

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, May 4, 2016/Vaisakha 14, 1938 (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

Promotion of auto manufacturing and leather sector through SEZs

1121. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised
policies and strategies to develop both
public/private sector Special Economic
Zones to promote Automobiles and Auto
ancillaries manufacturing and leather sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
results achieved in these sectors in the last
three years or since the SEZ was
constituted;

(c) whether Government has focused
on the improvement of quality and value
of export products from SEZs in the
country; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Signing of proposal for free trade

1122. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state ;.

(a) whether Government has signed any
proposal to have free trade with foreign
countries, including Gulf countries during
the recent time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when free trade with
these countries are likely to begin?

Detailed norms on FDI in food processing sector

1123. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government is working out
detailed norms on Foreign Direct
Investment (FDI) in food processing sector,
if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would procure agriculture
produce like fruits and vegetables, direct
from farmers and make value addition; and

(c) if so, what mechanism would be in
place to ensure that farmers are not
exploited, the details thereof?

Allowing 100 per cent FDI in e-commerce retailing

1124. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has allowed 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) in online e-commerce retailing, if so, the consequences thereof;

(b) whether representations have been received against such a move from the retailers and traders for a level playing field, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the foreign e-commerce retailing firms are allowed to offer discounts and give advertisements of their products; and

(d) if so, the details of safeguards provided for the traditional retailers and traders?

Growth in industrial production

†1125. 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 industrial production in February last year has registered a growth of two per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is still a decline in sectors such as manufacturing and capital goods;

(c) the details of the rise and fall in industrial production registered during last three years; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Ministry to increase industrial production?

Increase in manufacturing

†1126. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India held 9th position earlier in the manufacturing sector but now it has attained 6th position;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there has been a considerable improvement in value addition of manufacturing in year 2015 in comparison to that in 2014 and if so, the details thereof?

Seeking membership of APEC

1127. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India must enhance its trade diplomacy to gain access for trade from India;

(b) whether India needs to up its diplomatic ante to seek membership of the 21 member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum; and

(c) whether Government is considering to take the APEC membership and if so, the details thereof?

Ratification of trade facilitation agreement

1128. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is keen

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to ratify at the earliest the trade facilitation agreement on goods of the World Trade Organisation;

(b) whether the gain from this trade can be huge;

(c) whether the European Union-India Free Trade Agreement needs to be concluded without any further delay; and

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

Status of Rupees 10,000 crore Fund of Funds for start-ups

1129. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Self-certification Compliance Regime and the Credit Guarantee fund for start-ups and when they are expected to be implemented;

(b) the details of the relaxation of public procurement norms for start-ups and the time-line for the implementation thereof; and

(c) the status of the Rupees 10,000 crore Fund of Funds and the details of the funding support provided to start-ups if it has been established?

Dumping of steel

1130. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) *prima facie* found that six countries are dumping steel in the country;

(b) if so, year-wise, country-wise and

quantity-wise details of countries that are dumping steel and quantity of dumping in the last three years;

(c) how such dumping has impacted the domestic steel industry;

(d) whether DGAD has initiated any investigation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Enhancement of FDI limit in insurance sector

1131. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has enhanced the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit from 26 per cent to 49 per cent on the insurance sector, and the provision mandating that Management and control should be in Indian hands is restrictive and therefor should be done away with immediately, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is moving in this direction where there is only a small negative list of sectors and for everything else FDI should be up to 100 per cent, if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Short and long term exports vision of India

1132. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of short term and long term exports vision that India has for the next 20-25 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per the report of the HSBC, India's exports would

grow faster than China's from 2025 at the rate of more than 6 per cent per annum; and

(c) if so, the details of findings of the report?

Extension of 'Start-up India' programme to backward regions

1133. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to extend 'Start-up India' programme to the backward rural regions in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified any places for this purpose to start this scheme in the State of Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the credit guarantee and financial assistance schemes Government is planning to offer to the small entrepreneurs?

Replacement of old tea bushes with young plants

1134. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to replace the large percentage of very old Indian tea bushes with young and productive plants;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by

Government to maintain high quality standards of Indian tea by implementing stricter quality control norms?

Terrorists making efforts to set up terrorist training camps

†1135. SHRI LAL SINH VODODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists are making efforts to set up terrorist training camps in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step to stop it; and

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

Settlement of solar power trade dispute with US

1136. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US and India held talks to settle a long running solar power trade dispute, delaying the announcement of a ruling by the WTO;

(b) whether the US initiated this dispute for the purpose of advancing the rapid development of clean, affordable energy in India and around the world;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the WTO has twice delayed the public announcement of a ruling in the case and WTO's Dispute Settlement Panel had confidentially notified the US that it would rule against India in the case; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Approval of SEZs in Puducherry

1137. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval for two Special Economic Zones (SEZs) were granted under the SEZ Act, 2005, in the Union Territory of Puducherry;

(b) if so, the details of districts where the above SEZs are set up;

(c) the present status of each of the above SEZs; and

(d) the SEZ-wise total number of people employed and exports made in each of the SEZs since their inceptions?

Impact of regulatory action by USFDA on exports

1138. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regulatory action by the US Food and Drug Administration(USFDA) are hurting and impacted exports from the country and drug industry has urged Government for the early intervention and dialogue with US health regulator;

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to grow our domestic drug industry to their potential in international market?

Continuous fall in exports

1139. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports have fallen for 15th and 16th consecutive months in February and March, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for continuous fall in exports for the past 16 months?

Commitments secured during WTO meeting in Nairobi

1140. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India raised issues paramount to the country and came back with very important commitments during the WTO meeting in Nairobi recently;

(b) whether issues like Special Safeguard Mechanism(SSM), which were not even on the cards, were raised by India and commitments were obtained;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether those countries are still unable to reach consensus on key issues at WTO; and

(e)if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against the US on imposing Visa fees

1141. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has filed a complaint against the US before the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on imposing 4000 US dollars additional fee on non-immigrant temporary Visas (H1B and L1 Visas);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that limiting number of IT professionals entering into US is also against the WTO rules; and

(d) if so, why Government is not contesting the issue of limiting IT professionals from entering into the US?

Anti-dumping duty on tyres

1142. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are low quality imported tyres, particularly bus and truck radial tyres, resulting in impact on rubber farmers, and also domestic rubber industry;

(b) whether Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) has been demanding to impose restrictions on tyre imports;

(c) if so, what action the Ministry has taken on the above request;

(d) whether the Ministry can impose anti-dumping duty on such tyres; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dilution of WTO commitment to Doha Development Agenda

1143. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agreeing to the WTO deal in Nairobi is a huge setback for India and other developing nations;

(b) whether there is a complete dilution of WTO commitment to the Doha Development Agenda and also allowing developed country vacillations to introduce new approaches for the final outcomes of

the multilateral negotiations which have been firmly resisted and rejected by India in the past;

(c) whether the WTO declaration could not have been adopted if India had resisted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Approval of India's stand at WTO Conference in Nairobi

1144. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved India's stand at the World Trade Organisation Conference held in Nairobi on food security and farm exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India secured a re-affirmative ministerial decision on the public stockholding issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special programme to create vibrant manufacturing sector

1145. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special programme to create a vibrant manufacturing sector that creates lots of jobs for the youth of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of jobs provided in the last one year?

State-wise inflow of FDI

1146. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of inflow of Foreign Direct Investment during the last one and a half years;

(b) whether exports from the country have fallen during each quarter of 2014-15 in comparison to the previous year;

(c) if so, the comparative figures of exports during each quarter of 2014-15 and the corresponding quarter of 2013-14; and

(d) the remedial steps taken/being taken by Government?

City in U.P. as a centre under 'Start-up India' schemes

1147. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any city in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been picked up as a centre for innovation, start-up centre, incubation centre, or for research part under various schemes of 'Start-up India'; and

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

Increase in trade with foreign countries

†1148. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the visits of Prime Minister to various nations from 2014 till date have resulted in a beneficial situation in every respect for trade and commerce between those nations and India; and

(b) if so, the details of increase in trade, industrial development, employment generation and research and development between these nations and India?

Appeal against WTO's verdict on solar energy equipments

1149. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to appeal against the World Trade Organisation's verdict over its policy relating to solar energy equipments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India had as part of its National Solar Mission, imposed a stipulation that solar cells and solar modules be locally sourced;

(c) whether US had filed a case against India at the WTO demanding a level playing field for Indian and foreign solar component manufactures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of trade agreements on 'Make in India' programme

1150. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various bilateral and regional trade agreements concluded by UPA Government are proving to be detrimental to the success of 'Make in India' programme; and

(b) if so, what correctives are under consideration for the agreements in existence and whether the agreements now on the drawing board will have adequate built-in safeguards?

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Extension of Interest Subvention Scheme for textile sector

1151. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Export Organisations are demanding to extend the Interest Subvention Scheme for textile sector with retrospective effect from April, 2014;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a demand;

(c) why the Interest Subvention Scheme was not extended after March, 2014;

(d) the year-wise export of textiles in the last three years and the current year; and

(e) what are the reasons that country's exports were in the negative zone in the last six months and how the Ministry is planning to address this situation?

Action against dumping in the country

1152. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the cheap goods including vegetables, fruits, electronic goods, etc. being dumped in India especially cheap Chinese imports;

(b) if so, the action the Ministry has taken thus far to protect the interests of Indian producers; and

(c) what measures the Ministry is taking to speed up the process of taking action against dumping activities to prevent substantial damage?

Slow progress in implementation of NIMZs

1153. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a slow progress in the implementation of National Investment & Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs), if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is a need to promote the upgradation of existing industrial clusters into these zones, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this direction so far?

Permission to commercial surrogacy

1154. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has permitted commercial surrogacy business in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) if not, the reasons for issue of the Notification dated 2nd December, 2013 permitting import of human embryo; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reconsider the 2nd December, 2013 Notification and take a comprehensive view of legal and citizenship issues linked with the subject?

Action to narrow down trade deficit

1155. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the updated details of the action

taken by Government to narrow down trade deficit;

(b) as on date, the action taken by Government to increase contribution of manufacturing sector in overall GDP rate; and

(c) whether Government is now focusing on Latin American countries to increase trade ties, if so, the details thereof?

Reconstitution of Rubber Board

1156. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government has set any time-frame for reconstituting the Rubber Board and if so, the details thereof?

Safeguarding interest of domestic sector against e-commerce

1157. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy of opening up 100 per cent foreign investment in e-commerce is looking after the interest of Indian SME sector, Indian industries in production, distribution, marketing and service; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed conditions imposed in each and every aspect and revenue protection in tax income to State and Central Government?

Irregulation in STC, Hyderabad

1158. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large scale of default has occurred in State Trading Corporation (STC), Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof,

(b) whether the Vigilance Division has recommended the case to CBI;

(c) whether any action has been taken by CMD to recover the default amount;

(d) the details of money recovered; and

(e) the details of action taken against any officer for the above default?

Incentives for start-ups

1159. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether start-ups should be defined as any business within the first three years of its existence, employing 50 people or less and having a revenue of ₹ 5 crores or less and such start-up should be given the benefits of simpler labour laws and lower tax rates, if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken in this direction so far; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that start-ups promoting technology upgradation, skill development and women or rural entrepreneurship should be given additional incentives, grants and soft loans, if so, the details thereof?

Revenue generation from monuments

1160. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's view on undertaking revenue generation activities at monuments and thereby making their maintenance and finances self-sustainable and the reasons for its view;

(b) the details of the revenue generated from film shoots at various tourist spots and the rates charged from them for the shoots for the last five years, monument-wise; and

(c) the details of the revenue generated from other means from monuments, monuments-wise for the last five years?

Sawarkar's plaque

1161. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Veer Sawarkar's plaque was removed from Port Blair's Cellular jail;

(b) whether Government is aware that a huge movement was generated to have the Sawarkar's plaque reinstalled there; and

(c) what has Government done so far in this regard and whether Government is willing to put the Sawarkar's plaque again where it was denied a space at Cellular jail memorial?

Financial assistance to world heritage festival

†1162. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of organisations provided financial assistance in the last two years on the lines of world cultural festival;

(b) whether Government is working on the scheme of promoting art and culture only through such organisation; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government to promote art and culture and the results thereof?

Renovation of Rabindra Bhawans

1163. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several projects on renovation of Rabindra Bhawans are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received so far therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to spend money to build new Rabindra Bhawans, than to renovate the older ones; and

(d) if so, details of proposals and action plan on the applications on the matter so far?

Strengthening of ASI office at Bhubaneswar

1164. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state whether Government has plans to strengthen the Archaeological Survey of India office at Bhubaneswar with required laboratory facilities and technical man power for issue of non-antiquity certificate in time in order to boost export-oriented handicraft industries of the State?

Creation of Art Council

1165. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to create an Art Council to encourage creativity in arts field; and

(b) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Complaints of harassment of
undertrials by convicted
prisoners**

†1166. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether more prisoners are being
kept in the jails of the country beyond the
capacity of these jails;

(b) if so, the details of the problems
arising from keeping more prisoners in the
jails beyond their capacity;

(c) whether undertrials and convicts,
both kinds of prisoners are kept together;

(d) if so, whether complaints of
harassment of undertrials by convicted
prisoners of criminal mindset are received
from time to time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**CRPF men killed in blast near
Dantewada in Chhattisgarh**

1167. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL
DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
some CRPF men belonging to 230 battalion
were killed in IED blasts near Dantewada
in Chhattisgarh recently;

(b) if so, the details of attacks on
security forces during the last one year;

(c) whether it is a fact that naxals have
got more sophisticated arms and
ammunitions and better intelligence than
our security forces; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government
to provide better arms and ammunition to
our security forces?

Punchhi Commission Report

1168. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR
ROY: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M. M. Punchhi
Commission set up in 2007 on Centre-State
relations had submitted its report on 31st
March, 2010 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many States/Union Territories/
Union Ministers and Departments have
forwarded comments thereon so far to
Government;

(c) the details of follow up action
initiated by Government since 31st March,
2010 till 30th March, 2015; and

(d) by when the Punchhi Commission
Report is expected to be published?

Re-registration of FCRA licenses

1169. SHRI RAJEEV
CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister
of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state
the total number of the NGOs which have
applied for re-registration of Foreign
Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)
licenses currently?

**Installation of CCTV cameras to
check crime and terrorist activities**

1170. SHRI AAYANUR
MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of
HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the
States to install adequate number of Closed-
Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras to
check crime and terrorist activities in the
country;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the total funds granted/likely to be
granted to the States for installation and

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maintenance of CCTV cameras separately, State-wise; and

(d) the other assistance likely to be provided to the States along with the measures being taken by Government to monitor the functioning of such cameras and to install more CCTV cameras in the country?

Approval to the Assam Molasses Control Bill, 2011

1171. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam submitted a proposal for expediting a State Legislation "Assam Molasses Control Bill, 2011", as it is pending with the Central Government for approval;

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

(c) the measures taken by Government so far; and

(d) how much time Central Government will take for approval in this regard?

Presidential Assent to "The Karnataka State Motor Vehicles (Special Provisions) Bill, 2015"

1172. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had referred on 19th August, 2015 "The Karnataka State Motor Vehicles (Special Provisions) Bill, 2015" for obtaining the assent of the Hon'ble President of India; and

(b) by when the Assent to the said Bill

will be communicated to the State Government?

Cattle smuggling to Bangladesh

1173. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cattle smuggling to Bangladesh is on the wane;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the past two years, cattle flow from India to Bangladesh has come down by 60-70 per cent;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that in 2015, the Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead 24 cow smugglers compared to 10 in 2014?

Incidents of crime against foreign students

1174. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of crime against foreign students is on rise throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the number and details of cases registered, chargesheeted and persons convicted for crime against foreign students in the country, State-wise for last three years;

(d) the number of crimes committed against foreign students in last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the details of steps taken by Government to reduce this and provide adequate security to foreign students in the country?

Survey of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees

1175. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any survey of the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in Tamil Nadu and other places of find out their willingness to return to their native country or get citizenship of India since they are living in refugee camps for more than 25 years and even after peace prevails in Sri Lanka according to UN Report; and

(b) if not, what is Government's commitment on refugee protection on life and livelihood?

Infiltration on Indo-Bangladesh border through riverine border

1176. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of large scale infiltration on Indo-Bangladesh border using boats through the riverine border;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the number of cases of infiltration through riverine border came to the notice of Government during last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to stop infiltration from Bangladesh using boats through riverine border?

Legal, social and cultural measures to put an end to honour killings

1177. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken

notice of directions of various High Courts expressing distress over, 'honour killings' of young couples belonging to different castes by their own relatives and asking to protect inter-caste couples;

(b) how many such couples had such tragic ends during last three years;

(c) whether Government intends to adopt legal, social and cultural measures to put an end to such heinous crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strength of women police personnel in the country

1178. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of women police personnel in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the women police force have adequate provision for housing; and

(c) if not, what steps Union Government is going to take to provide adequate housing for women police force?

Measures to ensure complete rehabilitation of militants

1179. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure complete rehabilitation of militants who have surrendered pursuant to the Government's scheme for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of militants/insurgents of North-Eastern areas;

(b) whether the plan of implementation of the scheme includes any mechanism for periodic monitoring or review of the rehabilitation process and re-integration of militants into the mainstream;

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

Sanctioned strength of IPS in Maharashtra

1180. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total sanctioned strength of the Indian Police Service (IPS) in Maharashtra;

(b) what is the total number of IPS officers currently facing disciplinary proceedings and criminal proceedings in a Court of Law; and

(c) what steps are being taken to cleanse the service and retire such officers found wanting in discharge of their duties?

Criteria for handing over cases to NIA

1181. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for handing over cases to NIA;

(b) the details of the cases handed over to the National Investigation Agency for investigation since its inception till date;

(c) the status of such cases under investigation by the NIA;

(d) whether it is a fact that inadequate manpower in the NIA hampers the investigation process and final and logical conclusion of cases which are of utmost national importance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Non-compliance of Supreme Court order by custodian of enemy property

1182. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:
SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the custodian of enemy property has not complied with 2005 Supreme Court order to return the property to the legal heir of Raja of Mahmudabad;

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

(c) whether the occupancy of the enemy property by public servants and public offices has been the primary reason for not returning of enemy properties to their actual owner or their legal heir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of stand alone legislation relating to grant of bail

1183. SHRIMATI WANSUK
SYIEM:
SHRI HISHEY
LACHUNGPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring in stand alone legislation on bail, limiting the discretionary powers of courts in granting bail;

(b) whether Government is keen to implement the entire Malimath Committee report on reforming criminal justice system;

(c) if so, whether the Law Commission's report on the same is under final stage of preparation; and

(d) whether the Malimath Committee has recommended abolition of capital punishment and if so, Government's stance thereon?

which were proposed, have not been completed on time;

(d) if so, the details and the reasons for delay in rehabilitation work and temporary work; and

(e) how much more time will be taken to complete the rehabilitation work?

Surrender of Maoists in Chhattisgarh and Odisha

1184. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 310 Maoists in Chhattisgarh and Odisha surrendered very recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the left wing extremists told the police that they were tired of the exploitation, discrimination and hollow Maoist ideology and were impressed by Government's rehabilitation policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation work undertaken after Aila cyclone

1185. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of devastation was caused by Aila cyclone in Sundarbans, West Bengal;

(b) the details of rehabilitation work undertaken by Government in coordination with State Government as per the recommendation of the task force appointed for the purpose;

(c) whether there is delay in carrying out rehabilitation work and many projects

Strength of IPS in Telangana

1186. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength and persons in position of the Indian Police Service (IPS) in Telangana;

(b) the total number of IPS officers currently facing disciplinary proceedings and criminals proceedings in a Court of Law; and

(c) what steps are being taken to cleanse the service and retire such police officers who are found wanting in the discharge of their duties, if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

Women from African countries found peddling drugs

1187. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women especially from African countries have been found peddling popular drugs in the country;

(b) whether certain cases have been registered against such women in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has devised some action plan to control this menace; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Fear of massive naxal attack in the country

†1188. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a massive naxal attack is feared in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any concrete and effective steps to avoid it; and

(c) if so, what steps and by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal to increase amount of freedom fighter pension

1189. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of freedom fighter pension being given to persons and their dependent family members in the State of Uttar Pradesh under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980;

(b) the amount of pension being given under this Scheme;

(c) whether any proposal is pending before Government to increase the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Maoist incidents after JNU controversy

†1190. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoist incidents have increased after JNU controversy;

(b) if not, the reasons for continuing Maoist attacks as per Government figures and the steps being taken by Government to handle it; and

(c) the number of Maoist attacks which took place after JNU controversy till date and number of Jawans martyred in these attacks?

Dispute in NIT, Srinagar

†1191. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dispute arose in NIT, Srinagar Campus after hoisting of Pakistani flag by anti-national elements;

(b) if not, the date on which dispute arose in NIT, Srinagar, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to identify pro-Pakistani elements in educational institutes?

New set of guidelines to tackle urban flooding

1192. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has decided to frame new set of guidelines and plan of action to tackle urban flooding particularly in wake of the recent Chennai floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is working in coordination with other Ministries to create sustainable and resilient urban infrastructure; and

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(d) if so, the details of progress and scope thereof?

Expenditure incurred by Government for facilities in naxal affected areas

†1193. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the expenditure being incurred by the Government of India for spreading social awareness, developing rural facilities, increasing the facilities of road and drinking water in naxal affected areas during last three years, State-wise, head-wise and year-wise?

Composite township for displaced Kashmiri Pandits

1194. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up 'composite township' for displaced Kashmiri Pandit migrants in the valley;

(b) whether Government has been able to get land for the 'composite township' from J&K Government and modalities have been worked out, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many registered Kashmiri migrant families are in the country waiting for their return to homeland; and

(d) whether any package for Jammu and Kashmir has been announced by Government, if so, the details thereof?

Proposal regarding peace on the Assam-Nagaland border in Golaghat district

1195. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

Government of Assam submitted a proposal regarding peace on the Assam-Nagaland Border in Golaghat district;

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

(c) the measures taken by Government so far and how much time will it take for implementation of the proposal submitted by Government of Assam?

Release of funds to Assam for relief and rehabilitation of people affected by floods

1196. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam submitted a proposal regarding release of funds for relief and rehabilitation of the people affected by floods;

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

(c) the measures taken by Government so far; and

(d) how much time Centre will take for release of funds for relief and rehabilitation of the people affected by floods?

Custodial deaths

1197. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of custodial deaths in Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the provisions in this regard;

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(c) the number of persons and officials held responsible and punished for the same; and

(d) in how many cases cover up was alleged?

Rise in sexual harassment cases

1198. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sexual harassment cases are on the rise in Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and other States; and

(b) if so, the details of the cases in these States and the number of persons booked under the Nirbhaya Act and status of the prosecutions?

Human trafficking from Bangladesh

1199. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of human trafficking from Bangladesh to West Bengal are rampant;

(b) the number of such incidents reported and the number of victims rescued in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that both the victims of trafficking and perpetrator are charged under Foreigner's Act, 1946 and are prosecuted;

(d) whether it is also a fact that victims are sent to shelter homes and are not deported till cases are disposed; and

(e) how many such victims are currently lodged in shelter homes across India, give last three years data, year-wise?

BSF personnel working in collusion with trans-border narcotics smuggling network

1200. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire border in Punjab with Pakistan is fully fenced and guarded by BSF;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total length of border with Pakistan in Punjab;

(c) whether Punjab Police and BSF Personnel were found working in collusion with trans-border narcotics smuggling network;

(d) if so, the details of cases registered in this regard during the last two years and the current year; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to plug loopholes in the system?

Youths arrested for their allegiance to ISIS

1201. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of youths have been arrested across the country during the recent past for their alleged allegiance to ISIS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these youths were planning major terror strikes all over the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to curb the anti-national activities of these youths and ensure safety and security of the country?

Presidential Assent to "The Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2015"

1202. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had on 17th August, 2015 referred to the Ministry "The Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2015" for getting the Assent of the Hon'ble President of India; and

(b) if so, by when will the Assent to the said Bill be communicated to the State Government?

Proposal from Karnataka regarding Railway Police and Coastal Security Police

1203. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had in December, 2013 and December, 2014 respectively, proposed setting up of Coastal Security Police Stations and increase in the sanctioned strength of Railway Police;

(b) the present stage of consideration of these proposals in the Ministry; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

Stress counsellors in paramilitary forces

1204. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time Government has decided to hire stress

counsellors in paramilitary forces to curb instances of suicide and mental and behavioral disorders amongst troops working under acute pressure in some of the toughest combat zones of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has recently given its nod to the Indo-Tibetan Border Police maiden proposal to recruit at least 44 stress cum teaching counsellors directly in the rank of head constables; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Conducting of yoga sessions, leave and other facilities for paramilitary forces

1205. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the paramilitary forces to hold regular yoga sessions, make easy the mechanism of granting leave and other facilities to troops and officers working in paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the directions of Government as above have been implemented in these forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agreement with the US terrorist screening Centre

1206. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed agreements with the US Terrorist Screening Centre, a multi agency Organisation administered by

the FBI which maintains a single, consolidated terrorist data base, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India will be able to track IS-influenced youth and get alerts as they travel through the member countries by signing the agreements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Incidents of inter-State human trafficking

1207. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late incidents of inter- State human trafficking and selling of kidnapped girls in Haryana and other parts of the country have increased manifold;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what effective action Government has taken or proposes to take to prevent human trafficking in the country?

ISI activities in sensitive areas of border districts in Rajasthan

†1208. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani intelligence agency ISI is active in the sensitive areas of border districts like Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some persons have been caught in Pokhran under allegation of providing secret information regarding army to ISI;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make Indian intelligence agencies more alert in the sensitive areas of the country?

Attacks against women in States where AFSPA is in force

1209. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attacks against women are on the rise in the States where Armed Forced Special Powers Act (AFSPA) is in force; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof for last three years for the attacks against women in such States?

Increasing crime rate in Delhi

1210. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime rate is increasing day-by-day in Delhi;

(b) how many persons become victims of different crimes everyday in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that chain snatchers fired bullet on a woman in Sector-8, R.K. Puram, New Delhi recently while snatching her chain and if so, what is the present status of that case; and

(d) the total number of chain snatching cases happened in R.K. Puram and other parts of Delhi during the last two years and how many of them are still unsolved along with reasons for not solving those cases?

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Issue of multi-city, multiple-entry visa to businessmen of SAARC countries

1211. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to issue multi-city, multiple-entry business visa to businessmen of SAARC countries including Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the precautionary steps taken by Government to check the entry of terrorists in the garb of businessmen?

Unemployed youth

1212. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of high incidence of unemployment amongst youth in the country, both graduate and non-graduate, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of jobs/employment provided to the unemployed youth in the country in different sectors, during the one year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving employment opportunities in the country?

Survey conducted by Labour Bureau

1213. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether survey conducted by Labour Bureau revealed that new jobs in eight labour-intensive industries fell to six-year low in first nine months of 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether the reasons for low generation of jobs were analysed and if so, action taken by various Government agencies along with details thereon?

EPFO investment in PSU bonds

1214. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is sitting on surplus funds but has cited losses on its investments in PSU bonds and weak stock markets to argue for a relaxation to invest more in Government securities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that EPFO wants the nod of Government to invest ₹ 11,000 crore in Government bonds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has conveyed its approval for the same?

Labour reforms

1215. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring reforms in three major labour laws through a single Industrial Relations Bill, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to allow employers to retrench upto 300 workers without its permission, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes not to allow any outsider to become office bearer in a trade union, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether trade unions have opposed these proposed changes, if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government to address their concerns?

Rehabilitation of bonded labourers

1216. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bonded-labourers released in the past three years by Government, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the average time taken to rehabilitate individuals after they have been released, the State-wise details thereof in the last three years;

(c) steps Government proposes to take to reduce the time between release and rehabilitation of individuals and the timeline for implementation of the same; and

(d) whether Government proposes to increase the rehabilitation package from the current ₹ 20,000 if so, the details thereof and timeline for implementation, if not, the reasons therefor?

Employment opportunities

1217. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment regarding the percentage of the people who are earning their livelihood in agriculture, industries, business and service sectors, respectively, in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of people who

are employed in the above sector during the last two years; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to generate employment opportunity to the youths of the country in various sectors?

Distressed condition of women beedi workers

1218. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 8 million beedi workers, most of them women are in distressed condition and currently agitating for their long standing demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve condition of these women beedi workers and to provide training in less hazardous and better paying jobs?

Launching of National Career Service portal

1219. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched a career portal 'National Career Service';

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the number of job seekers and employers registered with this portal;

(d) the details of expected number of job opportunities would be created within a span of three years from now; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to create awareness among the young aspiring job seekers of the country especially the rural people?

Bonded labourers

1220. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the cruel case of violence in a brick kiln in the State of Telangana wherein a pregnant woman lost her life last December;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were over 220 other bonded labourers who were terrorized; and

(c) how many other cases of bonded labour were reported over the last three years, the details and action taken thereon?

Norms for PF withdrawal

1221. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has changed its norms for PF withdrawal by increasing the eligibility age from 54 years to 57 years;

(b) whether this menace will affect the welfare of workers at large; and

(c) if so, the reasons and rationale behind such a move?

Labourers working in construction sector

†1222. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the labourers

working in construction sector are subjected to exploitation the most;

(b) if so, whether Government has formulated any plan keeping in mind the interests of the labourers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Number of pensioners in unorganised sector

†1223. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pensioners in unorganised sector at present and the pension being paid to them per month;

(b) the amount Government is getting as interest on the deposited amount of pensioners of these unorganised sector every year;

(c) whether pensions being paid to the pensioners are sufficient for their subsistence in view of the present inflation;

(d) if not, whether Government would consider to enhance their monthly pension; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Norms for withdrawal of PF

1224. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has tightened norms for withdrawing the provident fund as well as to invest it in the Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

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(c) whether it is also a fact that the members will also have to wait till they are 57 years old to claim PF for transfer to Life Insurance Corporation of India for investment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Contract labour

1225. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether and to what extent contract labour has replaced regular labour both in the Private and Public Sectors; and

(b) if so, whether a corrective measure is under consideration for introducing an appropriate Exit Policy as a better of the two evils?

Setting up of Labour Bank

1226. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is in the process of setting up of Labour Bank for providing better services to its subscribers;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that EPFO has 6.5 lakh crores of corpus and getting ₹ 70,000 crores as deposits; and

(d) if so, by when the proposal would be fructified?

New jobs in labour intensive industries

1227. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Labour Bureau data show that new jobs in eight labour intensive industries fell to 1.55 lakh in the first nine months of 2015;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to create more and more new jobs in the labour intensive industries?

Minimum wages

1228. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data to know how many labourers do not have a roof on their head and are living homeless;

(b) the difference in the minimum daily wages of labourers in various States and at various levels of skills the labourers have, the State-wise details of the minimum wages they provide;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to ensure that labourers get the minimum wages wherever they are working; and

(d) how many cases of employers defaulting on minimum wages have been registered and the convictions?

Minimum Pension

1229. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on pension and minimum pension issues so that there is uniformity of policy of ₹ 1000 as minimum pension with Dearness Allowance (D.A.) along with other Government employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not,

the hindrance in implementing UPA Government policy?

Sick iron-ore mines in the country

1230. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise and State-wise details of sick iron-ore mines at present in the country;

(b) the date since when these mines are sick and the reasons for their sickness;

(c) whether Government proposes to revive these sick mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

National Mineral Exploration Policy

1231. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the National Mineral Exploration Policy, if so, details thereof and if not, the progress so far;

(b) whether Government has identified potential blocks which will be given for private exploration, if so, the details thereof and reasons for private exploration of these blocks;

(c) what has been the utilization of revenue of the National Mineral Exploration Trust for exploration purposes for the past ten years, the year-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that very few reconnaissance permits got converted into prospecting licenses in the past, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Minimum monthly wages for contract workers

1232. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide minimum monthly wages of ₹ 10,000 to contract workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has charted out any modalities for this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment by ONGC to drill gas from KG Basin

1233. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the details of amount ONGC planned to invest to drill oil and gas from Krishna-Godavari(KG) Basin;

(b) by what time and the quantity of gas is expected from cluster-II area of KG Basin;

(c) what is the total reserves available in the cluster and what is the output expected per day, and for what period; and

(d) the details of returns which ONGC expect from this project over a period of time?

Different rates for supply of natural gas in States

†1234. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates for supply of natural gas *i.e.* green fuel to factories in different States in the country are different;

(b) the State-wise details of the rate of supply of natural gas;

(c) whether the rate of natural gas being supplied to the factories in Noida, Uttar Pradesh by IGL is higher than the rate of its supply in Uttarakhand; and

(d) the mechanism for the supply of natural gas at different rates and whether it is being followed?

Allowing oil companies to purchase crude oil at spot rate

†1235. 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 Government is considering to allow oil companies to purchase crude oil at spot rate from international market, by formulating an independent import policy;

(b) the details of rate at which crude oil was purchased through tender process during last three years and corresponding

prices of crude oil in international market at that time and how much more price had to be paid to procure crude because of contract of tender process; and

(c) whether private oil companies purchase crude oil at spot rate from international market as a result they have to pay less?

Exploration of oil wells in Bengal Basin

1236. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bengal basin occupies an area of 89,000 sq. km. in total about which 57,000 sq. km. is on land and 32,000 sq. km. offshore up to 200m bathymetry;

(b) whether as per assessments of Government, Bengal Basin comes under category-III and some of the wells there under are reconsidered to be geologically prospective;

(c) if so, whether Government has decided to explore those wells commercially; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of kerosene marker system to check adulteration

1237. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce kerosene marker system to ascertain adulteration diversion of kerosene in the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of cases of irregularities, black-marketing/leakage of kerosene under the Public Distribution System have been reported during each of the last three years and the current year and follow-up action taken by Government, State-wise; and

(c) by when this kerosene marker system is likely to be introduced?

Purchase of oil/gas blocks by GSPCL

1238. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPCL) has been allowed to purchase oil/gas blocks in country and outside;

(b) if so, the place-wise details thereof,

(c) what was the total amount the State invested and using which source;

(d) whether these projects are operational, if so, from when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) made any objection about the same?

Increasing price of petrol and diesel

1239. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the price of petrol and diesel on 16th March and 4th April, 2016;

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

(c) whether he has assured Parliament that in case of hike in prices of crude oil,

Government may pass the benefit of increase in excise duty to consumers; and

(d) if so, the rationale for above hikes in price of petrol and diesel?

Utilisation of Coal Bed Methane

1240. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tapping into Coal Bed Methane would not only help India meet its energy needs, but also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

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

(c) the State-wise data as to the estimated Coal Bed Methane resources in the country;

(d) whether any steps are being taken by Government to tap into this energy resource; and

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

Gas pipeline network of GAIL

1241. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing gas pipeline network of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of accidents happened on its pipelines at various places in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(d) what are the safety measures taken/ being taken by GAIL to monitor its gas pipeline network?

Adulteration of fuel

1242. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether weak regulatory regime is allowing large scale adulteration of fuel being used in motor vehicles which is leading to rise in the air pollution;

(b) if so, what are the details of the existing regulatory mechanism;

(c) whether Government intends to strengthen the regulatory mechanism to prohibit adulteration of fuel with the participation of various stakeholders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the new regulatory regime will be put in place?

Reforms in oil and gas exploration

†1243. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to formulate any plan to bring big reforms in the area of oil and gas exploration;

(b) if so, whether oil and gas industry is likely to be benefited from this plan; and

(c) if so, by when this plan is likely to be implemented and the details thereof of the above plan?

Voluntary surrender of subsidy on domestic LPG

†1244. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of citizens in the

country who have voluntarily given up subsidy provided on domestic LPG so far, the State-wise details of such citizens;

(b) whether Government has formulated any scheme for providing free of cost gas connection to the poor and approved the same, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of cities in Rajasthan for which the Central Government has formulated plan to supply gas through pipeline and approved the same and the total amount sanctioned for these schemes and by when work on this is scheduled to be completed?

Formation of panel with Australia on supply of cheap LNG

1245. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Australia have decided to form panel on supply of cheap LNG for power plants in India;

(b) whether any MoU has to be signed between India and Australia to this effect; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Startup fund for the hydrocarbon sector

1246. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to create a startup fund for the oil and gas industry;

(b) if so, the reasons for creating such a fund and the target the fund seeks to achieve; and

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(c) if so, what has been the progress on creating such a fund so far by the Ministry?

Production cost of crude oil produced by ONGC

†1247. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the per barrel production cost of crude oil produced by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in India;

(b) the amount being recovered as sale price from Indian oil companies by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation;

(c) the details of the profits earned by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation during the past three years; and

(d) the per barrel cost of imported crude oil, the details of the import costs of crude oil during the past five years?

Production of ethanol

1248. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise details of ethanol producing States in the country and their production in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has set targets for each State to produce ethanol to realize the goal of 10:90 blend in petrol;

(c) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) what are the reasons that sugar industry is demanding for incentives for producing ethanol?

Doubling per capita consumption of plastic by 2022

1249. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to double the per capita consumption of plastic in the country by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of present per capita consumption; and

(c) the strategy adopted by Government to achieve the ambitious target as well as growth in employment opportunities?

Review of gas pricing formula in KG Basin

1250. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reduced the gas pricing formula as compared to its previous formula, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ONGC has requested Government to review the new gas pricing formula in KG Basin which is termed as non-viable to carry out its discoveries in KG Basin;

(c) the response of Government to the request of ONGC; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

Ending subsidy of well-off people

1251. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ministry plans to end subsidy on LPG for those with annual income above ₹ 10 lakh;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether there has been a delay in acquiring data of high-earning individuals in the country;

(d) the total amount saved by Government by ending LPG subsidy through 'Give it Up'; and

(e) whether the earnings have helped to improve access to LPG in rural areas, if so, the details thereof?

Exploration of sedimentary basins

1252. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of sedimentary basins under exploration currently, post round IX;

(b) whether Government is on track to achieving the 80 per cent target set, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the average time taken by Government to grant clearances after allocation has been made;

(d) whether Government has taken measures to decrease time for granting clearances, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of blocks which have started production/drilling after discoveries, whether they meet the established target, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey by OMCs to determine operational Benami petrol pumps

1253. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have conducted any survey to determine the number of operational Benami petrol pumps throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of operational Benami petrol pumps in last three years and the action taken by the OMCs on cancellation of such petrol pumps, OMC-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken by OMCs, if any, to regularize the dealership of the Benami petrol pumps?

Households with LPG connection

†1254. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the State-wise number of households which have been provided with the facility of LPG till 2015-16, the details of progress of each year in the last three years and the year-wise action plan for providing the above facility to cent per cent households?

Demand and production of LNG

1255. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of demand and production of LNG in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) entered into an agreement with Golar LNG for shipping gas from the US to India; and

(c) if so, the quantity of LNG that is likely to be imported and the cost at which GAIL is going to import?

Projected investment to be made by SAIL

1256. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total projected investment to be made by the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in the current expansion and modernization programme;

(b) the likely share for the special and alloy steel plants; and

(c) whether there is any long term plan to increase SAIL's presence and market share in special and alloy steel market?

Financial package to help revive steel sector

1257. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is readying a financial package to help revive the steel sector and prevent bank loans advanced to steel firms from turning bad, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is working with Ministry of Finance on the package;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government's move comes after similar efforts in the road and power

sectors and it comes even as the banking system faces considerable stress from non-performing assets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Capacity enhancement of Gua Iron Ore Mines in Jharkhand

1258. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gua Iron Ore Mines situated in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand have been planning to enhance its production capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been envisaged for enhancement of production;

(d) the quantum of outlay earmarked for inducting new machinery and technology; and

(e) the details of the targets of production enhancement?

Steel plant in Khammam district of Telangana

1259. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 provides for setting up of a steel plant by SAIL in Khammam district of Telangana;

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

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in setting up of the steel plant; and

(d) the immediate steps taken by Government to fulfil the promise made in this regard in an Act passed by the Parliament?

Promotion of eco-tourism

†1260. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme/policy to promote eco-tourism related projects in the country;

(b) if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details of the locations being developed under this project including the tribal areas of the country;

(c) whether Government has received suggestions from the State Government regarding this project, if so, the details of the suggestions received; and

(d) the year-wise and State/area-wise details of the amount spent on this project during the last three years?

Funds to Rajasthan for approved projects

†1261. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the position of Rajasthan in the country as far as tourism is concerned, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government is yet to pay to Government of Rajasthan the amount for the projects approved earlier for tourism, if so, the details thereof and by when this amount would be released; and

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan for special assistance with a view to promote tourism in Rajasthan in 2016-17, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Extension of e-visa to boost tourism

1262. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to extend e-visa to 43 countries to boost tourism in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a time-frame has been worked out to help work out fast issue of such visas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how far will this help to add to our foreign exchange resources?

Development of Ramayana, Buddhist and Sufi circuits

1263. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made progress on the development of Ramayana, Buddhist and Sufi circuits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of places from Karnataka to be included in these circuits?

New proposals for promotion of tourism from Uttarakhand

1264. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttarakhand has sent any new scheme for the promotion of tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of those schemes;

(c) whether Government has new proposals for Centrally assisted tourism promotion schemes in Uttarakhand; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

utilized for this purpose and by when the circuit is likely to be completed?

India's share in foreign tourist arrivals

1265. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) India's share in global foreign tourist arrivals and whether measures have been undertaken to increase the same, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the multi-lingual tourist helpline has been launched, if so, the details thereof and number of calls received since its launch, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures undertaken to make foreign tourists aware of the helpline;

(d) whether measures have been undertaken to curb illegal promotional activities under the 'Incredible India' brand-line in international market, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Puducherry as a tourist circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1266. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development of Union Territory of Puducherry as tourist circuit under 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' has been identified;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 85 crores has been sanctioned for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details of money so far

Cancellation of forest rights of tribals in Chhattisgarh

1267. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report appeared in an English daily dated 18th February, 2016 stating that the Chhattisgarh Government has cancelled the forest rights of tribals over their traditional lands in Ghatbarra village of Surguja district to facilitate coal mining of Prasa East and Kete Besan coal blocks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Review of functioning of NGOs working in tribal areas

†1268. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of Non-Governmental Organisations working in tribal areas whose working has been found correct;

(b) Government assistance provided to these organisations during the last three years and the number of organisations who got foreign aid;

(c) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations against whom Government has taken action for involvement in misappropriation of funds and the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government is considering to allow other organisations after imposing

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ban on these organisations, if so, the names of these organisations?

ST status to ethnic groups of Assam

1269. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Ministry has declared that the long standing issue of giving ST status to six ethnic groups of Assam namely Koch-Rajbongshis, Sutiya, Tai Ahoms, Morans, Motoks and Tea tribes will be done within six months;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the issue therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plan to enhance employability of tribal youths

1270. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on a plan to enhance the employability of tribal youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is devising a plan to use indigenous knowledge and local practices for sustainable development of areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Programmes for development of tribals

†1271. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being run for the

development of various tribals in the country at present;

(b) the names of the tribes living in hilly areas of north India, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise and year-wise details funds provided for the upliftment of these tribes by Government from year 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Notice on ill-treatment of evicted tribals from Polavaram Dam

1272. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received notice from Andhra Pradesh High Court regarding ill-treatment of tribals who were evicted from Polavaram Dam;

(b) whether there is a specific policy for tribals who are evicted and harassed for land for a Central project;

(c) what steps Government will initiate to rectify such wrongs committed against thousands of tribals; and

(d) the steps proposed to enquire into atrocities against tribals whose women and children were thrown out mercilessly in Anguluru, Mamidigondhi, Devaragondhi, etc. by using the old 1894 Land Acquisition Act?

Non-purchase by TRIFED in West Bengal

1273. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that no purchase or sales have been made by Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development

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Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) in West Bengal during last three years;

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

(c) the country-wise and year-wise details of products sold, revenues generated and profits earned on e-portal, www.tribesindia.com during last three years; and

(d) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized, beneficiaries reached and capacity building undertaken under scheme 'Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce during last three years?

Focus on infrastructural development of sports

†1274. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that required infrastructural development is being focused adequately for the development of all kinds of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate allocation have been made in the general budget of year 2016-17 for the national programmes of sports development in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strategy for Rio Olympics

1275. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared

any strategy including monetary rewards, public employment, etc. for the forthcoming Rio Olympics; and

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

Stadiums, grounds and courts constructed for 2010 Commonwealth Games

1276. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many stadiums, grounds and courts were constructed for the 2010 Commonwealth Games matching the international standards for sports purposes in the National Capital;

(b) how many of these stadiums, ground and courts are open for use by the national and international players and teams; and

(c) the details of all the stadiums, grounds and courts which were used for practice purposes on regular basis after the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games?

Promotion of football

†1277. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to promote football;

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

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

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Creating awareness about National Youth Policy

1278. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry in order to create awareness about the National Youth Policy among the youth;

(b) the measures taken by the Ministry for promotion of sports for all round development of youth in rural areas;

(c) whether the Ministry is taking adequate measures for participation of youth in the Panchayats in villages; and

(d) the amount utilized for the above mentioned purposes in the last three financial year?

Preparation of sportspersons by year 2020

†1279. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the sports-wise details of the draft of national and international action plans to prepare sportspersons by forthcoming

year 2020, and the details of resources available for the same?

Development of Borivali as regional centre of SAI

1280. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to develop Borivali centre as regional centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI);

(b) if so, the details of development works undertaken during last three years;

(c) whether Government is aware that lots of land in centre has been encroached upon by builders in connivance of SAI centre officers during last few years and sports facilities, hostels and halls are in wretched condition;

(d) whether hockey ground and halls were given for other purposes than sports activities without knowledge of SAI authorities; and

(e) whether any inquiry has been conducted and action taken thereon?

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