances beyond 50 per cent during this year, if so, the details of these allowances?

Impact of Tier-2 Visa rule by U.K.

- 1833. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) how the Ministry looks at the new British rule that professionals living and working in Britain on a Tier-2 Visa and earning less than 35,000 pounds annually could be deported after five years;

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- (b) whether it is not a violation of WTO rules;
- (c) how many Indians are likely to be hit due to the above rule;
- (d) how the Ministry is planning to discuss and resolve the issue through diplomatic and political channels; and
- (e) if U.K. refused to budge, will the Ministry knock at the doors of WTO as has been done in the case of U.S.?

Oil-for-drugs proposal with Venezuela

1834. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has put-forth oil-for-drugs proposal before Venezuela as it is struggling to pay money to our pharma companies;
 - (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) whether Venezuela is willing to accept this agreement?

Reconstitution of Coffee Board

1835. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has reconstituted the Coffee Board and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether Government is in violation of Rule 8 of the Coffee Rules, 1955 in reconstituting the Board before the completion of the previous term for members, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Startups that applied for recognition

1836. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of startups that have applied for recognition so far under the 'Startup India' programme; and
- (b) the number of startups recognized by Government so far and the funds disbursed thereon, State-wise?

Dumping of solar panels and modules

1837. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that US, China and other countries are dumping solar panels and solar modules into the country and thereby impacting the domestic manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details of such dumping in the last three years and current year, yearwise and country-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has so far not imposed antidumping duty on such countries; and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Steps to stop export of fake goods

1838. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the study of OECD and EU, India is the fifth biggest exporter of fake goods in the world;
- (b) how the Ministry looks at this Report;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that postal parcels are the top method of shipping fake goods;
- (d) what steps the Ministry is proposing to stop export of fake goods from India; and
- (e) to what extent the reputation of the country would be at stake with surge in export of fake goods?

Interest Subvention Scheme to boost exports

1839. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided on some Interest Subvention Scheme in some select sectors of the economy to boost exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the measures taken by Government to enhance exports?

New IPR Policy

- 1840. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has announced the new Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy recently, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that though the Policy has been termed as comprehensive but it lacks specifics;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to make the Policy comprehensive by considering all the matters into account?

Ban on FDI in tobacco

- 1841. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Crusade Against Tobacco (CAT) has requested Government to impose a complete ban on FDI in tobacco, a pre-requisite to provide a levelling ground for tobacco control policies; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to ban the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Targeting markets for agri exports

- 1842. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that at present India is targeting markets in Australia, South Africa and South Korea for mangoes;
- (b) whether Government is also looking at the US, Japan and Vietnam for grapes, while China for rice, fruits and vegetables;
- (c) whether the country's agri exports fell to ₹ 95,744 crores during April-February of 2015-16 fiscal from ₹ 1,20,316 crores in the previous fiscal year; and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Institutional mechanism for seeking market access

- 1843. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the process of seeking market access in other countries is a very long drawn out process;
- (b) whether getting market access is the first crucial step towards promoting exports;

- (c) whether an institutional mechanism is necessary for such purposes and we do not have a coherent mechanism to respond to notices of the importing countries; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Balance of trade with countries

- 1844. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of countries with whom our exports are higher than imports to maintain positive trade balance in last three years; and
- (b) the names of countries with whom our exports are lower than imports and having negative trade balance during last three years?

Monuments and heritage sites in Kerala

- 1845. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to include certain monuments/heritage sites in the list of monuments of national importance/protected monuments; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, monumentwise and heritage site-wise in Kerala as well as other States?

Scholarship to artists in traditional arts

†1846. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to grant scholarship to artists in the field of traditional exhibition art, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether some norms have been fixed by Government to provide financial assistance under this scheme, if so, the details of those norms; and
- (c) the details of scholarship amount being provided, art-wise and State-wise?

Digitization of books in National Library, Kolkata

- 1847. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) how many rare books in the National Library, Kolkata have been digitized so far out of total collection and opened for public reading, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a Blind Chamber measuring 1000 square feet without any entry or trapdoors was found by conservation engineers of Archaeological Survey of India in 2010 on the gound floor of National Library, Kolkata;
- (c) if so, the articles recovered from the said Blind Chamber so far, the details thereof: and
- (d) if no, attempt to open the Blind Chamber was made, the reasons therefor?

First ever festival of India in Australia

- 1848. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India's art and culture will be on display during the first ever Festival of India to be held across Australia; and

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

Survey for Cultural mapping

- †1849. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) by when survey for Cultural mapping would be completed and the expected cost to be incurred on this scheme:
- (b) whether local art would be promoted after this survey; and
- (c) the amount that Government has spent to promote art?

Funds to Goa for repair of churches, temples and mosques

- 1850. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any scheme to give financial assistance to carry out repairs of churches, temples, mosques and gurudwaras;
- (b) if so, whether any financial assistance is given to the State of Goa;
- (c) names of the scheme under which these repairs are carried out; and
- (d) the names of the churches, temples, mosques and gurudwaras in Goa where such repairs have been carried out in the last three years and amount spent/allotted and the present status thereof?

Sexual harassment in Asiatic Society

1851. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken against the accused in the sexual harassment of a minority lady in Asiatic Society, Kolkata;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Restoring Humayun's tomb in Delhi

- 1852. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Agha Khan trust had helped in restoring the Humayun's tomb in Delhi;
- (b) whether the recent reports indicate that substandard material was used in restoring the monument; and
- (c) whether an inquiry has been ordered, if so, what is the status of the inquiry?

Survey of libraries under NML

- 1853. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry has concluded its survey of libraries under the National Mission on Libraries (NML);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the State-wise list of libraries identified under NML to be developed into Model Libraries?

Scheme for grading artists

- 1854. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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is going to initiate a scheme for grading artists:

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the rationale behind this idea?

Return of 200 antiquities from US

- 1855. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the US authorities have returned a consignment of 200 antiquities to the Prime Minister of India, during his visit to US recently;
- (b) if so, the details of antiquities and their values in international market;
- (c) whether 1000 year old Ganesh idol made of bronze is also included in the consignment of 200 antiquities; and
- (d) if so, the details of the place, States and period of these rare antiquities collected from US Government?

Relic caskets of Lalitgiri

1856. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state whether the relic caskets found from the main stupa of Lalitgiri in the year 1985-87 will be displayed for tourists?

Renovation and maintenance of heritage sites/forts

- 1857. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether heritage sites/forts in the country are being given to States and private agencies for their renovation and maintenance:

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is monitoring the renovation and maintenance by the States and private companies; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of surplus land of PSUs

1858. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to sell surplus land of the PSUs for urban redevelopment;
- (b) if so, the proposal details therein and the plan on the closed PSUs under the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) notices therein; and
- (c) the auction and/or disinvestment process plan report of any committee therefor?

Loss making CPSEs

1859. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) during the last two years along with the capital invested and their net asset value;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to amalgamate these loss making CPSEs to profit making CPSEs;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has surveyed such CPSEs;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in CPSUs

1860. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the Central Public Sector Undertakings which do not have regular Heads/CMDs/CEOs at present;
- (b) the date of occurrence of each vacancy and reasons for the same remaining vacant; and
- (c) the steps being taken to fill up the vacancies?

Review of present child labour laws

- 1861. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of existing laws to curb and prevent the child labour from exploitation and the extent to which these laws have been effective;
- (b) whether Government has revamped or proposes to review/revamp the present child labour laws to allow children below 14 years of age to 'help' in family enterprises; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Achievements of the Ministry

1862. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of achievements of the Ministry in the last two years;
 - (b) whether presentation was made

before the Prime Minister about the Ministry's last two years' achievements;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) where the Ministry has fallen short of its target and where it has excelled;
- (e) what are the targets set for the coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;
- (f) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and
- (g) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years?

Ban on plying of diesel vehicles

1863. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the ban on plying of vehicles using diesel fuel;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made for the adverse impact due to such ban on the automobile sector in the country;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress made in implementation of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana

1864. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana launched in 2014 and allocations made to it;

- (b) whether there has been an increase in the allocation of funds for Tribal Sub-Plan component of Centrally Sponsored Schemes or State Plans; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for filing FIR by Delhi Police

- †1865. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the guidelines prescribed for filing FIR by Delhi Police and how it is ensured that these guidelines are being followed by them or not;
- (b) whether Government is aware that even in a number of clear-cut cases, police either dodge filing of FIR or do not file FIR:
- (c) if so, the number of such complaints received and action taken by Government thereon in the last three years; and
- (d) the total number of cases of loss of mobile registered, the number of cases where those were put on surveillance and the number of mobiles recovered during the last two years?

Confiscated narotics stolen from police custody

- 1866. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the quantum of narcotics confiscated by various methods by the police in the country during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, State/UT-wise detailed list thereof;
 - (b) whether any of the narcotics

- confiscated and placed in the custody of the police has been stolen from their custody, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the narcotics was stolen from the police custody with the nexus of the police; and
- (d) if so, how many such cases has come to the notice of Government and what action has been taken against those found guilty?

Cases of human rights violations

- 1867. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether several cases of human rights violations have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases reported and the action taken against the guilty persons during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to classify the cases of violation of human rights including atrocities by police and cases of encounter with foreign terrorists and criminals separately;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to check human rights violation and for effective protection of human rights?

Children abducted and indulged into begging

- †1868. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that small children are abducted to indulge them

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in beggary at road crossings, etc. in many cities of the country;

- (b) if so, the State-wise details of complaints received against such abductions and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether Government is contemplating formulation of any stringent law to curb such incidents and beggary; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Traffic jams at Havelock Square, New Delhi

- †1869. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fact that a Red Light installed at Havelock Square in Central Delhi has been out of order for last ten years, and an urbanite has sent an e-mail to concerned police authorities in this regard:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there are several schools in the said area and dysfunctional Red Light and inadequate deployment of Traffic Police lead to massive traffic jams during day time there; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

Noise pollution by garbage van in NDMC area

- †1870. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that the garbage van of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) causes noise pollution

- everyday by its ear-splitting announcements;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to find a better alternative to this ear-splitting announcement; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Cases of social atrocities

- 1871. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many cases of social atrocities are reported in the country during the last three years;
- (b) how many of them are against SCs/STs; and
- (c) the number of cases registered for such atrocities?

IR battalion at Pratapgarh, Rajasthan

- †1872. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal to Government of India for granting approval to a new IR battalion at Pratapgarh in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Central Government proposes to approve the proposed battalion, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation to victims of acid attacks

- 1873. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Ministry has taken

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cognizance of cases of acid attacks on women and that they are required under law to be paid compensation;

- (b) whether the Ministry has received complaints from acid attack victims that they do not receive timely compensation;
- (c) what steps are taken by the Ministry to intervene on behalf of acid attack victims to ensure that they receive timely compensation; and
- (d) whether the Ministry runs any special schemes or offers other forms of assistance to acid attack victims, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

States hit by devastating floods

1874. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various States of the country are hit by devastating floods this year;
- (b) if so, the details of extent of loss of life and property occurred thereby; and
- (c) the Central aid sought and given for the relief and rehabilitation?

Enforcing a single Police Act across the country

- †1875. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether all States in the country have separate Police Acts and if so, the details thereof;
 - (b) whether enforcing a single Police

Act throughout the country will be more effective for strengthening the policing system and bringing uniformity therein;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the previous Governments had made any effort in this regard;
- (e) whether the incumbent Government is taking any initiative with regard to implementing a single Police Act across the country; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Women personnel in Delhi Police

- †1876. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of women personnel in Delhi Police is less than 10 per cent;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Central Government had approved 33 per cent reservation to women in the police force of all States/Union Territories including Delhi;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any recruitment process is being conducted to ensure that women personnel must constitute 33 per cent of Delhi Police: and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Tribals killed in encounter between Maoists and Police in Odisha

†1877. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many tribals were killed in an encounter between the Maoists and police near Kurtamgarh in Odisha in July which has caused a sense of insecurity among the local tribal people;
- (b) the details of such incidents in the country in the last three years in which common people lost their lives in the course of an encounter between police and naxals in naxal-affected areas:
- (c) whether the Central Government provides any financial help to the families of those who are killed in these incidents; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Talks with NSCN (IM) in view of recent outburst

1878. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) (NSCN/IM) with whom Government has signed a pact last year has stated that it has not given up its demand for sovereignty;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NSCN/ IM says that a separate flag and passport for Nagas was not just a demand but a right as the Nagas were never under Indian rule;
- (c) whether Government is considering to hold talks with NSCN/IM in view of the recent outburst; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Synchronized police patrolling in metropolitan cities

1879. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering proposal to get synchronized police patrolling in metropolitan cities to beef up patrolling and security on time, in view of rise in crimes against women, dalits and incidents of theft, burglary and murder;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would provide any special funds for the State Governments to implement this proposal to have a visible police network, if so, the details thereof?

Autonomous Council for North Coastal Andhra

1880. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any memorandum/representation demanding constitution of Autonomous Council for North Coastal Andhra to lay emphasis on developmental activities with the package;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to have targeted approach to counter backwardness in the region?

Meeting of Inter-State Council

1881. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government called a meeting of Inter-State Council recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the issues that were discussed;
- (c) whether any proposals/suggestions were made by CMs for good governance and direct benefit schemes, Aadhaar Card, etc. and if so, the response of Government thereto; and
- (d) whether any decision was taken in the meeting, if so, the details thereof?

Cases of rape, harassment and other atrocities against women

1882. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of rape, harassment and other atrocities have increased against women particularly against girl children in various parts of the country during the last six months; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent such incidents in the country particularly in Maharashtra?

Withdrawal of AFSPA from Manipur

1883. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the comment made by the Supreme Court that the indefinite deployment of armed forces in the name of restoring normalcy under Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) would mock at our democratic process and is indicative of the failure of the civil administration and the armed forces;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) in such a situation, whether Government would consider the

withdrawal of AFSPA particularly from Manipur at the earliest possible?

Persons missing from North Kerala suspected of joining IS

1884. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the complaint about 16 Muslims including a doctor, his wife and child missing from North Kerala who are suspected to have travelled to the Middle East to join militant groups such as the Islamic State (IS);
- (b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted to trace them and bring them back; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Providing latest equipment to paramilitary forces

1885. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether our paramilitary forces are fully equipped to tackle the present security situation of the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide latest equipment to the paramilitary forces of the country to tackle any of the terrorists and other security situations of the country; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to maintain internal and external security

1886. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) keeping in view the recent incidents of terrorists and other activities that have taken place in some foreign countries, what are the appropriate steps taken by Government to maintain internal and external security of the country; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Upgrading Chhattisgarh to category A under MPF scheme

- †1887. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether in view of the fact that Chhattisgarh is a highly naxal-infested region, Government will consider upgrading B category central assistance to A category assistance under Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) Scheme; and
- (b) whether it is possible that Central Government will provide entire support to the State for raising its resources considering the fact that the police force of the State has gone up from 22549 to 68354 after State's formation?

Fake offer for paramilitary jobs

- †1888. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of looting money in name of providing jobs in paramilitary forces have come to light;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in these cases so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

NGOs engaged in religious conversion

- †1889. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that some NGOs engaged in the country are involved in religious conversion;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that they are being funded from other countries;
- (c) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any action to control it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development works in LWE affected States

- 1890. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has reviewed the progress in the development works being undertaken in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States, if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether Government has asked the States to complete the projects sooner, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the deaths due to Naxal violence had declined by 42 per cent during 2015, compared with 2013, if so, the details thereof?

Surge in terror related activities in J&K

1891. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant surge in terror related activities in Jammu and Kashmir during 2016 in comparison to previous years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that cancellation of diplomatic initiative with militants by the Central Government is one of the reasons for the rise of militancy in that State: and
- (d) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard thereto?

Reopening of cases related to anti-Sikh riots

- 1892. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has decided to reopen 237 cases out of 241 relating to anti-Sikh riots by the Special Investigation Team constituted by Government;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Justice Nanavati Commission had recommended reopening of only four cases of the 241 cases closed by the police; and
- (d) if so, the specific reasons for reopening 237 cases?

Human trafficking from North-Eastern States

- 1893. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) how many missing and human trafficking cases have been reported from North-Eastern States in the last year; and
- (b) whether Government has details of those missing and trafficked from North-

Eastern States and break up of these cases according to sex, age group, religion, caste, community, education and district?

IS motivated modules in India

1894. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, of late, the presence of ISmotivated modules is being felt across India, the latest reports indicating recruitment of men and women from northern Kerala for joining IS cadres;
- (b) whether India's intelligence inputs are regularly examined to establish the links/presence of IS sympathisers in India; and
- (c) whether many Muslim organisations and religious leaders have come out strongly against IS's machinations to target Indian youth and have cautioned Indian Muslims to be wary of such nefarious moves by IS and its sympathisers?

Fake encounters in Manipur

1895. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Supreme Court while deciding to order a probe into 1528 cases of alleged fake encounters in Manipur in last 20 years, questioned the indefinite continuation of AFSPA even after almost sixty years of its imposition;
- (b) whether a court mandated Commission headed by former Judge Santosh Hegde had examined six random cases involving seven killings allegedly by security forces and found them fake; and
- (c) whether the apex court has asked four stakeholders the civil society in

Manipur, the insurgents, the State of Manipur and the Government of India to work towards a lasting and peaceful solution?

Fencing along India-Bangladesh border in Tripura

1896. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued directions to the agencies erecting a fence along the border in Tripura sector to complete the fencing along the India-Bangladesh border in Tripura by March next year;
- (b) whether the fencing work on all other borders have also been targeted to be completed as early as possible to check the major problems of infiltration and smuggling, India is crippled with; and
 - (c) a detailed report thereon?

Pakistani delegation visiting Pathankot

- 1897. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) what was the agreement between India and Pakistan when Pakistani team visited Pathankot to examine issues related to attack on Pathankot by Pakistani terrorists;
- (b) whether the agreement had provided for permitting Indian delegation to visit Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the reasons as to why Indian delegation has not been able to visit Pakistan so far;
 - (d) whether the agreement was vetted

by the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Law and Justice:

- (e) if so, whether there was any lacuna in the agreement; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

National Disaster Mitigation Fund

1898. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that neither a national plan has been drawn nor any National Disaster Mitigation Fund has been set up so far under the Disaster Management Act, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to set up a Disaster Management Fund for drought affected areas of the country?

Nepal route for return of Kashmiri youth from PoK

1899. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to legalise the Nepal route for return of Kashmiri youth from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated number of Kashmiri youth likely to be returned from PoK; and
- (c) the time by which the modalities for the purpose are likely to be worked out?

Decline in Maoist violence in Telugu speaking States

1900. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that violence of Maoists in Telugu speaking States has come down during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide livelihood to surrendered Maoists in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

Missing women in Delhi untraced due to police negligence

- †1901. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in spite of lodging FIR in different police stations of Delhi regarding missing women, they have not been traced due to the negligence of police, despite having evidences and the number of such cases registered especially in Roop Nagar;
- (b) the police station-wise details thereof:
- (c) whether Members of Paliament have apprised the Delhi Police regarding the information of such cases;
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government towards overlooking of the letters of VIPs by Delhi Police; and
 - (e) the details thereof?

Spying racket involved in stealing call detail records

- †1902. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that investigation agencies have unearthed a spying racket involved in illegally stealing call detail records, in which confidential information of people were being stolen in total violation of law;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the personnel of Kanpur Police in Uttar Pradesh have also been found involved in this racket:
- (c) if so, whether these stolen call detail records also include the call records of leaders and high level bureaucrats; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

Human trafficking cases

- 1903. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of cases of human trafficking recorded in India over the past three years in each State/UT;
- (b) the number of such cases that involved the trafficking of minors;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a large number of human trafficking cases are not reported or recorded under official crime numbers;
- (d) if so, measures taken by Government to improve accuracy of statistics and record all true cases; and
- (e) the initiatives Government is taking to tackle human trafficking in India or to support States' efforts to do so?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Replacement of fencing work on Indo-Bangladesh border

1904. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the fencing work completed under Phase-I of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing is now being replaced under Phase-III of the project;
- (b) if so, the time period within which fencing work needed to be replaced;
- (c) the reasons that fencing work required replacement so soon after completion; and
- (d) the cost of each phase of fencing, including replacement work in Phase-III?

Coastal security scheme

1905. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposal of Government regarding coastal security scheme;
- (b) the amount and items sanctioned by Government;
- (c) whether additional coastal police stations and also additional amount for coastal security has been sanctioned; and
- (d) the details of amount spent during the last three years?

Measures for safety and security of weaker sections

†1906. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the measures being taken in the current scenario to make the safety and security of weaker sections, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and deprived classes more effective to make social environment favourable for them through law and justice?

Steps taken to crack down all ISIS/ extremist modules

1907. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NIA has cracked any ISIS module in Hyderabad;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to crack down all the ISIS/extremist modules existing in the country?

Utilising the talent of ex-jawans in paramilitary and CAPFs

1908. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an assessment of lateral-entry initiatives having been successful in the past;
- (b) whether there has been any progress on the proposal made by the Prime Minister's Office for utilizing the talent of ex-jawans in the Nation's paramilitary and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs); and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

NSCN-K behested by neighbouring countries

1909. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has admitted that Natonal Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang (NSCN-K) is behested by neighbouring countries;

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

Sexual offences by juveniles

- 1910. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of sexual and other offences by juveniles reported in the country during last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (b) the remedial measures taken by Government to control the crimes by juveniles in the country?

Looting of people by goons in the guise of policemen in National Capital

- 1911. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that goons are looting people particularly women and senior citizens in the guise of policemen in the National Capital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, year-wise; and
- (c) what action including preventive action Government has taken or proposes to take in such cases?

Destruction due to heavy rains and cloudbursts

- 1912. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that heavy rains

- and cloudbursts have caused human deaths and destruction of properties in several parts of the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) what relief and rehabilitation measures were provided by Government to the States and affected people?

Facility of paperless immigration

- 1913. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has successfully introduced the facility of paperless immigration to individuals holding official and diplomatic passports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government plans to extend the facility of paperless immigration to all travellers, if so, the details thereof and time-line for implementation, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government plans to introduce e-gate facility at airports, if so, the details thereof and time-line and costs for the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

Installing CCTV cameras on Indo-Pak border

- 1914. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has decided to install CCTV cameras on Indo-Pak border in Punjab to check infiltration across the border especially in rainy season; and
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

Proposal to increase BSF/CRPF personnel on Indo-Pak border in Punjab

1915. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase the strength of BSF/CRPF personnels on Indo-Pak border in Punjab; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to bonded labourers

1916. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to revise the financial assistance to the victims of bonded labour and trafficking from ₹ 20,000 to ₹ 1,00,000;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this may extend upto ₹ 2,00,000 in special cases;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government will ensure an assistance of ₹ 3,00,000 in case of extreme deprivation; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Persons registered in employment exchanges in Punjab

- 1917. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of persons, including graduates, post graduates, engineers, skilled labourers registered with various employment exchanges in Punjab as per their live registers, as on date; and

(b) the various schemes started by Government to impart training to unskilled persons?

Schemes for creating additional employment opportunities

†1918. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the development schemes running presently in the country are not creating additional employment opportunities; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

Number of unemployed persons

1919. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: SHRI P.L. PUNIA:

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

- (a) the recent estimated number of unemployed persons between 18 to 60 years, category-wise, e.g. rural and urban, SCs, STs, OBCs and Others, State-wise;
- (b) details of increase in unemployment in the country during last three years, both in rural and urban areas, for SCs, STs, OBCs and Others, State-wise:
- (c) the unemployment rate in the country, category-wise, rural and urban, SCs, STs, OBCs and Others, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of persons employed through employment exchanges during last five years, State-wise and year-wise and the details of percentage of persons registered in different categories *viz.*, matriculate, graduate, post graduate?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Central share under bonded labour rehabilitation scheme

- †1920. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the entire Central share under the bonded labour rehabilitation scheme, has still not been received; and
- (b) whether the Central Government will provide assistance for making houses available for the beedi workers, textile workers, bonded labourers, agricultural workers, workers engaged in industries and other workers, even as their pension has been enhanced?

Action against companies not providing PF

- 1921. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken any action against those companies which were not providing Provident Fund (PF) for their employees; and
- (b) if so, the details of the action taken against those companies in all the States of the Country during last three years?

Revising minimum wages of workers

- 1922. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is in the process of revising the minimum wages of workers working in several sectors including agriculture, construction and mining;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the likely increase in the daily wages of both skilled and unskilled workers working in organised and unorganised sectors; and
- (d) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard and the increased wages are likely to be paid?

Child labour in MSMEs

- 1923. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether system of engaging child labourers in different States especially in the factories of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has come to the notice of Government;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any child labourers working in the factories of MSMEs have been freed by Government during the last three years; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

ESI hospital at Tuticorin

- 1924. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is planning to build an Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospital at Tuticorin with a capacity of 100 beds: and
- (b) if so, at what date, this hospital will be expected to start functioning?

Number of EPF subscribers

1925. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) the State-wise total number of contributing subscribers of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF);
- (b) the estimated number of workers and establishments entitled to be covered by EPF, but not actually covered; and
- (c) the steps taken for covering all entitled workers and establishments under EPF?

Modernisation of ESIC dispensaries in the country

1926. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to modernise the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) dispensaries in the country;
 - (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that some ESIC hospitals are even now running on rented accommodation;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Bringing of contract workers under EPFO

1927. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers from the unorganised sector are not covered under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

- (c) whether Government is also considering to bring contract labourers under EPFO ambit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating by when it will happen; and
- (e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the enrolments in the EPFO scheme in the country?

Recommendations of the 45th ILC

1928. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recommendations of the 45th Indian Labour Conference (ILC) to recognize the Anganwadi employees as workers, upper limit wages and pension have been totally ignored;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when the ILC recommendations will be implemented?

Housing facilities for tea garden workers

1929. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is aware that tea garden labourers both permanent as well as casual in the States do not have proper housing facilities or accommodation and are deprived of minimum living standards;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Minimum wages for tea garden workers

- 1930. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is aware that the minimum wages of tea garden workers is different or varies in different parts of the country or within a State itself from garden to garden;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to have uniform minimum wages for tea garden labourers/workers throughout the country and fix the norms thereon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of child labour

- 1931. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a decline in child labour in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details showing declining trend; and
- (c) the strategy adopted by Government for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work?

Rationalisation of Labour Acts

- 1932. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase the employment opportunities by amending and easing the 43 Labour Acts into Four Code Acts;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether Government has discussed the matter with International Labour Organisation (ILO), the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Conversion of employment exchange into career development centres

- †1933. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to convert the employment exchanges into career development centres, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to consider the requests for financial assistance submitted by various States, including Gujarat, for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the State-wise details of action taken thereon?

Rehabilitation of bonded labour

- 1934. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had identified victims of bonded labour and trafficking in many parts of the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that rehabilitation had been made simple;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that a permanent and renewable district level rehabilitation fund would be made available which would be used as a stop gap arrangement before reimbursement by Government through the direct benefit transfer system; and

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(e) if so, the details thereof?

Traditional industries under SFURTI

1935. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether PSUs and private industries are coming forward to contribute for the development of the traditional industries clusters identified under Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI);
- (b) the State-wise details of clusters identified under the Scheme; and
- (c) the type of traditional industries and number of clusters along with the details of coverage, State-wise?

Target of employment by Khadi and Village Industries Commission

1936. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission has set a target of employment of crore of persons during the current year plan;
- (b) if so, whether the rural youths, artisans, weavers, etc. are fully employed or work is given to them on casual basis;
- (c) the status of employment of persons as on 30th June, 2016?

Setting up of offices in Amaravati

1937. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has initiated setting up of the offices/departments that come under the Ministry, in the Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether any issues relating to procurement of land and infrastructure are needed for this purpose from Government of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) whether any requests have been made to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of cottage and agro-based rural industries

†1938. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the credit linked programmes including the schemes/programmes being implemented by Government to promote the cottage and agro-based rural industries, the details thereof, including the number of beneficiaries:
- (b) whether any panel has been constituted by Government to undertake a study regarding the status of cottage and agro-based industries in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details and findings thereof?

Free LPG refills under PMUY

1939. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Government would provide at least six LPG refills free of cost per year under recently launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) from Ballia, Uttar Pradesh to provide free connections to BPL families;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and how the BPL families would be able to refill their LPG cylinders?

Appointment of LPG dealers in Uttar Pradesh

1940. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2024 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th May, 2016 and state:

- (a) whether LPG dealers to be appointed for Narahi, Majharia and Daulatpur in Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh would be readvertised under RGGLV or under normal LPG distributorship;
- (b) whether re-advertisement for the same is likely to be advertised in 2016;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for delay and by when the same is likely to be advertised in view of the sufferings of the residents due to black marketing of LPG cylinders?

Impact of increase in prices of petrol and diesel of inflation

- †1941. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of percentage increase in prices of petrol and diesel in the last one year:

- (b) whether it is a fact that inflation rate rises by 0.07 per cent with increase of rupee one in prices of diesel and the wholesale inflation rises by 0.02 per cent if petrol prices increase by rupee one, if so, the extent of increase in total wholesale inflation rate due to escalation of prices of diesel and petrol in the last one year, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to reduce excise duty on these products, the details thereof?

Setting up of mega oil refinery on west coast of Maharashtra

- 1942. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has approved setting up of a mega oil refinery and petrochemical project on the west coast of Maharashtra;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether land has been identified and acquired for this project; and
- (d) whether any target has been fixed for the operationalisation of this project?

Extraction of natural gas by Cairn India

- †1943. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Cairn India company has extracted domestic natural gas in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Cairn India intends to set up distribution point and gas sale centre for the said gas at Palanpur in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether Rajasthan would not suffer any revenue loss due to non-existence of the above centre in the State and undertaking and commitment would not be violated on account of it, if so, the views of Government on this?

Exploration of deep water blocks in A & N Islands

1944. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is importing oil and natural gas worth ₹9 lac crores every year;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether companies like ONGC, OIL, NTPC, GAIL, ENI (INDIA), GSPC had been awarded 11 (eleven) deep water blocks in Andaman & Nicobar Island areas during the years between 2004 and 2010;
- (d) if so, how much crude oil/gas has been explored/produced there, the details thereof; and
- (e) if no production has yet been done, the reasons therefor?

Benefits to consumers due to falling oil prices

1945. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not passing the full benefits of declining prices of crude oil in international market to consumers of petroleum products;
- (b) the total revenue generated by Government and other undertakings due to the decreased crude oil prices in the

international market in financial year 2015-16; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to pass on the full benefits of declining prices to consumers as well as to set up a Price Stabilization Fund in order to meet the challenge of any possible price rise of crude oil in international market in future?

Employment to displaced families of Praradip Refinery

1946. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of employment provided to displaced families of Paradip Refinery under Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Odisha; and
- (b) the number of persons who got employment under the rehabilitation policy of Government?

Uniform rate of petroleum products

1947. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether All India Petroleum Dealers' Association representing more than 52,000 petrol pumps has demanded for 'One Nation One Rate' for petroleum products in order to eliminate disparity in prevailing prices of petrol and diesel;
- (b) if so, Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government is considering to bring uniformity in VAT rates in the country; and
- (d) if so, by when it will be implemented?

Increase in domestic production of crude oil

1948. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the domestic production of crude oil during the last three years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether domestic production is also supplemented by oil and gas assets acquired abroad;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether this has helped in reducing imports of crude oil; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tax on production cost of petrol and diesel

- †1949. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is imposing maximum tax on per litre production cost of diesel and petrol resulting in very high prices of diesel and petrol:
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to bring down the tax; and
- (d) if not, the cost of production of petrol, diesel and quantum of the tax Government imposes on it?

LPG consumers

1950. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of domestic LPG consumes in the country as on date;
- (b) the total number of subsidized consumers in the country therein;
- (c) the number of customers who have surrendered subsidy during last one year;
- (d) the total amount saved by Government on surrender of subsidy during the last year; and
- (e) the total amount spent towards advertisement for creating awareness and motivation of consumers during the year thereof?

Subsidy given on LPG without Aadhaar details

1951. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in many parts of the country the subsidy on LPG is given even without Aadhaar card;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the subsidy in such places are given on the basis of documents other than Aadhaar; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Cost of crude oil

- 1952. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) the month-wise cost of crude oil in last three years;
- (b) the month-wise average ruling price for per litre petrol and diesel in the country during last three years; and

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(c) the month-wise rate of dealer margin and rate of excise duty charged by Government during last three years?

Enhancing monthly SKO PDS quota of Odisha

- 1953. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Government is considering the request of the State Government of Odisha to enhance the monthly Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) (PDS) quota of the State to 40,000 kl.; and
- (b) whether the Central Government is also considering the request of the State Government of Odisha to open outlets for non-PDS SK Oil by the Oil Marketing Companies as no PDS SK Oil will be distributed to the non-card holders as well as bulk consumers?

Contract workers in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

- 1954. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that as on date, there are over 15000 contract workers in different capacities working at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that these workers are not given basic health and other facilities at the plant;
- (c) the steps proposed to extend diverse services and other benefits to the contract workers at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

- (d) the number of contract workers at VSP who get such benefits as permanent workers get; and
- (e) the measures proposed to address the diverse demand of contract workers at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant in a time-bound manner?

Import and export of steel

- 1955. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of steel imported and exported during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the production and export of steel in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the targets fixed and achieved for production, domestic consumption and export of steel during the said period and the next three years; and
- (d) the number of steel projects running behind schedule and the steps taken by Government to complete them on time and for further strengthening the Steel industry?

Setting up of steel plants in the country

- †1956. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up steel plants;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of steel plants which are going to be established in the country, the details thereof?

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Development of tourism based economy

- 1957. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that there are many countries in the World whose economy is based on tourism;
- (b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to develop such States or cities or places in our country also specially from tourist objectives;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of medical tourism

- 1958. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any significant breakthrough has been achieved in promoting medical tourism in the country;
 - (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has chalked out plans to make Hyderabad as a medical tourism hub since a large number of people from Arab and African countries are visiting the city for treatment; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Buddhist sites

- †1959. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme for

- development of tourism at locations related to Buddhist religion;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of amount which would be spent for the development of tourism at each location in this regard; and
- (d) the kind of cooperation being received from abroad for the development of these Buddhist sites, the details thereof?

Decline in inflow of foreign tourists

- †1960. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the inflow of foreign tourists into India has registered a decline;
- (b) if so, the reasons for this decline and the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the details of inflow of the foreign tourists to the country from the financial year 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Status of HPDB

- †1961. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) the present status of the Hospitability Promotion and Development Board (HPDB);
- (b) by when Government plans to establish HPDB in each State;
- (c) the names of the States where HPDB has been established and the details of progress made so far in this regard; and
- (d) the State-wise details of the amount allocated by Government in this regard?

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Status of rural tourism in the country

- 1962. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the status of rural tourism in the country;
- (b) whether Government has the details about the tourists who visited sites/villages identified for rural tourism;
- (c) if so, the details of the last three years thereof:
- (d) whether Government is allocating any special funds for rural tourism projects;
 and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of tourism in Kerala

- 1963. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any plan has been chalked out at national level to develop tourism in Kerala; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Himalayan Circuits in NE Region and Sikkim

- 1964. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether under the Himalayan Circuits the Ministry is developing some tourist routes in North-East Region particularly in Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the details of Himalayan Circuits being developed in North-East Region and in Sikkim;
- (c) how much money has been earmarked for the development of these Himalayan Circuits in these States; and
- (d) how much time will be taken to complete work on these circuits?

Funds to J&K for tourism

- 1965. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the money promised by Hon'ble Prime Minister for tourism in Jammu & Kashmir has been released;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tourism infrastructure in Karnataka under PRASAD

- 1966. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has prepared any action plan for strengthening of tourism infrastructure in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for implementing the action plan;
- (c) the achievements/progress made under PRASAD scheme, if so, the details thereof along with the criteria laid down in selecting the religious places/stations under the scheme; and
- (d) whether Government plans to include new/more religious places/stations in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rejuvenation of Ayodhya and Mathura

- 1967. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any proposal to rejuvenate the historic and religious value of the cities like Ayodhya and Mathura;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the plan outlay and funds allocation in this regard?

Increase in tourist arrivals

1968. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a spurt/increase of about 294 per cent in tourist arrivals on e-visa during first half of 2016 as compared to that of 2015;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what has been their arrival, airportwise: and
- (d) the facilities increased at those airports for efficient handling of the tourists?

Pending tourism projects of West Bengal

1969. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of tourism projects concerning West Bengal are pending with Ministry for approval (awarded);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some tourism projects are underway and yet to be completed; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

Nutritious food to tribals

1970. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce a programme for providing nutritious food for the tribal community, particularly to women and children in the tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has also conducted study regarding the health condition of tribal population and if so, the details of such survey; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide sufficient funds for distribution of nutritious food to the tribal community in order to address the issue of chronic undernutrition among them?

Survey to ascertain tribes

- †1971. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has ever conducted a survey to ascertain the total types of tribes in the country;
- (b) the State-wise details of types and population of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) among these tribes:
- (c) the percentage of PVTGs living in Maharashtra out of their total population, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of schemes being run/ proposed to be introduced for the development of all the PVTGs of the State; and

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(e) the details of amount allotted out of total budgetary allocation made by the Central Government towards schools and education for tribal people in the State of Maharashtra, the details thereof?

Documentation of impacts of tribal welfare projects

1972. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the impacts of tribal welfare projects are being documented;
- (b) if so, the details of impacts of the last three years; and
- (c) the details of procedure, guidelines, systems, if any, on the basis of impacts are measured?

Utilization of budgetary allocation for Nagaland

1973. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the budget allocation under the Ministry for the State of Nagaland for the financial year 2014-2015;
- (b) whether the allocated budget was fully utilized;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for Nagaland

1974. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation under the

Ministry for the State of Nagaland for the financial year 2015-2016; and

(b) the details of the various schemes under the Ministry available for Nagaland?

Amendment in list of Scheduled Tribes in Maharashtra

1975. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what procedure was adopted by NDA Government in 2003 for amending the list of Scheduled Tribes as per GR DL 33004/2003 dated 8th January, 2003, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002 passed in Parliament on 7th January, 2003;
- (b) whether in three States, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha, the Dhangars were treated as Dhangad and necessary rectifications were made in list of Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) why in Maharashtra they are treated as different community; and
- (d) whether same procedure will be followed for Maharashtra if amendment is to be done in list of Scheduled Tribes treating Dhangar as Dhangad?

Non-implementation of forest rights of tribals

1976. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations on non-implementation of forest rights of tribals under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 from parts of the country in 2016;

- (b) the representations Government received on the rights of tribals with regard to the Forest Rights Act in Andhra Pradesh from January, 2015 to present date;
- (c) what steps have been taken in the last six months to rectify these problems and specifically address issues of tribals in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any team has been sent to meet the tribals in this regard in 2016; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Recognition of Sidho-Kanho movement

- 1977. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in the movement spearheaded by Sidho and Kanho, over twenty thousand tribals of Jharkhand were martyred;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the largest number of people were martyred during India's freedom struggle against the British in this movement; and
- (c) if so, in what ways the Ministry has taken due cognizance of their contribution?

Review of the Forest Rights Act, 2006

1978. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and to change the definition of 'forest' as defined in the said Act;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) considering the issues relating to climate change and livelihood of the tribal population associated with this Act, what necessitates Government to bring change therein?

Impact of changes in tribal way of life

1979. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has carried out any study to find out the impact of changes in tribal way of life and food habits among the indigenous tribes;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is working along with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prepare a plan to counter increasing incidence of lifestyle diseases among tribals; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Formulation of National Tribal Policy

1980. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering to come up with a National Tribal Policy;
- (b) if so, by when this policy will be formulated; and
- (c) whether the tribal-dominated States will also be consulted in the process?

Identification of weavers in tribal areas

1981. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified the number of weavers in the tribal areas

involved in the traditional weaving practices;

- (b) if so, whether there is any scheme to promote any such traditional weaving;
- (c) if so, whether any fund has been allocated for this purpose; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

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