

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: 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

Ease of doing business rankings

3677. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that inspite of Government taking various measures, India is not able to go up in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' Index released recently;

(b) what drawbacks pushed back India from climbing the ladder;

(c) how the Ministry looks at this issue and what plans it has to showcase the world more clearly of what the country has done so far; and

(d) to what extent delay in labour reforms impacted the ranking?

Investment by foreign companies

3678. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign companies, country-wise, that have invested in India under the 'Make in India' scheme during financial year 2016-17; and

(b) the details of the amount of investments from each of these countries, sector-wise, in which the investment has been made?

Pending patents and trademark applications

3679. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending patents and trademark applications;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to expedite these applications; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in level of industrial sickness

3680. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of industrial sickness in the country is increasing;

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

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government for revival of sick industries?

Export of processed food articles

3681. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government has assessed various food articles that could be processed for export;

(b) if so, the details of such articles, State-wise;

(c) the details of various marine-based food processing articles/industries set up in the country, State-wise;

(d) which countries are importing processed food articles from India; and

(e) the details of foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise?

Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme

3682. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has recently launched the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would improve infrastructure for exports, like facilitation at customs checkpoints, cold storages at ports, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent, it would help improve exports of goods from the country?

Closure of Startups

3683. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Startup businesses started by young entrepreneurs during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether many of the Startup businesses are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, whether any study/survey has been conducted for the reasons for failure of Startups in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken to improve the system?

Production of cardamom

3684. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cardamom produced in the country from 2014 to 2016;

(b) the cardamom exported from the country from 2014 to 2016; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to meet the increasing domestic demand of cardamom in the country?

Reducing trade gap with China

3685. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that China has posted its first monthly trade deficit gap in three years in February, 2017;

(b) what is the present state of trade between India and China in the context of growing imports by China;

(c) whether India has improved its trade gap with China and increased its exports; and

(d) the steps proposed to reduce India's trade gap with China?

Regulation of pulses' import

3686. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that, large scale contract defaults and forced renegotiations of prices for import of pulses by private players has sent negative signals

about the country towards market and hurting image of trade and the country at large;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government for regulation and monitoring of pulses' trade in order to protect the country's image?

Award to manufacturers under 'Make in India' scheme

3687. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign companies which have approached the Central Government, clearance given to, pending cases, State/UT-wise and date-wise details thereof under the 'Make in India' programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that some manufacturers have been awarded under the 'Make in India' scheme, the details of the awardees, with their area of expertise; and

(c) the guidelines of Government for manufacturers to be a part of this scheme?

Fall in sales of Fast Moving Consumer Goods

3688. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sales of Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) has fallen in the months of November and December, 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the sale record of the FMCG companies in the month of October, November and December, 2016; and

(c) whether Government anticipates that demonetisation is the reason for the

decrease in the sales of FMCG products, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Decision not to make new industrial parks

3689. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to not make any new industrial parks in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government wants to put in place a mechanism to ensure that resources are not provided unnecessarily when existing infrastructure can be tapped; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Achievements of investment promotion agency

3690. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the investment promotion agency of the country during the last three years;

(b) the initiatives of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion to meet the domestic commitment therein;

(c) the sector-wise investments and employment which has been generated since 2012 therefrom; and

(d) the plan of Government for the next five year period thereof?

Decline in growth of manufacturing sector

3691. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that growth of manufacturing sector has witnessed unprecedented decline;

(b) if so, the details of growth in manufacturing sector, including leather, textiles, steel, etc. during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has assessed the impact of this decline on Indian industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures Government has taken in this regard?

Development of Industrial Corridors in Andhra Pradesh

3692. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has embarked on the establishment of Industrial Corridors in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and released/being released in the present financial year, the details thereof?

Growth in goods exports

3693. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's goods exports recorded positive growth for the fifth consecutive month with shipments in January rising by 4.32 per cent of US 22.1 billion dollars;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the slowdown in global trade continues to impact India as well;

(d) whether the uncertainties in global economy may also pose challenges for exports in 2017; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of India-EU FTA on textiles industry

3694. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing to seal the Free Trade Agreement with Europe, even if it is a compromise;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto and its effect on textiles industry of the country; and

(c) the steps taken for textiles industry's demand in case Government avoids Free Trade Agreement with Europe?

Import of capital goods

†3695. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the annual net debt balances due to import of crude oil and export of petroleum from 1st April, 2014 to December, 2016, year-wise;

(b) the annual import of capital goods from April, 2014, till date;

(c) whether the growth rate of manufacturing sector has gathered momentum as a result of imported capital goods; and

(d) if not, whether there is a likelihood of inflation of bill of imported capital goods?

Foreign capital investment in AYUSH

†3696. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given approval to foreign capital investment in the field of AYUSH;

(b) if so, the percentage of investment allowed to be made by the multinational companies; and

(c) the names of those companies, the country-wise details thereof?

Stopping use of micro beads

3697. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that use of micro beads (tiny plastic balls) is very common in production of many soaps and skin exfoliants, which is very harmful to aquatic fauna and flora;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to stop use of such materials; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Plan to improve exports to China

3698. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about export-import trade imbalance with China;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to improve Indian exports to China;

(c) if so, the sectors identified for which Indian industry has scope in Chinese market;

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(d) the details of Government support to improve exports to China; and

(e) whether Government has any plan to discourage Chinese imports?

Special funds for Startup scheme

†3699. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special fund has been set up for Government's ambitious Startup scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the entrepreneurs are not able to suitably benefit from the Startup scheme because of paucity of funds; and

(c) if the answers to the above parts are in affirmative, the steps Government intends to take in this direction and by when?

Uniform policy for promotion of industries

3700. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is adopting a uniform policy throughout the country for promotion of industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government is offering State specific incentive framework; and

(d) the details of concessions/incentives being given to special category States and other backward States for industrial promotion?

Setting up of Engineering clusters under IIUS

3701. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up Engineering clusters under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;

(c) the funds sanctioned/allocated/ released and utilised so far for the said clusters, State/UT-wise and cluster-wise; and

(d) the details of the achievements made under the scheme so far?

Fall in sales of manufactured goods

3702. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether sales of manufactured goods fell during 2015-16 despite Government's efforts to attract investment under its 'Make in India' campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will spark fears of layoffs and debt default in the months to come; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government is taking to create demand for manufactured goods?

Promotion of NIMZs

3703. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the promotion of National Investment and Manufacturing Zones

(NIMZs) will boost the manufacturing sector; and

(b) the details of proposals received for establishment of NIMZs along with the locations and their approval status?

Export/Import of medicines/drugs

3704. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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

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

Statement by Minister on Quran and Bible

3705. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma made a controversial statement that Quran and Bible are not central to the soul of India; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

Development work in the State of Chhattisgarh

†3706. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for development works during the last three years from Government of Chhattisgarh and the amount involved

therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of the proposals;

(d) whether more time taken in the execution of proposals hamper the development works and how the cost overrun related to the work is adjusted; and

(e) the details thereof?

Protected monuments in Odisha

3707. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind preservation of less number of monuments as Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monuments in Odisha in comparison to other States in the country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of monuments of Odisha to be declared as Centrally Protected Monuments?

Folk arts and music practised in the country

3708. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many of the Indian folk arts and music practised in the country are on the verge of disappearance;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted to identify the Indian folk arts

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and music which are on the verge of disappearance;

(c) whether any action has been taken to revive these Indian folk arts and music in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cell of Savarkar in Andaman Cellular jail

3709. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that historical evidences, documents and records have been ignored while fixing a cell to be that of Savarkar in the Andaman Cellular jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Record of revolutionaries jailed in Andaman Cellular jail

3710. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many revolutionaries were jailed in the Andaman Cellular jail;

(b) out of them, how many were from undivided Bengal; and

(c) whether record about all inmates are properly maintained and displayed?

Declaration of National Heritage Sites

3711. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to declare famous historical places as National Heritage Sites, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified or received any request from Government of Puducherry in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government of India has taken any initiative in the matter, if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of science cities

†3712. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of science cities established in the country, State-wise/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish at least one science city in every State/Union Territory;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/ Union Territory-wise, including Bihar and Jharkhand;

(d) the action taken by Government and by when the establishment of science cities in all the States/Union-Territories of the country is expected; and

(e) the objectives of Government in establishing a science city?

Promotion of ancient tribal culture in the State of Chhattisgarh

†3713. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote and conserve ancient folk traditions, folk literature including ancient tribal culture of the State of Chhattisgarh; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated to the State in this regard during the last three years and the current year;

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(c) whether Government has received any proposals from Government of Chhattisgarh for promotion of ancient culture and traditional art forms of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the current status of proposals received and by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

Conditions of various museums in India

3714. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the pathetic conditions of various museums in the country ;

(b) if so, steps have been taken to restore the glory of these historical institutions; and

(c) the amount sanctioned to various museums during the last three financial years and the current financial year, along with the amount spent and surrendered, if any?

Commemorating the centenary of Champaran Satyagrah

3715. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to commemorate the centenary of Champaran Satyagrah;

(b) if so, the details thereof including constituting National Implementation Committee, proposed programmes/projects and funds sanctioned for the purpose;

(c) whether proposals have received from Government of Bihar for financial

assistance for projects including Gandhi Circuit;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has any plan for infrastructure development of prominent places related to Champaran Satyagrah; and

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

Proposals from Uttar Pradesh Government

†3716. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry from Uttar Pradesh Government for development works in the last three years along with the funds sought, project-wise and action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government have so far been pending;

(c) whether a time-limit has been fixed for disposal of the said proposals;

(d) whether excessive delay in clearing the proposals hampers developmental work and how the cost overrun caused by this delay is adjusted; and

(e) the details thereof?

Evaluation of performance of CPSUs

3717. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of the

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performance/functioning of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) is done regularly;

(b) if so, the details of performance ratings of CPSUs during each of the last three years; and

(c) the details of support provided by Government to loss making CPSUs along with the CPSUs being revived at present?

Development of industries

3718. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment on the development and growth of heavy engineering equipments, machine tools, automotive and electrical equipment sectors in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether any target for development of the said industries has been fixed and if so, the achievements made during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to encourage the development and growth of the said sectors in the country?

Revival package for Praga Tools Limited

3719. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Praga Tools Limited, Telangana, has been approved for

revival package and IDPL is going to be closed very soon;

(b) if so, the details of the revival package of Praga Tools Limited and reasons for closure of IDPL; and

(c) the present status of revival package of Praga Tools and by when it is likely to start its production?

Progress of Scheme on Enhancement of Global Competitiveness of Indian Capital Goods

3720. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that specific objectives were flagged while launching the Scheme on Enhancement of Global Competitiveness of Indian Capital Goods sector in 2014 by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the achievable objectives so identified; and

(c) whether any quantifiable progress is visible on ground under the Scheme after its launch two years ago and if not, the reasons therefor?

Harsher punishment in cases of drunk and negligent driving

†3721. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has given suggestion to the Central Government to make the punishment stringent in cases of drunk, negligent and rash driving to curb the rising road accidents;

(b) whether the Court has also suggested that the provision for punishment of two years under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Section 304-A of IPC is quite less;

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(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) by when necessary law would be enacted in this regard?

Negotiations with stakeholders in J & K

3722. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to negotiate with various stakeholders in Jammu and Kashmir to bring peace and normalcy in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

Marine police stations

3723. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to obviate terrorism and infiltration from sea routes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Marine police stations are being established in the coastal areas to protect against terrorist infiltration, if so, the details thereof?

Freedom fighter pension

3724. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters alive and receiving pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of dependents of freedom fighters receiving family pension, State-wise;

(c) the amount of pension/family pension being paid to freedom fighters and their dependents per month; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase freedom fighter pension and facilities provided to such persons?

Accommodation for officers/staff of central police forces

3725. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of accommodation, including family accommodation available for officers/staff of Central Armed Police Forces, in various cities and towns at present;

(b) whether Government has any plan to augment the accommodation for the personnel of Central Armed Police Forces as part of welfare measures; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Accommodation for officers/staff of Delhi Police

3726. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of accommodation available for officers/staff of Delhi Police, at present;

(b) whether Government has any plan to augment the accommodation for the personnel of Delhi Police to raise their satisfaction level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Report on prevailing situation in Kashmir valley

3727. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the control of the Mosque, madarsa, print and TV media, changes in

political atmosphere, strengthening of intelligence set up and reaching out to the moderate faction of Hurriyat are some of the suggestions in an assessment report prepared by Government about the prevailing situation in the Kashmir valley;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report suggested that some of the financial schemes of Government may be implemented through these people that may help it to bring more people in their area of influence; and

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

Incidents of theft in Delhi Metro

‡3728. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of thefts have gone up in Delhi Metro;

(b) the details of incidents of thefts that happened in Delhi Metro in the last three years;

(c) the steps being taken to put a check on the incidents of theft in Delhi Metro and the reasons for the failure of these steps to tackle this menace; and

(d) the details thereof?

Anomaly in dispensation of funds to inmates

3729. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation granted by Government to inmates, per extra day of incarceration, for a duration more than their sentence period;

(b) the amount dispensed in this regard, year-wise during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has found any anomaly in the dispensation of funds to the inmates, if so, the details thereof?

Long term visit visa

3730. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of categories, under which the foreigners get long term visit visa with multiple entries particularly United States nationals and others;

(b) whether the Pakistani origin/nationals can get the long term visit visa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of cases in the Ministry for long term visit visa especially of US nationals during the last three years and current year; and

(f) the details of visa holders and non-visa holders within the same period?

Ratio of police force

3731. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of various Commissions/Committees for police reforms especially for ratio of police force;

(b) the actual strength of police force

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from the levels of DGP to ASI, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the names of States and Union Territories which maintain the ratio of police force as per recommended level?

Steps to check crime against women

3732. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the States that top the list of crimes against women in the last three years;

(b) whether crimes against women has shown a downward trend in the last three years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the relevant figures in respect of State of Rajasthan; and

(d) what preventive steps are being taken to check crimes against women, especially in more vulnerable States?

Bullet proof jackets to paramilitary personnel

3733. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided bullet proof jackets to personnel of paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the details regarding the percentage of combat personnel who have been provided such jackets, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the number of bullet proof jackets provided to paramilitary forces are adequate keeping in view their strength and area of operations;

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

(e) what action is underway to procure and provide to paramilitary troops more of such bullet proof jackets?

Implementation of NERS for safety and security of women

3734. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of National Emergency Response System (NERS) which was conceived to ensure the safety and security of women in the country; and

(b) the details of 'Nirbhaya Fund' utilized for this purpose so far?

Steps to regulate the sale of acid

3735. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps taken by Government to regulate the sale of acid across the country have yielded desired results in reduction in number of acid attacks particularly on women;

(b) if the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Crime against children

3736. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime against children is going up in the last three years *i.e.*, from 2013 onwards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of percentage of conviction in crime against children during the above period, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether any profile either by the Ministry or the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is maintained for taking a pragmatic approach in reforming such people who are repeatedly committing crimes against children; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development work for displaced people of PoK

†3737. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously considering to carry out the development work for the displaced people of Pak occupied Kashmir (PoK);

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

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

Audit of NGOs

3738. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has asked Government to complete the audit of all Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) by 31st March, 2017;

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

(c) the purpose of conducting audit of NGOs; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure completion of audit by the above date?

Incidents of vehicle theft in Delhi

†3739. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of vehicle theft are constantly on the rise in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take some concrete steps to curb the same; and

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

Trafficking of women and children

3740. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that organised gangs of criminals engaged in abduction of children and trafficking them are operating in certain States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that trafficking of women and children saw significant decrease after November, 2016, if so, the details thereof?

Tools available with police to control crowds/protesters

3741. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the tools available with the police to control crowds/protesters;

(b) whether keeping in view of the water crisis in the country, it is feasible to ban water cannons used to manage crowds;

(c) whether laughing gas can be introduced as a less-harmful deterrent;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Interceptor boats damaged in cyclonic storm

3742. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government of India would release the required funds for repairing of two interceptor boats of Arjipalli marine police station in Ganjam district of Odisha damaged in the last devastating cyclonic storm on 12th October, 2013?

Muslim families in Kashmir under threat of militants

3743. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of Muslim families in Kashmir are under the threat of militants in the valley and have registered themselves as migrants for their settlement in Jammu, before the recently reconstituted Committee for registration of *Bonafide* Kashmiri migrant;

(b) if so, the number of such families who want to settle in Jammu which is a Hindu dominated area; and

(c) the number of such applicants which have since been scrutinized by the Committee?

Indian youths joining ISIS

3744. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few highly educated Muslim students from the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, etc.

had left India over the last few years to join ISIS to wage a war against Government in Iraq and Syria to establish a caliphate there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is aware that these extremists are likely to enter our country consequent upon the defeat of ISIS in Iraq and if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Amount allocated to Bihar for modernisation of police forces

†3745. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for modernisation of police forces to state of Bihar during financial year 2016-17;

(b) the schemes being prepared to equip security set-up with ultra modern system in the changed circumstances;

(c) the special provisions made by Government for economically weaker States keeping in view the limited financial resources of these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Undertrial prisoners

3746. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of undertrials in jails as on 31st December, 2016;

(b) how many of these have been in jail for more than five years, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) how many of these have been in jail for more than three years, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) how Government proposes to deal

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with such undertrial prisoners who are languishing in jails for such a long period?

Release of arrears of Non-Plan grants to Puducherry

3747. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Puducherry has demanded for release of Non-Plan grants due as on 31-3-2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the delay in releasing these grants; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to release these grants, if so, the details thereof?

Financial package for Jammu and Kashmir

3748. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Prime Minister had announced a total package of ₹ 80,000 crores for the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the breakup of this total amount under different projects; and

(c) the stipulated timeline for completion of such projects under this package?

Action plan to curb Naxal problem

3749. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Naxal problem has become a major problem in the country and Government's plan of action to curb this problem?

Persons charged under UAPA

3750. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have been charged with provisions under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and cases pending against them during last three years;

(b) whether Central Government has made any review of such cases charged by it and also by State Governments to ensure that UAPA is not foisted on persons against real objective of UAPA; and

(c) whether there have been complaints that provisions of this Act have been applied with motives other than justice towards citizens and security of the nation?

Pending cases of compensation to victims of violence

†3751. SHRI MAHESH PODAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of compensation for victims of various terrorist, communal and militant-caused violence and bomb explosions has been increased, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of cases related to payment of compensation to victims of such incidents are pending, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would take for speedy settlement of all the pending cases and if so, by when?

Protest of paramilitary forces officials

3752. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the protest of the paramilitary forces officials at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi demanding grant of special pay, OROP and restoration of old pension scheme for lakhs of personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that discrimination is being meted out to the CRPF, BSF, ITBP, CISF and SSB in sanctioning of number of welfare benefits to both serving and retired personnel of these forces, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to redress their problems?

Mistreatment of women by Delhi Police personnel

3753. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases that have been registered pertaining to the incidence of violence and alleged mistreatment of women by Delhi Police personnel in Delhi University campus on 21st and 22nd February, 2017;

(b) whether any action has been taken by Government against those involved in the violence;

(c) if so, the details of action that has been taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines issued by Department of Official Language

†3754. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the review based details of the

outcome of guidelines issued as per annual programme of Department of Official Language in the meeting of Consultation and Implementation Committee on official language in each Ministry after the constitution of sixteenth Lok Sabha; and

(b) if compliance of rules and directions in reference to part (a) above has not been as per set target, the details of action taken thereon, Ministry-wise?

Funds under Scheme for Modernisation of Prisons, Phase-II

†3755. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the programmes and the work to be undertaken under the Scheme for Modernisation of Prisons, Phase-II and the work and the funds (grants) sanctioned, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs

3756. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of firm combating infrastructure in place, there are large number of cases of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is giving any assistance to States for strengthening their enforcement capabilities to combat this drug trafficking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to gangrape survivors

3757. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of Amnesty International India report documenting lack of justice for seven women who were gang raped during the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots;

(b) if so, the Ministry's response to the report, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is planning to use Nirbhaya Fund or other resources to provide compensation and rehabilitation to the Muzaffarnagar gangrape survivors; and

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

Status of CIBMS

3758. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre has given up its proposal to build a wall along the Pakistan border in Jammu, originally envisaged as a barrier to cross-border terror, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the current status of the proposed Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS); and

(c) whether there is involvement of any foreign companies in the technology used for the CIBMS?

Online bullying and cyber threats

3759. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in online bullying and cyber threats (sexual and others), especially towards women in the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of punishment under the current law for such crimes; and

(c) whether the current law on this matter is foolproof, if not, what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to make the law more comprehensive and foolproof?

State-wise data of women police force

3760. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that women make up for only 6.44 per cent of the strength of police force in the country;

(b) the State-wise data of women police force in the previous three years;

(c) the State-wise data of all-women police stations in the previous three years; and

(d) whether the Ministry would consider incentivising the State Governments to increase the recruitment of women in their forces and provide them with basic facilities, if so, the details thereof?

Increase of Legislative Assembly seats in Jharkhand

3761. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from the delegation of MPs seeking increase in the Legislative Assembly seats in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken on such request, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

Package to resettle Hindu refugees in J&K

†3762. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced a package of ₹ 2000 crores to resettle the Hindu refugees of Pak occupied Kashmir in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to directly transfer funds in the accounts of the beneficiaries; and

(c) the details of benefits extended/to be extended to the Hindu refugees in the valley?

Smuggling and circulation of fake currency

3763. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed many Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with many countries to prevent and counter smuggling and circulation of fake currency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has yielded desired results

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

New legislation to control molestation and rape

3764. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government during the last six months to avert the incidents of molestation on women and cases of rape etc. in several parts of the country;

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

(c) by when Government would bring a new legislation to control and avoid such menace in the country, if so, the details thereof?

E-Visa scheme

3765. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how Ministry look at the success of e-Visa scheme;

(b) the details of countries to which India has offered e-Visas and whether there are any plans to extend it to other countries;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Tourism about extension of e-Visas to other countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent introduction of e-Visa scheme helps in increasing tourism in the country?

Grants for cause of National Integration

3766. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is releasing grants to voluntary organisations/institutions/universities and other educational institutions for activities in the cause of National Integration;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds released during the last three years, institution-wise?

Policy for welfare of the mining workers

3767. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has formulated any policies to protect rights and welfare of the mining workers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of legal rights of the aggrieved mining workers which they can use in the case of any eventualities while engaged in mining;
- (c) the details of health hazards posed to marble/coal/iron-ore mining workers in the country and the action taken by Government to provide safety nets to the mining workers; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Government against the erring mining companies for not protecting rights of the mining workers?

Registers maintained by establishments

3768. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has pruned the number of registers mandatory for all establishments to be maintained under nine Central Acts to just five from 56;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has also brought down the relevant data fields to 144 from 933;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also trying to fast track the legislative component of labour reforms; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment by EPFO in Special Deposit Scheme

3769. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has made good use of its year end windfall from Government's Special Deposit Scheme with an investment of nearly ₹ 10,000 crore in top rated corporate bonds clinching best possible rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO earns an interest income of about ₹ 4,700 crore from Government's Special Deposit Scheme while together with other standalone provident funds this may be more than ₹ 12,000 crore; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in employment opportunities

3770. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth of India's workforce in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise and in absolute and percentage terms;
- (b) whether it is a fact that growth in employment opportunities is not in proportion to the growth in workforce during the above period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that unemployment rate is gradually going up in the country during the above period;

(e) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise and efforts being made to arrest this situation; and

(f) how the reduction in employment opportunities impacts the demographic dividend?

STCs functioning under NCLP scheme for eradicating child labour

3771. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State and UT-wise details of Special Training Centres (STC) functioning to eradicate child labour under National Child Labour Project (NCLP) scheme;

(b) the number of beneficiaries enrolled in the programme; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details of grant released under NCLP scheme during last three years and current year?

Child labour schools run under NCLP Scheme

†3772. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has opened Central Child labour schools in various districts of the country under National Child Labour Project Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise and year-wise details of the amount spent under this project and achievements of this project during the said period?

OECD data on employment, education and training of youth

3773. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn on the data released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that 30 per cent of youth in the age bracket of 15-29 years are not in employment, education or training;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the corporate houses prefer to manage with small units, dreadful of strict labour and employment protection laws, high corporate income tax, etc. for the sorry state of affairs relating to employment generation?

Upgrading Thottada ESI hospital as a Super Specialty Hospital

3774. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are under consideration for upgrading Thottada ESI hospital as a Super Specialty Hospital; and

(b) whether any concurrence has been received from Government of Kerala regarding this?

Welfare for migrant labourer

3775. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to allow migrant labourers to access their social entitlements, including PDS grains,

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etc., in the country with the help of modern technology;

(b) whether Government also has any plan to provide relief to labourers migrating due to anti-Naxal operations by the security forces;

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

(d) if not, what are the other measures which Government may like to consider or has already taken for the welfare of migrant labourers?

Online facility for settlement of claims in EPFO

3776. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation may introduce online facility for settlement of claims, including EPF withdrawal and pension fixation by May, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present the EPFO receives about 1 crore applications manually; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the process of connecting all field offices with a central server is going on?

Impact of new programmes on Indian labour market

†3777. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the importance of Indian labour market has increased after the introduction of programmes such as 'Make in India' 'Skill India' and 'Digital India' and the demand for

Indian workers is rising at the global level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is working on upgrading the labour force along with employment generation so that they could be made able financially; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendments to the Factories Act

3778. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held a meeting with trade unions for effecting amendments to the Factories Act but consensus could not be arrived at;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to hold a fresh meeting with the representatives of trade unions and workers' groups before finalizing the amendments to the Factories Act; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Social Security and Welfare Schemes for Unorganised Labour

3779. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of social security and welfare schemes for unorganised labour;

(b) scheme-wise details of actual expenditure and number of beneficiaries, for each year since 2014;

(c) whether it is a fact that since 2016, Government has been making no budgetary allocation for Unorganised Workers Social Security Schemes and instead has been allocating money for establishing a National Platform;

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(d) if so, reasons for discontinuing budgetary allocation for this scheme which till 2015-16 budget saw an allocation of more than ₹1100 crore; and

(e) the details of Centre's contribution for social security of unorganized labour since 2014 for each year, item-wise?

Factory workers ousted on charges of joining trade unions

3780. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the year-wise and State-wise details of factory workers who have been ousted on the charges of forming trade unions and defying the management, in PSUs and Corporate sector during the last three years?

Social Security Schemes for organised and unorganised workers

†3781. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large population of unorganised workers are not able to avail the benefits of social security schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of workers in organised and unorganised sectors who are availing the benefits of various social security schemes and the number of those who are deprived of the same, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the contributions made by each of the workers towards various social security schemes?

Rising unemployment in the country

3782. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of unemployed in the country has consistently been rising since last five years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of unemployed people registered since 2012 therein; and

(c) the proposals of Government to create jobs and generate employment opportunities thereon?

Financial assistance for creating awareness among workers

3783. SHRIR. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is being provided by the Central Board for Workers' Education for creating awareness among the workers of the organised and unorganised sectors in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised under various programmes implemented by the said Board during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of training programmes, conducted by the Board for such workers during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has assessed the impact of the programmes being implemented by the Board, if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

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Features of SCs/STs hub scheme

‡3784. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of SCs and STs hub scheme being implemented in the country to provide professional assistance to SC and ST entrepreneurs in MSME sector;

(b) the details of the criteria for sanctioning loans, the targets set and the amount allocated, funds released under the said scheme in current year; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken to promote SC and ST entrepreneurs in Chhattisgarh?

Employment generation through KVIC

3785. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to generate employment for crores of persons during the last three years through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes initiated for this purpose; and

(c) the names of States which are likely to benefit from the said proposal including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal?

Efforts to boost small and medium scale industries

3786. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the efforts being made by Government to boost small and medium scale industries in the country in order to generate employment among youth;

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

(c) what efforts are being made by Government for using modern technology in the small and medium scale industries; and

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

Integrated approach for development of MSMEs

3787. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance existing limit for investment in plant machines in MSME sector considering inflation and dynamic market situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to have an integrated approach for development of MSMEs and also to address the concerns of MSMEs relating to the GST law and its implementation?

Hub for SCs/STs entrepreneurs

3788. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any hub to provide professional support

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to entrepreneurs belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the area of focus of work of the hubs regarding market access, training and financial support; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated/ released for establishment of new SC/ST owned MSMEs and number of jobs generated therefrom during each of the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Schemes to promote work of rural artisans

3789. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes or policies being implemented by Government to promote the work of rural artisans in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of funds allocated and utilised for the same in the last three years; and

(c) the State-wise details of the number of rural artisans who have benefited from the schemes?

Data on sick MSMEs

3790. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of data on sick MSMEs compiled by RBI, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry tried to find out potential units which can be revived;

(c) if so, the details thereof, with particular reference to Karnataka; and

(d) the amount that the Ministry has allocated for this purpose?

Component supplies to aircraft and vehicle manufacturers

3791. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MSMEs are seeking a larger role in component supplies to aircraft and vehicle manufacturers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the MSMEs are upbeat over Memorandums of Understandings signed during Gujarat, Summit that will lead to opportunities in aerospace and defence component manufacturing; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Violations of Khadi mark regulations by Fab India

3792. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trademark violations, unfair trade practices and cheating by Fab India which is in violation of Khadi mark regulations, etc. and details of proposed legal action by KVIC;

(b) the details of notice served on Fab India by KVIC;

(c) whether any response has come from Fab India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National policy on MSMEs

‡3793. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National policy on micro, small and medium enterprises had not been made in the country till now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Committee was constituted by the Central Government for the first time to formulate a policy for the said purpose and it has submitted its report to Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Downgrading of PSUs on account of failure in procurement from MSMEs

3794. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Public Enterprises has been downgrading the PSUs which have failed in achieving the target of 20 per cent annual procurement from MSMEs;

(b) if so, considering the figures that out of 104, 133 and 123 CPSUs reported, only 42, 43 and 61 CPSUs have achieved the target in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively, the details of PSUs which have been degraded till now; and

(c) the details of Navratna and Maharatna PSUs which are retaining their respective status despite failure in achieving the target of 20 per cent, if so, the reasons for the same?

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

3795. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many people work under Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);

(b) the details of the minimum and maximum wages available there;

(c) the details of their working time; and

(d) how much funds have been provided by Government to KVIC?

Increase in NPAs for MSME industry

3796. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that demonetization has caused an increase in Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) for the MSME industry;

(b) the State-wise data of contribution of the MSME industry to GDP and employment generation post-launch of Make in India initiative; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to increase the allocations on the condition of improvement in the utilization of funds evenly throughout the year, if so, the details thereof?

Non-supply of gas by IGL in Uttar Pradesh

‡3797. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware that various gas based power plants and other institutions in Uttar Pradesh had to be closed down owing to non-supply of gas from IGL;

(b) if so, whether Government is also aware that there is an adverse impact on industrial development in the State on account of non-supply of gas by IGL;

(c) whether the State Government and people's representatives had requested for laying of IGL pipelines in industrial areas;

(d) if so, whether Government would accede to the request of State Government; and

(e) by when IGL pipelines would be laid in industrial areas of the State?

LPG coverage in villages

†3798. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages where consumers have access to LPG under any Government scheme and the number of villages where LPG has not reached so far, State-wise; and

(b) the annual action plan for providing LPG to each family in reference to part 'a' above and by when each family would be provided smokeless fuel?

LPG consumers in the country

3799. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG consumers in the country till date and the total

consumption of LPG during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) whether Government has set any target for LPG consumption by the year 2019; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Directions to States to cut duty on petroleum products

3800. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the prices of petroleum products have been increased during the last two years indicating the increase and reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has issued any directions to State Governments to cut duty on petroleum products to reduce prices?

Taking over of GSPC by ONGC

3801. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is purchasing the stake in Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC);

(b) how much ONGC will be paying to acquire GSPC;

(c) what has been the total profit or loss for GSPC for the last three years, the year-wise details thereof;

(d) what has been the total revenue of GSPC for the last three years, the year-wise details thereof; and

(e) what is the rationale for one of the Navratnas taking over GSPC?

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Earnings of PSU oil companies

3802. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the earnings of the PSU oil companies in the country through the sales of petrol and diesel in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether these oil companies have made profit during the last three years taking advantage of the lower price of the crude oil in the international market, company-wise;

(c) if so, how much, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether these oil companies have shared any part of their profit with the consumers; and

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

Land for Petroleum University

3803. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has asked for an additional 50 acres of land in addition to 150 acres given by Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Petroleum University in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has agreed to give additional land sought by the Ministry;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in announcing Petroleum University in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Ministry will start academic year from this session as has been done in case of other Central institutions set up earlier; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of gas agencies

3804. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gas agencies set up in the country along with the number of gas agencies proposed to be set up/opened during the last three years and the current year in the country, particularly in rural areas, State/UT-wise, including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether instances of non-allotment of gas agencies to the successful candidates have been reported/come to the notice of Government during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

New LPG distributors

3805. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for new LPG distributors in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Use of LNG as transport fuel

3806. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to use Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as transport fuel;

(b) if so, what will be its cost; and

(c) what other benefits of LNG as transport fuel are envisaged?

Exploration for oil and gas by PSUs in other countries

3807. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government owned PSUs in petroleum and gas sectors have developed expertise in exploration and refining of global standards;

(b) considering this advantage, in how many countries these PSUs have clinched contracts for exploration and/or refining of petroleum and gas products; and

(c) the details thereof including the financial benefits derived by these PSUs for the country in the last three years?

Monitoring mechanism for LPG distribution scheme

3808. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for the LPG distribution scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said scheme; and

(c) the other initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Allocation of funds to JHBDPL

3809. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to connect the eastern part of the country with National Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved partial grant to Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Gas Pipe Line (JHBDPL), the details thereof?

Jammers at petrol pumps, LPG and CNG centres

3810. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install jammers or disturbance devices in the premises of petrol pumps, LPG and CNG centres across the country to avoid any untoward incidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken for the security of the consumers as well as for the employees of petrol pumps, LPG and CNG stations from any accidents caused by mobile phone users?

Seeding of Aadhaar numbers in LPG database

3811. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the seeding of Aadhaar numbers in the LPG database across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of inordinate delay in receiving LPG subsidy in the bank accounts of consumers; and

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

Kerosene quota for Gujarat

3812. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quota of kerosene provided to the State of Gujarat in last three years;
- (b) the criteria under which the quota of kerosene is fixed for the State of Gujarat;
- (c) whether Government of Gujarat lifts the entire quota of kerosene allotted to it every year; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

MIP for safeguarding indigenous steel industry

3813. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government deems it appropriate to impose Minimum Import Price (MIP) on the pretext of safeguarding indigenous steel industry as steel industry being a deregulated one;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding requests received by Government to protect steel industry during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

Draft steel policy

3814. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed draft steel policy for more investments in the sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target for production of steel alloy is fixed for the next fifteen years, in view of growing demand of steel in South-East Asia;

- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the efforts made for enhancing the quantum of export of steel; and
- (f) the steps taken to increase supply of domestic coking coal to cut dependence on imports, the details thereof?

Improvement in demand of steel

3815. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the demand of steel is expected to improve in coming months in view of increased spending on infrastructure and long term Government policies;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the demand of steel has grown by 3.3 per cent during April to December, 2016;
- (c) whether the demand of steel in the country will grow at the rate of 5.7 per cent in 2017;
- (d) whether Government has provided extensive support to domestic steel industry by various trade remedial measures in recent times; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of sick public sector steel units

†3816. SHRI SANJAY SETH: SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sick public sector steel units in the country as on date;

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(b) whether Government has taken any step for their revival/restructuring;

(c) if so, the plant-wise details thereof; and

(d) by when it is likely to be done?

Steel output growth

3817. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country recorded highest steel output growth in January, 2017 at 12 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the demand for steel has picked up and that the prices have also improved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in Bihar

†3818. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate any special scheme for the development of Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit in order to promote tourism in Bihar;

(b) whether Government has allocated funds for development of basic infrastructure in order to provide better facilities to the pilgrims; and

(c) the details of Government's scheme to attract domestic tourists to various religious places in Bihar?

Potential of rural tourism

†3819. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge potential for the development of rural tourism in the country;

(b) the State-wise/Union Territory-wise number of districts/villages in the country especially in Bihar and Jharkhand identified and developed as the places of rural tourism;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal/suggestions from States/ Union Territories in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for this purpose by Government?

Historial sites promoted by Ministry of Tourism

3820. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) which are the historial sites that are mainly supported by the Ministry of Tourism;

(b) which are the main cultural sites that are promoted;

(c) what amount the Ministry spends for them; and

(d) whether there is any site in Kerala among these, if so, the details thereof?

Tribal and rural circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

3821. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the development of tribal and rural circuits; and

(b) the details of the funds used up till

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now for the tribal and rural circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

Development of Rural Tourism

3822. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for promotion of rural tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of schemes implemented/proposed to be implemented for the purpose and action plan to increase tourism potential in rural/backward/tribal areas along with the status of rural tourism in the country, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised in this regard during last three years and current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether Government has identified remote villages and small and medium towns as spots of tourist attraction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with funds allocated by Government thereon?

Plans to promote tourism

3823. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn any plans to promote agricultural tourism, health tourism, adventure tourism, development tourism and similar such varieties of tourism apart from traditional tourism; and

(b) if so, what are these other categories and what measures are being taken to promote the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Improving the facilities for foreign tourists

3824. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited the country during the last three years, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the revenue earned from foreign tourists during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the facilities for foreign tourists, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the number of Indian tourists who went abroad during the last three years?

Works under PRASAD Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

3825. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up any works in the State of Andhra Pradesh to be implemented under PRASAD Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the proposals recommended by Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned and released so far, district-wise; and

(d) the status of those works as on date?

Target of tourist arrivals in 2016-17

3826. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the target figure of tourist arrivals to the country during the year 2016-17;

(b) whether there has been any noticeable decline in tourist footfalls in the country post demonetisation; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that tourists do not face any inconvenience in exchanging their foreign currency in India?

Tourism development in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

3827. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme have been sanctioned and allocations have also been made recently;

(b) if so, the details of the projects taken up under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Telangana; and

(c) whether any new projects are proposed to be added in the year 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Telangana?

Provision of health care facilities in tribal areas

3828. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the infant mortality rate amongst the Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) the State-wise/UT-wise details thereof;

(c) whether there is a shortfall of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centres in tribal areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this shortfall; and

(e) what steps are being taken to provide the tribal population with healthcare facilities?

Enrolment of tribal students in the primary school level

3829. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest Annual Report of the Ministry, the gross enrolment ratio of the tribal students in the primary school level has declined in 2015-16 in comparison to 2013-14;

(b) whether the Ministry has been able to pin point the reasons for the decline in enrolment of the tribal students in primary level; and

(c) what additional measures would the Ministry propose to ensure that the enrolment of the tribal students in the primary school level improves?

Increase in infant and child mortality rate among tribals

3830. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the data indicators in the latest Annual Report of the Ministry, the tribal population registered the highest infant and child mortality rate when compared to other social groups;

(b) whether the Ministry has made any effort to find out the actual cause of such mortality rate particularly in the tribal population; and

(c) what measures has the Ministry brought in, to improve the mortality rate of infants and children in the tribal population?

Decrease in budget for Pre-Matric Scholarship for STs

3831. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has drastically decreased the budget for Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students for 2017-18;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of funds transferred to the States in response to the demand for the said scheme during the past three years, the details of demand, allocation-wise and year-wise; and

(d) how Government has planned to accommodate the targeted students with such a low budget for 2017-18?

Per capita income of tribals

3832. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual per capita income of tribal population in the country at present; and

(b) the total number of tribals living below the poverty line at present, the State-wise details thereof?

Tribals enrolled in professional programmes

3833. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the the percentage of tribal women who have completed secondary, senior secondary, intermediate, graduation, post-graduation, Ph.D. levels of study;

(b) whether the Ministry plans to start

any scheme to improve the above figures;

(c) the data of tribal men and women enrolled in professional programmes across the country;

(d) whether the Ministry plans to start a scheme/fund to subsidise the education of tribals in professional courses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds sanctioned as Special Central Assistance to TSP

3834. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds sanctioned as Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities in tribal areas during the last three years; and

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of such funds sanctioned, utilised and lapsed during the last three years?

Opening of Vocational Training Centres in Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

3835. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to open Vocational Training Centres in tribal areas of the country, particularly in the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

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

(c) the criteria and conditions laid down by Government to open/establish such Vocational Training Centres?

Forest Villages in the country

3836. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of Forest Villages in the country;

(b) the details of the norms and criterion established by Government to declare a village as a Forest Village; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government towards the development of Forest Villages?

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