

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, August 5, 2015/Sravana 14, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

New initiatives to attract foreign investment

1761. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the new initiatives by the Ministry to attract foreign investment and help increase ease to do business in India; and

(b) the results of such initiatives in terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and accelerating domestic industrial growth?

Industrial Development Centres in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra

1762. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) the number of Industrial Development Centres opened in the country including the number of such centres opened in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra during the last two years;

(b) the amount of funds provided by Government for Industrial Development Centres in the States during last two years; and

(c) the number of such centres likely to be opened in future?

SEZs operational in the country

1763. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) the State-wise number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) operational in the country, at present;

(b) how many SEZs are in the pipeline and by when these are expected to become operational;

(c) what tax advantages are being given to SEZ units; and

(d) how much tax would have been collected by Government if these advantages/concessions/benefits would not have been given?

Increase in FDI cap in some sectors

1764. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) cap in some sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of present FDI limit in various sectors?

Preferential treatment by Iran to Indian investors

1765. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iran promises preferential treatment to Indian investors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Outflow/inflow of FDI

1766. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any outflow or inflow of foreign investment in general and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in particular to and from the 18 countries which the Prime Minister visited in last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what has been the value of FDI inflow to India from France and Germany in last one year; and

(d) whether there has been any agreement or MoU signed between India and France and India and Germany in last one year and if so, the details thereof?

Sluggish exports to Asian countries

1767. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian exports to Asian countries have been sluggish over the last three years;

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

(c) what steps Government is taking to step up exports to those countries particularly in the backdrop of the Prime Minister's recent visit to those countries and signing several bilateral agreements?

Import of cheaper tyres

1768. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the huge import of automobile tyres from different countries with very low price compared to Indian products; and

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

Growth of organised manufacturing production

1769. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the rate of growth of organised manufacturing production during the last three years ending 31st March, 2015;

(b) what steps were taken to enhance this rate of growth;

(c) what impact did these steps have on the performance of the manufacturing sector; and

(d) what steps are planned for the next two to three years?

Ranking of India in Doing Business Report

1770. SHR VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of India's falling ranking in the Ease of Doing Business Report, which is 142 among 189 countries if so, the last five years' rankings and the reasons for such falling;

(b) whether Government refutes the finding that India occupies the 142nd place;

(c) the number of total clearance required to start functioning of an industry along with number of State clearances required by the Centre; and

(d) whether Government is planning to build a policy to enhance the ease of doing business in India?

Setting up of industrial townships

1771. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up industrial townships across the country to generate employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose and the time by when the said townships are likely to be set up; and

(c) the other concrete steps taken by Government to boost the industrial production in the country and generate more employment for the youth?

Roping in States to boost exports

1772. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans with the Centre to rope in the States to give a boost to exports;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has sounded the States already; and

(c) whether the Centre will consider taking Andhra Pradesh also on board in the export drive since it has vast untapped export potential?

Export earnings from manufacturing sector

1773. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturing sector accounted for only 15 per cent of India's export earnings in 2010 as against a corresponding figures of 50 per cent in China; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor?

Non-execution of SEZ projects

1774. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 per cent of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) projects have not been executed across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has extended time limit for execution of projects and if so, the details thereof?

Strategy for expansion of e-commerce

1775. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strategy for effective expansion of e-commerce in India has been planned and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the top 30 item-wise growth in e-commerce products achieved in the last three years and the item-wise revenue earned for each of those top 30 items;

(c) whether as per the regulations framed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, (FEMA) 100 per cent FDI is allowed on an automatic basis *i.e.* without any prior approval of the Ministry in e-commerce activities but FDI is not permitted in Indian entities that carry out single brand retail or multi brand retail *via* e-commerce; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in 2015-16

†1776. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amounts invested under various items through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Financial Year 2015-16, so far;

(b) the details of sectors where Government has received proposals for big investments and the amount of estimated investment therein; and

(c) the details of proposals under consideration of Government to attract investors at national and international level?

Impact of Greek debt crisis

1777. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the Greek debt crisis on India;

(b) the impact on the software and engineering exports of India to Greece and the Eurozone; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure no trickle-down effect of the crisis on India?

Creation of White Grid in South Asia

1778. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the objective behind India's initiative to create a White Grid or Milk Grid in South Asia;

(b) whether Government also proposes to reduce tariff on import of milk from 30 per cent to 5 per cent under South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA);

(c) if so, whether it will not have impact on our dairy farmers; and

(d) if so, how Government is going to protect the Indian dairy farmers in future?

Overhauling of import and export policy

1779. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to overhaul the import and export policy in the country to encourage 'Make in India';

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

(c) if not, how does Government plans to discourage import of items which can be made in India for consumption and export, if so, the details thereof?

Poor state of exports

1780. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor state of exports and balance of trade;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to take steps to improve the balance of trade; and

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

Schemes for industrially backward regions

1781. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the industrial backwardness in various regions of the country;

(b) if so, the areas lagging behind in industrial development along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the areas-wise and scheme-wise details of schemes/programmes under implementation for the development of industries along with funds allocated and utilized, during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for speedier industrial development of the backward regions during the current plan period and the outcome thereof?

Operationalisation of SEZs

1782. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of notified and operational Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country;

(b) whether Government has taken any measures for operationalisation of SEZs which are notified but are still not operational if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken or will take measures to revive the Sriperumbudur Electronic SEZ in Tamil Nadu which has declined due to the shutting off of Nokia plant and if so, the details thereof?

Revised scholarship scheme for artists

1783. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised scholarship scheme for artists, artisans, craftsmen and performers of traditional art and cultural forms, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the genuine monetary support/steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard in return of their hand made goods?

Enquiry committee on in sexual harassment in Asiatic Society, Kolkata

1784. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry committee has been constituted in the case of allegation of

sexual harassment by a minority lady against an employee at Asiatic Society, Kolkata; and

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

Linking of Hindu cultural/religious centres in NE Region

1785. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to link all Hindu cultural/religious centres in the North-Eastern Region to speed up tourism in this region to improve its financial position, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a Central Minister has been entrusted with this job, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such a project is also proposed to be initiated in temple rich Odisha, if so, the details thereof?

Neglect of Lothal remains

1786. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vestiges of Lothal, a city dating back to the 4,400 year old Harappan civilization are being obliterated;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the city has no guards to protect it and that the site is overrun with weeds, in addition to the picture of neglect and chaos;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Lothal's cemetery is no longer accessible due to wild growth on the approach; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to preserve this 4,400 year old historically important city?

Non-inclusion of any Indian city in the UNESCO world heritage cities

1787. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that out of the 220 UNESCO world heritage cities, not even one is in India;

(b) the reasons that prompted Centre's withdrawal of India's only nomination *i.e.* Delhi's imperial capital city's bid to the world heritage committee for the year 2014-15;

(c) whether the Ministry along with the stakeholders like Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi Urban Arts Commission were consulted by the permanent delegation of India to UNESCO before withdrawing Delhi's application; and

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

Chausath Yogini temples in Odisha

1788. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the culturally rich States in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of Odisha being the richest State where one of the two Chausath (64) Yogini temples, is situated at Ranipur Jharial and Haripur;

(c) if so, what measures the Ministry would take to preserve the monuments of Odisha, the monument-wise details thereof; and

(d) the details of special assistance to Odisha during Twelfth Five Year Plan period thereon?

Artists' Pension and Welfare Fund Scheme in Telangana

1789. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and district-wise details of applications under Artists' Pension and Welfare Fund Scheme pending before the Ministry from the State of Telangana over the last five years;

(b) the criteria adopted in selecting the artists for pension; and

(c) how many times the Expert Committee will sit for consideration of applications in a year and how many times Expert Committee sat in the last five years, the year-wise details thereof?

Ancient sites/monuments in MP

†1790. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of important ancient sites/monuments in Madhya Pradesh undertaken for conservation by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(b) the year-wise and site-wise/monument-wise details of amount allocated separately for each of these conserved sites/monuments and the purposes for which the allocation were made and the amount spent?

Talks with separatist organisations of J & K

1791. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plan to initiate talks with separatist organizations of Jammu and Kashmir to help restore peace in the militancy hit State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government also agrees that there is an urgent need to work for stopping killings by restoring peace in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, whether any measures have been chalked out to see how violence could end and if so, the details thereof?

Jawans of paramilitary forces posted in North-Eastern States

†1792. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of jawans of paramilitary forces in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the details of annual expenditure involved in their posting;

(c) whether Ministry is considering upon withdrawing the paramilitary forces from the peaceful areas of North-East; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for better monitoring of international borders adjoining the North-Eastern States?

Delayed promotion of BSF personnel

†1793. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF Personnel are getting their promotions late

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in comparison to other para-military forces, which is affecting their morale; and

(b) the comparative details of promotions in BSF *vis-a-vis* other paramilitary forces?

NCRB data on farmers suicide

1794. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent data released by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), farmers' suicide has dropped by 50 per cent in 2014 in comparison to 2013, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether as per the profession-wise suicides, as it was counted earlier, farmers' suicide has risen in 2014 in comparison to 2013; and

(c) if so, the reasons, relevance and rationale of new data released by NCRB on farmers' suicide?

NIA pressurising Government counsels to go soft on Hindu terrorists

1795. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Investigation Agency (NIA) has pressurised Government counsels to go soft in cases of terror wherein Hindu terrorists are accused;

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

(c) whether Government has initiated inquiry into the matter, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Drug addiction along border areas of Pakistan

†1796. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that addiction of opium and heroin is increasing among youths living in border areas of the country along Pakistan especially in Punjab and a large number of youths of border areas including Punjab are becoming drug addicts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to curb the narcotics business in the country and the result thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that various agencies of the country are not able to curb such type of banned narcotics business and if so, the reasons therefor?

Firing along border areas by Pakistan

†1797. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan indulged in firing in the bordering areas even on the day of Eid causing chaos in many bordering villages and many people got injured in this firing, if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of citizens killed and injured during last one year in firing from Pakistani side; and

(c) whether injured persons are provided any financial help and whether any help is provided to compensate the loss in such firings and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Naxal activities in the country

1798. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities of Naxals particularly in Chhattisgarh have increased in recent past;

(b) if so, the details of cases of Naxal activities reported during 2015 so far in various States:

(c) whether Naxals have attacked on police forces and put their bodies on the roads in Bijapur in the recent past;

(d) whether Government has prepared any action plan to eliminate the activities of Naxalites in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when such action plan will be implemented in Naxal affected parts of the country?

Concern of security agencies over growth of naxal bases

1799. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security agencies are worried over growth of naxal bases along borders;

(b) if so, the response of the Central Government thereto;

(c) whether the Maoists are hiding its arms in India particularly in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal creating a security nightmare for Indian police; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Central Government to check such activities in the bordering States?

Cases of rape, abduction and killing in NCR

1800. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of rape, abduction and killing are on the increase in the country particularly in National Capital Region (NCR); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the concrete steps taken by Government in this regard?

Safety and security measures in Delhi

1801. SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal

to enhance safety and security measures in Delhi keeping in view the recent incidents of killing of a girl and other anti-social activities that have taken place recently in Delhi and NCR; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government in this direction?

Missing children belonging to SC/ST category

†1802. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of total number of missing children in the country; and

(b) the number of missing children belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes?

Children lost/abducted and recovered

1803. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many children lost/abducted were recovered and restored during the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 and how many cases are yet to be solved;

(b) how many such children recovered were pressed into begging and prostitution; and

(c) how many such abducting gangs were nabbed from whom the children were recovered during the period stated above?

Civilians and security personnel killed in naxal violence

1804. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of naxal violence in the country during last two years till June, 2015 and the number of civilians and force-wise details of security personnel killed in the violence;

(b) whether any coordination committee meeting with naxal affected States and Centre took place recently, if so, the details of outcome and measures to improve intelligence input to track the naxals; and

(c) the compensation policy for the victims of naxal violence and what kind of relief/rehabilitation is extended to all the victims including the security forces?

Reclassification of offences

1805. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals/representations by State Governments or judicial fraternity to reclassify some of the offences under the non-cognizable category into cognizable offences under the CrPC and Indian Penal Code;

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

(c) whether the present Criminal Justice System has not withstood the test of time in curtailing delays in disposal of cases and improving conviction rates of serious crimes; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the details of steps to be taken by Government to revamp the administration of Criminal Justice System?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cognizable and non-cognizable crimes

1806. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of cognizable and non-cognizable crimes took place during the last year;

(b) the State-wise ratio of population and the police force;

(c) the State-wise ratio of population and the incident of crime reported; and

(d) Centre's contribution to the States in dealing with crimes?

Low ranking of India in Global Peace Index, 2015

1807. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Institute for Economics and Peace, India has been ranked a lowly 143rd in Global Peace Index-2015, lagging way behind Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and even Bangladesh; and

(b) whether the Global Peace Index 2015 ranks 162 nations around the world based on factors like the level of violent crime, involvement in conflicts and militarisation, if so, the details thereof?

Restoring cancelled FCRA permission of NGO's

1808. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cancelled the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA) permission to NGOs;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to restore the FCRA permission of NGOs who have nil report as a one time measure?

Funds allocated and disbursed under SRE Scheme

1809. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the State-wise and year-wise details of total amount of funds allocated and disbursed by the Central Government under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme for States affected by militancy and insurgency during last three years?

Killing of girl by stalker in Delhi

1810. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that recently a stalker stabbed a 19 year old girl in Delhi in broad day light;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that crimes against women have increased in Delhi in the last couple of years and women complaining against stalkers and criminals are not provided any protection; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to protect the women at public places?

Enquiry into extra judicial killings

1811. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise details of instances of extra judicial executions reported in the country in the last three years, including current year;

(b) whether Government has formulated Standard Operating Procedure to conduct independent investigation in such/these cases, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government follows the United Nations Model Protocol for a legal investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Execution, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the actions taken by Government to ensure impartial investigation in respect of recent police killings in Seshachalam forest and the killing of undertrial in Telangana?

Cut in Central forces in North East

1812. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make a cut in Central forces in North East, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government held discussions with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Regional quota for employment in para-military forces

†1813. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to earmark a certain percentage as regional quota for the backward and tribal regions in the country in employment in CRPF, BSF, CISF

and other paramilitary forces with respect to the jobs which are offered by organizing recruitment camps; and

(b) whether employment opportunities in paramilitary forces as per the fixed regional quota have been provided in the country, especially in the Maharashtra region?

Suspension of Char Dham Uatra

1814. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Char Dham Yatra have been briefly suspended due to heavy rain and landslide;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of pilgrims who have been rescued by Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government has made any arrangement to help the Government of Uttarakhand to meet any eventuality and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in cyber crimes

1815. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cyber crimes are increasing by more than 40% in the last 2-3 years;

(b) if so, the year-wise and State-wise details of such crimes in the last five years;

(c) what efforts the Ministry is making to contain cyber crimes; and

(d) how the Ministry deals with such crimes committed here but servers are situated outside the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Long standing demand of CPMFs

1816. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Para-military Forces like CRPF, CISF, BSF, SSB etc. have requested Government to consider their long standing demands;

(b) if so, the details of their long standing demands; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to fulfil their demands?

Naxal attacks

†1817. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no dearth in naxalite attacks despite the commitment of stern action against the Maoists, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the details of the naxalite attacks in the last six months along with the details of damage caused to lives and properties; and

(c) the details of road map with Government to do away with the biggest internal threat of the country?

Review of working of Delhi Police

1818. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government recently reviewed the working of Delhi Police;

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

(c) whether Government found out any deficiencies in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the Delhi Police establishment to reduce the number of crimes happening in the capital of the country?

Cases of house-breaking and burglary in Delhi

1819. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of house-breaking and burglary that took place in Delhi during the last year and the current year so far; and the number of cases solved so far;

(b) the details of cases where Camera Coverage was available and the cases have not been solved so far; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the action being taken in the matter?

Rape cases registered in the country

1820. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of rape cases registered across the country during the last five years; and

(b) whether the number of fake rape cases came to notice in the last five years, and if so, the details thereof?

Marine police stations in Andhra Pradesh

1821. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that 21 Marine Police stations have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh long back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of 21 only 6 have so far been constructed in spite of land available for 13 more police stations;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in construction of Marine Police stations in 13 locations where land is available; and

(d) by when these are likely to be completed and become operational?

Daman Ganga river project under NRCP

1822. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of action by Daman and Diu (Union Territory Administration) in coordination with State Government of Gujarat for preparation of National River Conservation Project (NRCP) to combat pollution from Daman Ganga River;

(b) whether Central Government has received any communication from State Government of Gujarat within last six months in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Central Government intend to approve this project?

Communal clashes

1823. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal cases which occurred during the last six months in

various parts of the country, State and UT-wise details thereof; and

(b) what action Government took in each of these communal clashes?

Drunk women drivers in NCT of Delhi

1824. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of drunk women drivers arrested in Mumbai and National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of drunk women drivers in NCT of Delhi is increasing; and

(c) if so, what action Government has taken or proposes to take in these cases?

Revision of guidelines for BADP

1825. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has revised the guidelines for its ₹ 990 crore Border Area Development Programme (BADP) for 2015-16, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to encourage youth to take up sports in North East Region; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that 5 per cent of ₹ 990 crore Border Area Development Programme for 2015-16 has been earmarked for sports development in NE Region?

Rise in rape cases despite stringent laws

†1826. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of rape have not declined and are rather on rise constantly despite of stringent laws against the perpetrators of rape being in place;

(b) whether the concerned officials shall also be held responsible for the said crime; and

(c) whether Government would consider to take some severe steps to check harassment of women?

Stampede at Godavari Maha Pushkaralu

1827. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died and injured due to stampede at the Godavari Maha Pushkaralu at Rajahmundry recently;

(b) what was the cause of stampede and whether any enquiry has been ordered to go into the whole affairs;

(c) whether compensation was paid to the victims and if so, the amount in each case; and

(d) whether adequate police and home guards were deployed to effectively manage the crowd who come to Pushkaralu which will go for a month?

Replacing INSAS rifles with new weapon

1828. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to replace the INSAS rifles given to our forces with a new weapon;

(b) if so, how the new one is advanced than the INSAS rifle;

(c) by when Ministry is going to provide new rifle to security forces; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to supply the new weapons to States so that States can provide them to their police personnel and if not, the reasons therefor?

Erosion of respect/fear of law in people

1829. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the respect or fear of law in people is eroding fast and incidents of people taking law into their hands are on the rise in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring in deterrent punitive measures to restore confidence among people of the country; and

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

Removing the cap of land holding for releasing assistance

1830. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is bringing the amendment to NDRF/SDRF Act only to remove the limit of one hectare and two hectares for releasing the assistance; and

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

Illegal cross border migration in Assam from Bangladesh

1831. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Assam is facing illegal cross border migration from Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government is also aware that large scale influx of suspected Bangladeshis in due course may pose a serious implication for the Nation's integrity and sovereignty; and

(c) whether it is possible to evolve a workable mechanism to keep watch on illegal emigrants?

Activities carried out by NDMA

†1832. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of activities being carried out in the country by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA);

(b) whether any training, project or programme are being organized by NDMA to deal with flood, cyclone, unseasonal storm, rain etc., if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the year-wise details of total fund allocated to and spent by NDMA during

the last five years and the present financial year?

Ceasefire violation by Pakistan

1833. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has started targeting civilians in Jammu and Kashmir for the last couple of months during ceasefire;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during the last three months along with number of persons died and injured in attacks; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard for safety and security of people living at border areas?

Suicides in the country

1834. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many suicides have taken place in the country during last three years, the numbers of farmers, housewives and students died because of this in each year;

(b) of these deaths, how many are classified as due to economic reasons, how many due to mental stress and how many provoked by kith or kin or others for various reasons; and

(c) whether Government considers that many if not all of them could have been prevented by more meaningful attitude, prompt and sympathetic action and more vigilance on the part of Government and authorities as well as relatives and friends?

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Killing of abducted policemen by Maoists in Chhattisgarh

1835. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoists killed four abducted policemen in Chhattisgarh recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has failed to secure the release of these abducted policemen; and

(c) if so, whether Government has sought any report from the State Government?

Yoga sessions for CPMFs

1836. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked all paramilitary forces to include yoga sessions in their daily exercise, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that while some forces such as ITBP have already complied with the order and sent a compliance report to Government and others are working on the best way to achieve the objective and if so, the details thereof?

Criteria set for civilian awards

†1837. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria set for the civilian awards *i.e.* Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards in the country;

(b) whether complaints of partiality in the selection of names of the awardees for the above awards have been received;

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

(d) the mechanism established by Government to make this selection procedure transparent?

FIR filed in cases of attacks against girls and women

1838. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of media reports about attacks against girls and women; and

(b) if so, the number of attacks against girls and women occurred in India during the last three years and the number of such cases in which FIR was filed?

Mine-resistant and ambush protected vehicles for CRPF

1839. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of security personnel died in the Maoist attacks since June, 2014;

(b) whether our security forces have/ use less sophisticated weapons as compared with Maoists, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether CRPF requested for purchase of mine-resistant and ambush protected vehicles for its anti-naxalite operations and if so, the details thereof?

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**Hard area allowance for CPMFs
fighting naxals**

1840. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the hard area allowance for paramilitary forces fighting naxals on the lines of forces taking on extremists in J&K or North East, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering many other sops for jawans fighting with naxals in country's remote areas and if so, the details thereof?

Undertrial prisoners in jails

1841. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of undertrials and their percentage to the total number of inmates in jails in India;

(b) whether Government has taken measures for effective management of information related to prisoners and undertrials review committee in order to ensure that prisoners are not detained excessively before conviction, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether reparation or compensation is provided to people who have served more time in prison than half of the maximum sentence prescribed for their offence, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Creation of employment
opportunities during
Five Year Plan**

1842. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government has received the data regarding creation of employment opportunities in the country during current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the annual rate of increase of employment opportunities during the last few years of the current Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether the target of providing employment on the basis of such increase would be achieved?

**Meeting with labour organisations on
minimum wages**

†1843. MIR MOHAMMAD
FAYAZ:
SHRI NAZIR AHMED
LAWAY:

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

(a) whether the meeting held few days ago between big labour organisations and Government on minimum wages and contract system has failed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Survey of Labour Bureau, 2014

1844. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

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

(a) whether as per the survey of Labour Bureau in 2014 released recently, overall unemployment rate is at 2.6 per cent among the over 15 years of age population, at 8.9 per cent for postgraduates, at 8.7 per cent for graduates and at 14.5 per cent for skilled workers;

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

(c) the details of steps Government has taken to curb unemployment in the country particularly skilled workers?

CRY report on child labour

†1845. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the report of an NGO, Child Rights and You (CRY) according to which every one child among eleven children is engaged as child labour;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether the percentage of working children is 80 per cent in villages; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to divert the children from five to eighteen years towards education?

Unregistered labour

1846. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 90 per cent of workers in the country are unregistered;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal to evolve a mechanism so as to keep a current and live labour data of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Social security to unemployed people

†1847. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or plans to take any steps to provide social security to unemployed people of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made so far in this regard?

Settlement of PF claims

1848. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: 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 settled 11.06 lakh claims like PF withdrawals in June, 2015;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO has mandated to settle all claims within 20 days;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that EPFO has taken landmark decision to unveil Nidhi Aapke Nikat or PF Near You; and

(d) if so, the objectives achieved in this regard?

Projects of ESI hospital at Gulbarga

1849. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total projects in Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospital, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Karnataka, which were expected to commence *i.e.* Medical College, Nursing College, Dental College and Medical services for labourers; and

(b) by when full-fledged services, according to the infrastructure would commence in all phases to meet the needs of Hyderabad, Karnataka region and part of Telangana and Maharashtra States?

Allocation of funds under NCLP

1850. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/released/spent by Government under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and Grant-in-Aid Scheme in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the names and details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) through which the said schemes have been implemented along with the State/UT-wise details of funds provided to such NGOs in this regard; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details of child labourers benefited under NCLP during the said period?

Implementation of Majithia Wage Board

1851. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Wage Board under the Chairmanship of Justice Majithia has submitted its final report to Government;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government for early implementation of the recommendations of the National Wage Board?

Speedy disposal of EPF claims

1852. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to bring in more employees from Public and Private sector into the ambit of EPF, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the zone-wise total number of EPF accounts and the amount accumulated in their accounts as on 31st March, 2015;

(c) the number of EPF accounts not updated and the undistributed interest lying in Interest Suspense Account and the closed balance as per the consolidated Annual Accounts of the EPFO till 31st March, 2015; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the EPF claims of the EPF subscribers?

Small Factories Bill

1853. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to introduce the Small Factories Bill soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Small Factories Bill seeks to exempt units employing less than 40 workers from 14 labour laws along with combining provisions of various labour laws at one place and if so, the details thereof?

Recommendations of civil society to ban child labour

1854. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received recommendations from the civil society to ban all forms of child labour upto the age of 18 years;

(b) whether Government has received an Alternate Child Labour Prohibition Bill, 2014 from the Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL); and

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

Report on safety and work time of workers in garment units

1855. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received reports against the safety and work time of the workers of garment units, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken/proposed by Government to protect the workers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government

has received experts' report on safety of workers thereon, and if so, the details thereof?

Days taken by RLC under minimum wages

†1856. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days taken by Regional Labour Commissioner (RLC) in passing the orders as competent authority under minimum wages;

(b) the number of days taken in providing the amount to the applicants and if it is not received by the applicants, the fund where the same is deposited; and

(c) the reasons for not assigning the responsibility of depositing the public money to RLC?

ESI scheme in Himachal Pradesh

1857. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers having access to Employees' State Insurance (ESI) in the country;

(b) the number and the State/UT-wise details of hospitals/dispensaries under the ESI scheme, at present;

(c) whether Government has received proposals from some State Governments including Himachal Pradesh for extension of ESI medical facilities to States/districts which are not presently covered; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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Employed persons in the country

1858. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons were employed in the country during the last three years, their numbers specifying those of men and women in each year;

(b) what were the number of those employed in companies, commercial establishments and high tech fields like IT; and

(c) how many persons lost their jobs due to closure of establishments or layoff or dismissal in these years along with figures for each year?

Low wages and pension to tea garden workers

1859. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that tea garden workers get very low wages including payment of rest-day wage of the week/month and are deprived of social securities;

(b) if so, the remedial action being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the increase in minimum pension has not benefited tea garden workers and if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of pension schemes that have benefited such workers and the amount of pension provided to the tea garden workers in various parts of the country?

Exploitation of migrant domestic workers by placement agencies

1860. RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to introduce a system of registration, monitoring and accountability of placement agencies for domestic workers to protect migrant domestic workers from exploitation by placement agencies;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is a need to provide portability of entitlements such as ration cards to prevent marginalization of migrant labour, especially women migrants at their new destination, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government thereon?

Number of people employed

1861. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current number of people permanently employed and casual labourers in the organized sector including Government, public and private sector; and

(b) the sector-wise, State-wise and gender-wise data of the above?

SCs/STs employed in PSUs

1862. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various posts in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST employees' welfare associations formed by SCs/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of facilities extended/ provided by Government/PSUs for the SCs/STs welfare associations viz., office accommodation, etc.; and

(e) the way and means in which PSUs/ Government involves SC/ST welfare associations in the administrative activities/ developmental activities/management of the PSUs?

Export of iron-ore

1863. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of quantum of deposits of iron-ore available in the country, including Karnataka;

(b) whether iron-ore is being exported from the country;

(c) if so, the quantum and value of the iron-ore exported during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of countries to which iron-ore was exported; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure availability of iron-ore to all sectors in the country and to regulate its export?

MoU signed with East African countries

1864. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been exploring the possibilities for acquisition of certain ore and minerals from abroad

especially from East African countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with Memorandum of Understanding, if any, signed with East African countries to get the mineral resources from there?

Illegal mining

1865. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that illegal mining is rampant across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government undertook any survey to ascertain the places/areas/regions where illegal mining is rampant, which not only deprive Government of its revenue but also poses serious threat to environment?

Setting up of Regional Science Centres and Planetariums

†1866. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Regional Science Centres and Planetariums throughout the country;

(b) if so, the region-wise details of Regional Science Centres and Planetariums established throughout the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Assam;

(c) the present status of the proposed Science Centres in different States and the time-limit by which every project is likely to be completed, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the activities initiated by these Science Centres and Planetariums in order to encourage scientific temperament and interest among people during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

GSI warning regarding Himalayan region

†1867. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in its survey report has issued a warning regarding the Himalayan region;

(b) if so, the details of the threats in the Himalayan region about which the GSI has cautioned;

(c) whether Government has taken immediate steps on the basis of the published report, if so, the details of the steps taken;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government does not agree with the facts mentioned in the GSI report; and

(e) whether Government would constitute a high level committee to conduct a study of the Himalayan region, if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation for workers of BGML under VRS

1868. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government post Supreme Court clearing global tenders to revive Kolar gold mines in July, 2013;

(b) whether the compensation for workers of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) who retired under VRS was duly paid; and

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

Casual labourers working in oil PSUs

1869. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers working in various oil PSUs and for how long they have been working;

(b) the number of workers on fixed term employment; and

(c) whether these casual labourers have been empanelled for regular vacancies to be filled up as per the Recruitment and Promotion Rules?

Extending availability of CNG and PNG to new cities

1870. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is extending availability of CNG and PNG in various new places/cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) by when all the cities of the country would get CNG and PNG facilities?

Management of oil and gas sector

1871. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of petroleum and natural gas sector is a critical challenge;

(b) if so, whether the demand for petroleum products is expected to expand while the scope for increasing domestic production is limited;

(c) if so, the percentage of demand of

petroleum and natural gas product met from the domestic production;

(d) whether it is a fact that the price of imported petroleum products are lower than that of domestic petroleum products; and

(e) if so, the gap between the imported and domestic petroleum products during each of the last three years?

Savings due to fall in crude oil prices

1872. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

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

(a) whether the drop in price of crude oil and other petroleum products in international market is expected to save ₹ 1.5 lakh crores of various public sector oil companies during 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the company-wise details of savings of public sector oil companies due to drop in price of crude oil and other petroleum products in international market during 2014-15 in comparison to 2013-14?

Setting up of petrol/diesel pumps in Karnataka by IOC

1873. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) proposes to set up petrol and diesel pumps in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof including the norms/guidelines for the purpose;

(c) the State/UT-wise number of petrol and diesel pumps set up in various States during the last years and the current year; and

(d) the details of the plans for setting up additional petrol/diesel pumps in the coming years keeping in view the demand and consumption of petrol and diesel in future?

Ban on oil trade with organizations linked to IS

1874. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has banned oil trade with Islamic State linked organizations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Preparation of NELP

1875. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) has been prepared by Government in oil and natural gas sector; and

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

Decline in domestic production of oil and gas

1876. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil and gas production in the country has dropped significantly over the past three years;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of oil and natural gas to cut down the import bill and foreign exchange expenditure;

(d) whether the public sector oil companies are engaged in exploration of crude oil for other countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the company-wise manpower involved in these projects?

Potential for gas hydrates in Bay of Bengal

1877. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) India's assessment of the potential for gas hydrates in the Bay of Bengal; and

(b) the progress made, and prospects for, undertaking exploitation of these resources?

Discussions between Asian suppliers and consumers of oil and natural gas

1878. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) India's assessment of the progress made in successive rounds since 2005 of the biennial round-table discussions between Asian suppliers and consumers of oil and natural gas under the aegis of the International Energy Forum, Riyadh; and

(b) what initiatives Government have under consideration for the next round, given the dramatic changes in recent years in the global oil and gas scenario?

Present capacity of Barauni refinery

†1879. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Barauni refinery;

(b) whether this refinery is utilizing its capacity to the fullest and the year-wise production during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to enhance the production capacity of Barauni refinery and if so, the details of the plan?

Savings on cooking gas subsidies

1880. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total savings on cooking gas subsidies due to direct benefit transfer scheme along with the gas connections identified during 2014-15;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce similar scheme for kerosene users, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to create a digitized data bank of domestic kerosene user and launch of DBT scheme for them?

Kelkar Committee Report

1881. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee constituted by the previous Government has submitted its Report on the roadmap for reducing import dependence for oil and gas;

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(b) if so, what are the salient features of the Report and recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) what action Government proposes to take on the recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) what is the time-frame by when Government is likely to take a decision on the Report?

Objections to new gas pricing guidelines

1882. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from domestic gas producers/gas producers association objecting to the new gas pricing guidelines introduced by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to alleviate these issues raised by gas producers with a view to increase gas production in the country?

Target of PNG connections in the next two years

1883. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the target of Piped Natural Gas, piped cooking gas connections in the next two years;

(b) the number of households currently covered under PNG and the number of households likely to be covered in the next two years;

(c) whether CNG stations on important National Highways will be opened and if

so, the number of CNG stations proposed in each State, in the next two years; and

(d) the number of vehicles likely to be benefited on the National Highways, to make it green corridors?

Indigenisation of oil and gas exploration

1884. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Steering Committee as part of the 'Make in India' initiative to recommend ways to indigenize the complex oil and gas exploration work undertaken by upstream companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee will suggest changes in the public procurement norms to mandate aggregation of requirement and local context as procurement criteria and prepare a blue print for setting up dedicated manufacturing zone catering to oil/gas field service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Laying of CNG pipelines along NHs

†1885. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to lay down CNG pipelines along the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such National Highways of the States where laying of pipelines has been decided;

(c) whether the Ministry would plan to lay down the CNG pipelines along the

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State Highways also in order to reduce the pollution caused due to diesel in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Surrender of LPG subsidy

1886. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over one million consumers have agreed to surrender their LPG subsidy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are around 15.13 crore consumers registered with the three companies, Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum which incurs at total subsidy cost of ₹ 40,000 crore on providing 12 LPG cylinders per year to each consumer; and

(c) whether Government is hoping to persuade at least 1 crore consumers to give up their gas subsidy soon and if so, the details thereof?

Portability of gas agencies

†1887. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started a new policy under which LPG consumers will be able to transfer their connection to any agency of their choice free of cost, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has opened a new portal for registering complaints of consumers where complaints can be registered online and if so, the details thereof?

Import and export of Steel

1888. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country became net importer of steel again in 2014-15 after becoming a net exporter of steel in 2013-14 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of import and export of steel during each of the last three years and during the current year, country-wise; and

(c) the product/variety-wise details of the production of steel in the country during each of the last three years and during the current year?

Impact of foreign tourists on GDP

1889. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has witnessed a considerable increase in foreign tourists visiting India during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the effects of such increase in foreign tourists on various indigenous industries associated with tourism in the country;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the role of foreign tourists in the Gross Domestic Product of the country, if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the other corrective steps taken by Government to boost tourism across the country?

Development of lakes in Hyderabad as Eco-tourism destinations

1890. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of

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Eco-tourism, Government has taken up the development of Durgam Cheruvu area along with other downstream lakes as Eco-tourism destination in Hyderabad, Telangana;

(b) the amount sanctioned for this project and the amount so far released; and

(c) the status of the project and by when it is likely to be completed?

Signing of agreements/MoUs for cooperation in tourism

1891. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India holds consultations and negotiations with other countries for signing agreements/MoUs for bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation in the field of tourism; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last two years and the future strategy in this sphere?

Inquiry in SEZ allocations

1892. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has started investigations against senior officials of the Ministry over missing of 47 files relating to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) allocated to some of the country's top companies, if so, the details thereof including details of SEZs and their allottees whose files have gone missing;

(b) whether a parallel inquiry has also been initiated by the CBI against corporate

beneficiaries who have bypassed norms in SEZ allocations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to States to promote tourism

1893. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance to States to promote tourism particularly to UP;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to States by Government to promote tourism during the last two years;

(c) whether it is a fact that allocation of funds to tourism sector has increased during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for development of tourism sector from Karnataka

1894. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for development of jog tourism, provision of road amenities at Malkhed and Bidar district, and rural tourism in Chitradurga and Vijayapura city involving a total outlay of ₹ 23.08 crores, were submitted to the Ministry by the State Government of Karnataka in November, 2014;

(b) what is the present status of consideration by the Ministry; and

(c) when will the requisite approvals be accorded and the State Government advised in the matter?

Declaring Varanasi as holy city with special status

1895. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware and recognises the great ancient religious importance of Varanasi and if so, whether Government will consider to declare Varanasi as a holy city with a special status;

(b) whether Government is aware that great Tamil poet Subramania Bharati lived in Varanasi and that house is still intact; and

(c) whether Government would consider to declare the house of Bharati as national heritage and improve its ambience appropriately?

Funds to Rajasthan under central sponsored schemes

†1896. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of amount approved by Government for the Ministry of Tourism under central sponsored schemes for Rajasthan for the year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively; and

(b) whether it is a fact that only first instalment of the amount approved for year 2013-14 has so far been issued out of above approved amount, if so, by when the approved amount for the last three years would be issued?

Tourism infrastructure projects

1897. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise number of tourism infrastructure projects approved and financial assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has formulated any special scheme for investment in tourism infrastructure development in various States/UTs;

(c) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, along with the details of tourist spots identified for development and the amount earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) the reasons for delay in the implementation of the scheme?

B.Sc. programme in hospitality and hotel administration by NCHMCT

1898. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three years B.Sc. programme in Hospitality and Hotel Administration offered by National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) in collaboration with IGNOU is treated as equivalent to graduation degree recognized by UGC, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether a student who has successfully completed the programme course is eligible to undertake any exam conducted by Government for which the minimum qualification is graduation; and

(c) if not, the reasons why NCHMCT does not categorically mention in its brochure that B.Sc. programme is not a graduation/degree programme?

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Plan to inter-connect the Buddhist circuits

†1899. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of growth in the revenue from the foreign tourists in the last one year;

(b) the number of people who have been employed in tourism sector in the last one year;

(c) the details of increase in the number of tourists visiting Buddhist circuit; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to inter-connect the Buddhist circuits, if so, the details thereof?

Number of foreign tourist arrivals and Indian tourists going abroad

1900. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of tourists who went out from India to other tourist destinations of the world during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise number of tourist arrivals into the country during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indians going abroad are more than the foreign tourists coming into India; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on advertisements to promote tourism in foreign countries

1901. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and country-wise details of the expenditure on advertisements

in foreign countries to promote tourism products and destinations in the last three years and in the current year;

(b) whether year-wise and country-wise number of foreign tourists and tourism receipts have increased over these years and if so, the details of the said period; and

(c) the global rank of India in comparison to other countries with regard to tourism receipts and tourist arrivals?

Eco-tourism

1902. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of new aspects of tourism such as eco-tourism;

(b) if so, the steps taken to promote such tourism; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose in the current budget?

Tribal population in the country

1903. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of total tribal population in the country;

(b) the new schemes the Ministry has started or is going to start during 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) the details of special plan Government has taken to provide in the Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) pockets for the tribals; and

(d) whether any special project is proposed for Odisha?

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Status of education of STs in the country

1904. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the status of education of Scheduled Tribes in the country;
- (b) the number of students from tribal communities enrolled for primary, secondary and higher education;
- (c) the district-wise details of the areas with high tribal population in the country which do not have a primary and/or secondary school;
- (d) the number of children from tribal communities who are unable to go to schools primarily because there is no schools within radius of 1 km; and
- (e) the initiatives taken by Government to improve the education of children from tribal communities?

Inclusion of Dhangar community of Goa as ST

1905. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand for inclusion of Dhangar community of Goa as a Scheduled Tribe;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Dhangar community is one of the most backward Scheduled Tribes of Goa;
- (c) since when the proposal is under the examination of various authorities of the Central Government;
- (d) what are the issues which have been examined so far; and
- (e) whether any expert report has been examined in this connection, if so, the details thereof?

Study on per capita income of tribals

1906. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has carried out any study with regard to per capita income of tribals in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether per capita income of tribals is less than those of general and other castes; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the average income of tribals along with the extent to which Government has achieved success as a result thereof?

Traditional accommodations to primitive tribal groups

†1907. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether traditional accommodations have been constructed and provided to the primitive tribal groups, the pre-agriculture communities and the other forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes in the reserved and protected forests by Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year; and
- (c) the details of Government initiatives being taken in the said regions for students' primary, secondary, higher secondary and higher education including drinking water, electricity supply, transport and medical facilities?

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Tribal University in Telangana

1908. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the announcement was made with regard to setting up of Tribal University in Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are more tribals in Warangal so it would be more appropriate to set up Tribal University in Warangal; and

(c) if so, the present status of Tribal University in Telangana?

Professor Virginius Xaxa Committee on Tribal communities

1909. PROF. MRINAL MIRI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Level Committee on Socio-Economic, Health and Educational Status of Tribal Communities of India was constituted at the instance of the Prime Minister in August, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Professor Virginius Xaxa and that the Committee submitted its report in May 2014;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations made in the report of the Committee have been accepted fully or in part by Government; and

(c) if so, what further steps are being contemplated by Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

Non-allocation of funds for strengthening education among ST girls in AP

1910. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the scheme for strengthening education among ST girls in low literacy districts, no funds have been allocated in 2012-13 and 2013-14 for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether under pre-matric scholarship for ST students, no funds have been allocated for 2012-13; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Study on status of tribal children

1911. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any study conducted on the status of tribal children in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what has been the allocation and expenditure for welfare of tribal children under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) since 2010-11 and the details of special schemes evolved for the welfare of tribal children; and

(c) whether there has been any diversion of TSP funds for children specific programmes to various other purposes during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

National Conference for promotion of tribal art and culture

1912. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to organise any National Tribal Conference/ Programme in the near future, inviting all the tribal leaders, intellectuals, Tribal Welfare Organisations of the country, particularly for the purpose of enhancing and for publicity of tribal culture and art in the country; and

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

Setting up of new disaster centres

†1913. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's infrastructural system for disaster management is not technically updated like those of the developed countries and work is being done expeditiously in this direction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Central Government has recently decided to set up new disaster centres which will study about the past records as well as the impending disasters and if so, the details thereof?

Denial of US visa to Indian archers

1914. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US embassy in New Delhi denied visa to 20 archers who were to attend the World Youth Archery Championship scheduled to be held at Yankton, US in June this year;

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

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with the US authorities in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of US authorities thereto?

Identification of potential Olympic winners from Tamil Nadu

1915. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had identified potential medal winners of Olympics from the State of Tamil Nadu under its 'Target Olympic Podium' (TOP) Scheme; and

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

Aid to NSFs for training

1916. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gives aid to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for training and for participation in international events, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the year-wise and federation-wise details of the money sanctioned/spent by them during the last three years and this year;

(c) whether Government has got any mechanism to monitor such expenses, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Online redressal system for sportspersons

1917. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is concerned

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about the recent harassment against some of the sportspersons in Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has any plan to establish online redressal system dedicated to sportspersons across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Basic facilities to sportspersons

†1918. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is trying to provide basic facilities to the sportspersons at State-level, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether Government has been receiving complaints from sportspersons in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these complaints?

SAI centres lacking anti-sexual harassment cells

1919. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centres of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) that do not have anti-sexual harassment cells;

(b) whether it is correct that over 100 centres do not have such cells;

(c) the reasons why there are no grievance redressal cells in such centres; and

(d) the action taken by Government to ensure prevention of sexual harassment?

Policy for promotion of women sports

†1920. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any special policy to promote various sports, especially women cricket and other women sports;

(b) if so, the sports-wise details of the said policy; and

(c) whether Government has constructed district level sports complexes in Madhya Pradesh and various other States, if so, the details thereof?

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