

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

Export of marine food products

†2401. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) the status of marine food products
exported from the country during last three
years;

(b) whether the US is the major
destination for such exports;

(c) whether the US has imposed certain
conditions on import of marine food
products from India and if so, the details
thereof;

(d) whether Government provides
subsidy on such exports; and

(e) the action plan to promote such
exports to improve the economic condition
of people living along coastal areas of the
country?

Credit Guarantee Fund for Startups

2402. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) the details of incentives and
encouragements, financial and otherwise
provided for Startups;

(b) whether Government is planning to
set up a Credit Guarantee Fund for
encouraging Startup companies in the
country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including
the number of companies which have
availed the facilities under the scheme so
far; and

(d) the other steps taken to promote the
Startup companies especially in their early
formulation?

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Contraction in industrial production

2403. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in September, 2016 the industrial production has grown only by 0.1 per cent confirming fears of crippling economy;

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to increase the industrial output in future;

(c) what incentives Government proposes to give to entrepreneurs to raise their production; and

(d) whether Government proposes to cut interest rates to help the industries?

Import of GM canola products

2404. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA
KUMAR:
SHRI D. RAJA:

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

(a) what are the regulatory requirements for import of GM canola products into India as required under the Foreign Trade Act;

(b) whether GM canola imports have conformed to these regulations; and

(c) if so, the details of applicants who declared GM canola imports, year-wise and what were the specific consignments?

Illegal import of GM canola oil

2405. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

(a) what is the proportion or percentage of imported GM canola oil within India's total oil consumption, in value and volume;

(b) whether GM canola oil imports were permitted by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) before 2015;

(c) if so, the details of additional permissions accorded; and

(d) if not, what action is being taken for illegal import of GM canola oil that happened without the permission of GEAC?

Investments under 'Make in India' programme

2406. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data available on how much investment has been made and proposed by the investors under the 'Make in India' programme, State-wise; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of tea garden labourers in Assam

2407. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is responsible for welfare of tea garden labourers in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many special schemes have been introduced/implemented for tea garden labourers by the Ministry in the current year so far; and

(d) how much funds have been allocated to the above mentioned schemes for the current year?

Establishment of Aqua Zones

2408. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India International Seafood Show-2016 has been held recently in Visakhapatnam, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government is planning to increase seafood production and develop fishery industry in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is planning to establish Aqua Zones in Andhra Pradesh with this objective, if so, the details of the places identified for this purpose; and

(d) the quantum of funds earmarked and proposed to be released in this regard?

Decline in import of gold

†2409. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of gold in the country has witnessed a decline since March, 2016, if so, the month-wise details thereof;

(b) the reasons for decline in import of gold and efforts being made by Government to improve the situation, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which employment was hit on account of decline in import of gold, the details thereof?

Implementation of FDI policy

2410. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the current status in implementing Government's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy;

(b) the sectors in the country in which 100 per cent FDI has been allowed; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to guarantee public interest and national security while implementing the FDI policy?

Projects under 'Make in India' scheme in Rajasthan

†2411. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects which have started production under 'Make in India' programme in the State of Rajasthan, the district-wise details thereof; and

(b) the details of the efforts made by the Central Government to attract investors in Rajasthan for creation of local employment?

Development of industrial corridors

2412. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many industrial corridors are being developed in the country using the funds of Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA);

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(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the cities being developed thereunder and the progress made so far, corridor-wise and the funds allocated for these projects; and

(c) whether any proposals have been received by Government from various quarters to include more cities under industrial corridors and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon and the time-frame fixed for completion of industrial corridor projects?

Inflow of FDI

†2413. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the dates and the amount in terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow to the country for which the announcement was made or assurance was given by Prime Minister on his various foreign visits;

(b) the details of amount of foreign investment along with areas in which such investments have been made under such announcement or assurance so far and whether they are as per expectations; and

(c) whether remaining foreign investment under such announcements are likely to be made in the country?

Review of policy on globalization

2414. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether globalization, from the country's experience is on the rise or wane during the last five years;

(b) which way the trends in

international trade, migration and banking activities point to;

(c) whether it is a fact that globalization measures have promoted interests of very few while those of vast majority have been affected very badly; and

(d) since there are various reports to show that vast majority of population has been detrimentally affected, whether Government will review its policy on globalization?

Impact of demonetisation on IITF, 2016

2415. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demonetisation of currency is the major reason for the decline in footfall at the India International Trade Fair, 2016;

(b) whether any traders (both Indian and foreign) have demanded compensation from Government for the dip in sale due to demonetisation of currency; and

(c) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to ensure that these traders come back to the exhibition in the coming years?

Job opportunities through FDI

†2416. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of FDI received in the last two years and the number of job opportunities increased on account of it in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to

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increase the job opportunities and the results achieved thereof; and

(c) the reasons for no increase in job opportunities despite better economic performance?

Increase in trade deficit

2417. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade deficit of the country has gone up from 9.6 billion dollars in October last year to 10.1 billion dollars in October, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the increase in trade deficit is mainly on account of unprecedented rise in gold imports during the corresponding period; and

(c) if so, the action Government proposes to reduce the trade deficit?

Implementation of NPOP

2418. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), if so, the objectives of NPOP;

(b) whether Government has prescribed standards for organic production, if so, the standards prescribed for production of pulses;

(c) in which part(s) of the country organic pulses are produced;

(d) the quantum of organic pulses produced in the country during the last three years; and

(e) whether there is any procedure to check genuineness of organic pulses, if so, the details thereof along with the details of laboratories where organic pulses can be tested?

Applications received under Startups

2419. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Startup policy;

(b) the number of applications received so far and what is the category of these applications;

(c) what are the documents required for making a proposal under Startup policy;

(d) the number of applicants given tax exemption;

(e) whether any proposal has been received under Startup policy in Goa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the production targets these applicants are aiming at and the number of applicants given tax exemptions?

Setting up of 259 IT/ITES SEZs

2420. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set 259 Special Economic Zones relating to IT/ITES/Electronic Hardware Sectors in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has fixed any target to provide employment through these Special Economic Zones relating to IT/ITES/Electronic Hardware Sectors in the country; and

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

Rejection of India's appeal on solar cell manufacturing by WTO

2421. SHRIMATI THOTA
SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

(a) whether the World Trade Organisation (WTO) upheld its earlier ruling and has rejected India's appeal against domestic content requirements for manufacturing solar cells and modules;

(b) whether the WTO has also agreed that the rules discriminated against the U.S. manufacturers; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government is taking to protect indigenous manufacturers?

New licensing policy for tobacco

2422. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

(a) whether Government is considering a licensing policy for tobacco in a bid to control consumption and bring the largely unregulated business of products such as gutkha and pan masala under some sort of Government watch and the details thereof;

(b) whether the matter has been discussed with the stakeholders and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has started internal discussions on the policy implication of

licensing for the sector that has been mired in strong political interests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Action plan for development of cultural centres

2423. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action plan for development of cultural centres in the country, State/UT-wise including Haryana;

(b) the details of financial assistance given to these cultural centres, State/UT-wise including Haryana; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for development of more such centres in the country especially Haryana for promotion of traditional art, craft and culture in the State?

Shortage of staff in cultural organisations

2424. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various cultural organisations under the Ministry are facing acute shortage of staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of sanctioned and filled up posts, organisation-wise;

(c) whether the long pending vacancies in the above bodies are greatly affecting its day-to-day functioning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies in both skilled and unskilled category?

Inclusion of Andaman Cellular Jail in the list of National Monuments

2425. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASI is not ready to include the Andaman Cellular Jail in the list of National Monuments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Non-availability of funds for Victoria Memorial, Kolkata

2426. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient funds are not available for the Victoria Memorial, Kolkata; and

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

Declaration of Heritage places in Andhra Pradesh

2427. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amaravati Development Authority of Andhra Pradesh had met the Prime Minister to request to announce five tourist places in Andhra Pradesh viz., Gandikota in Kadapa District, Chandragiri Fort in Chittoor, Guntupalli Caves in West Godavari, Kondaveedu Fort in Guntur and Amaravati Stupam which are historical places, as Heritage places in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in the matter?

Establishment of planetariums in Odisha

2428. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for establishment of new planetariums at Gopalpur, Baripada and Jeypore of Odisha are pending with the Ministry of Culture; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would finalise the said proposal in the current financial year?

Burning of municipal waste and dung near Taj Mahal

2429. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the burning of municipal solid waste and dung in the vicinity of the iconic Taj Mahal is significantly contributing to the discolouring of the world heritage monument; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check the same?

Promotion of cultural development programmes

2430. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for promotion of cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the schemes formulated for promoting cultural development programmes in the country; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by Government for promoting culture of the country?

Funds for centrally protected monuments

2431. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to provide funds for the renovation, restoration and conservation of centrally protected monuments in Chennai Circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided so far in the last three years;

(c) whether Government has provided funds for "light and sound" as well as CCTVs in various centrally protected monuments under Chennai Circle; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided in the last three years?

Encroachments on ASI protected sites

2432. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many historical sites are ASI protected in the country, State-wise;

(b) what is their origin and time of construction;

(c) which one of these are significantly encroached; and

(d) what is being done to remove such encroachments?

Excavations by ASI

2433. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey

of India (ASI) has carried out any excavation projects in the country in the last five years and in the current year;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the same along with locations and findings, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of the allocated and utilized funds in this respect?

Opening of libraries in Gujarat

†2434. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to establish libraries named after Pandit Deen Dayal in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to open such libraries in the State of Gujarat also;

(c) if so, the number and locations, of these libraries and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would consider to extend support to individuals for opening private libraries; and

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

Security of historical idols and artefacts

2435. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has returned some 200 stolen artefacts to the Indian Government which were recovered during the decade old 'Operation Hidden

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Idol' retrieving more than 7500 artefacts valued at 100 million US dollars;

(b) whether the artefacts now back in India were stolen from India's most valued religious sites; and

(c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has stepped up and fortified its heritage monuments and sites including temples from idol thieves and those frequenting heritage sites as tourists?

Vacancies in posts of Directors and CMDs

2436. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many posts of Directors and CMDs in Public Sector Units were vacant since May, 2014 and for how long; and

(b) the names of the Directors and the CMDs appointed against the vacancies?

Profits accrued to PSUs

†2437. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the profits accrued to Public Sector Undertakings and revenue remitted to the exchequer during last three years, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of Public Sector Undertakings which were under loss during financial year 2014-15 as against previous year, the sector-wise details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for loss to Public Sector Undertakings and fall in revenue remittance to the exchequer during the

financial year 2014-15 and the efforts being made by Government to overcome such a situation?

Manufacturing of Airbus under 'Make in India' initiative

2438. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airbus has come forward to manufacture in India under 'Make in India' initiatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing manufacturing and research work done by Airbus in the country;

(d) whether any MoU has been signed between Airbus and Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of companies which have so far agreed to come and manufacture in India under 'Make in India' campaign?

Students missing from universities

2439. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students in Central Universities attacked by (i) fellow students and (ii) outsiders during this and the last academic years;

(b) how many had serious injuries and whether anybody got killed;

(c) how many students have been missing from the universities; and

(d) whether these students are still missing and not located so far, if so, the details thereof?

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**Natural calamity of 2013 in
Uttarakhand**

†2440. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the human skeletons of
those who lost their lives in natural calamity
that occurred in Uttarakhand in June, 2013
are still being recovered from the roads and
other hilly locations in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the plan
to displace the people of more than 450
villages was formulated considering the
apprehension of experts after the calamity,
that these villages may have to face the
natural calamity like June, 2013 at any
time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Deaths due to improper covering of
drains and pits in Delhi**

†2441. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of untimely deaths caused
by accidents due to improper covers of
drains and pits in the parts of Municipal
Corporations of Delhi in the last three years
and current year; and

(b) the details of assistance along with
its nature provided in the cases of deaths
due to negligence of Municipal
Corporation's of Delhi and the number of
officers against whom action has been
taken for such negligence along with the
nature of action taken?

Spurt in militant incidents in Assam

†2442. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has
been a spurt in militant incidents in the
State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof during last
three years and current year;

(c) the reasons for increasing terror
incidents in Assam; and

(d) the details of reasons for various State
agencies including the Central Government
not getting complete success towards giving
a decisive blow to terrorists?

Crimes against SCs, STs and OBCs

2443. SHRIMATI VANDANA
CHAVAN:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken
cognizance of reports that suggest that
crimes against Scheduled Castes rose by
19 per cent last year, higher than 17 per
cent in 2013;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) total number of cases of crimes against people belonging to SCs, STs and OBCs and number of those murdered, injured or harassed, State/Union Territory-wise during last three years;

(d) steps taken by Government to curb such crimes, especially against women of these communities;

(e) whether during investigation of such cases any legal protection is provided to victims and families of these communities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing crime rate in Delhi

2444. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime rate in NCT of Delhi is increasing year by year;

(b) how many FIRs have been lodged and prosecutions launched in the last three years, district-wise in Delhi;

(c) the total number of chain snatching cases reported in NCT of Delhi in the last two years and upto 31st October 2016 and how many culprits have been arrested and prosecuted, year-wise; and

(d) the details of action proposed by Delhi Police to prevent and minimize crime rates in Delhi?

Threshold annual salary for grant of visa

2445. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is

considering to bring down the threshold annual salary to ₹ 9.1 lakh per annum from the current limit of ₹ 16.7 lakh for the purpose of visa for taking employment in India ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal in this regard is already pending with the Cabinet; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Public institutions targeted and burnt in Kashmir valley

2446. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI:
SHRI NARAYAN LAL
PANCHARIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any other public institutions apart from schools are being targeted and burnt in Kashmir valley in the recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to provide assistance to the Jammu and Kashmir Government to handle the said menace;

(c) whether cases have been registered against those who were involved in burning Government properties and schools; and

(d) the details of the number of people arrested in such cases?

Legislation on refugees and asylum seekers

2447. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:
SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH
DHINDSA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is planning to come up with a uniform and non-discriminatory domestic policy and legislation on refugees and asylum seekers;

(b) why Government has never made an attempt to prepare a formal refugee regime despite being home to a major refugee population for decades;

(c) why there has been different treatment to refugee populations from different countries; and

(d) whether Government is contemplating amendment to the Passport Act, 1967 and the Foreigners Act, 1946 to eliminate asylum seekers from its purview?

Training facilities of Central Armed Police Forces

2448. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the training facilities individually maintained by Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) are grossly under utilised;

(b) if so, the details of training facilities of each of CAPF along with the reasons for their under utilisation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is due to erratic intake of officers over the years; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to pool all these resources in order to allow multi-organisation use and also allow inter-organisational exchange of experience among trainers and trainees?

Legislation to stop honour killings

2449. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering

to bring a legislation to stop honour killings, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number of honour killing cases registered in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

Paramilitary forces facing shortage of ammunition

2450. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fact that the paramilitary forces guarding India's border, fighting insurgency and terrorism are facing a massive shortage of ammunition;

(b) if so, the extent of shortage of ammunition required by paramilitary forces for close combat operations;

(c) what other tactical shortages are there in the equipment of the paramilitary forces; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate availability of ammunition to meet the requirements of paramilitary forces in the country?

Verification of SSB volunteers

†2451. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an order for actual verification of SSB volunteers situated in various parts of the country had been issued by the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry has received State-wise verification report of SSB volunteers;

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(c) if so, the date on which it was received and the details of the decisions taken by the Ministry to resolve their problems so far, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Criminals acquitted due to lack of sufficient witnesses

2452. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of criminals involved in several heinous crimes are acquitted by the courts on the ground of insufficient witnesses against them;

(b) whether Government has conducted any enquiry to ascertain the number of such criminals acquitted by Courts during the last three years on this ground and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to bring forward any legislation to convict such criminals as they indulge in serious crimes after their acquittal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing quota of Himalayan States in paramilitary forces

†2453. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the matter concerning deliberation by Government on increasing the quota of Himalayan States in paramilitary forces for providing employment opportunities to the youths living in hilly States; and

(b) the manner in which the two

objectives of making paramilitary forces more inclusive from demographic view point and providing employment to the youths of hilly States are sought to be reconciled?

ST status to six communities of Assam

2454. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Home Affairs has set up a Committee to formulate the modality to grant ST status to six communities of Assam, namely Koch Rajbongshi, Moran, Matak, Tai Ahom, Chutia and Adivasi (Tea Tribes) and the Committee has to submit its report by May 31, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government thereon?

Use of enemy properties by Central Police Organisations

2455. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to allot 31 of the total of 9457 enemy properties for use by Central Police Organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the custodian of enemy property for India has been asked to inspect the status of the remaining 9426 properties for further action, including eviction of encroachers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Relief and rehabilitation of rape victims

2456. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of relief and rehabilitation of rape victims which has been declared in Budget 2016-17; and

(b) in what manner, Government proposes to allocate the finances required to provide rehabilitation services?

Complaint of financial cheating

2457. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 52 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th November, 2016 and state:

(a) the number of complaints of financial cheating received in Geeta Colony police station from July, 2016 till date;

(b) the action taken thereon, complaint-wise;

(c) whether the complaints received in Geeta Colony police station through DCP, East Delhi during July, 2016 have been filed without conducting any proper inquiry and taking any statement of complainants/accused; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the grounds on which said complaints have been filed, complaint-wise?

Foreign tourists coming to India for medical tourism

2458. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimate of total number

of foreign tourists which came to India in the last three years for medical tourism;

(b) whether Government of India is issuing medical visa for people who want to visit India for treatment at various medical centres; and

(c) whether Government has made the procedure for obtaining visa on medical ground easier/simpler for foreign tourists?

Protest by MTFD against Bills passed by Manipur Assembly

2459. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the symbolic coffin laid in Jantar Mantar since November, 4, 2015 by Manipur Tribals Forum Delhi (MTFD) in protest against the three anti-tribal Bills passed by the Manipur Assembly on 31st August, 2015, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government had sent emissary to churachandpur town to do an on-the-spot investigation of the situation, if so, the details thereof and outcome therefrom;

(c) the latest status of the three Bills pending with the Home Ministry; and

(d) the roadmap for redressing the grievances of the tribals of Manipur, if any?

Involvement of Juveniles in crimes

2460. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increasing involvement of Juveniles in crimes has been a major cause of concern for Delhi Police for the past few years;

(b) whether according to the NCRB data, cases involving juvenile offenders have gone up by 16 per cent;

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

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to stop crimes by juveniles?

Waterless urinals in Delhi

2461. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of waterless urinals built in 2010 by erstwhile Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) whether North Corporation took charge of maintaining its 338 facilities in 2014;

(c) amount given by Centre under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to build and maintain toilets in Delhi;

(d) amount spent for maintenance of waterless urinals in Delhi;

(e) whether High Court of Delhi has ordered all Municipal Corporations in 2014 to convert waterless urinals into normal ones with adequate water supply;

(f) whether most urinals are without any sewer connections leading to unhygienic condition in surrounding areas; and

(g) if so, action taken against the lax officials?

People sentenced under the NDPS Act

2462. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the NDPS Act, thousands of people are

sentenced in various jails across the country;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that apart from seizures of drugs, the border States have witnessed smuggling of arms thereof; and

(d) if so, the details of number of conviction and the action plan of Government therefor?

Allocating adequate number of IPS probationers to Odisha

2463. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government would allocate adequate number of IPS probationers to the State of Odisha in the next seven or eight years as compared to the allocation made in previous years, considering the severe shortage of IPS officers in Odisha Cadre under the promotion quota and direct recruit quota; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Ho Language in Eighth Schedule of Constitution

2464. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Jharkhand seeking inclusion of Ho language which is widely spoken in Kolhan division of Jharkhand, in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the request; and

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

Fund to Madhya Pradesh under modernisation of prisons scheme

†2465. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted to the State of Madhya Pradesh out of resources earmarked for States' second phase of modernisation of prisons scheme and places where from this demand had been made and current status of approval thereof and by when the same amount would be made available; and

(b) the details of scheme/programme and implementation thereof with regard to modernisation of prisons in reference to part (a) above?

Integrated control centre within the Ministry

2466. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aiming to set up a state-of-the-art integrated control centre within the Ministry;

(b) if so, by when the project is likely to begin; and

(c) the advantages of such an integrated control system?

Discrimination in financial help

2467. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of personnel who sacrificed their lives fighting against anti-national acts like terrorism, etc.;

(b) the details of help being provided by Government to their families during last two years;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been discrimination in providing financial help to aggrieved families on account of sacrifice by personnel belonging to Military or Para-military forces; and

(d) if so, the reasons for discrimination?

Prisoners killed in Tihar Jail

2468. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during last two years, a number of prisoners have been killed in Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, the reasons for internal security lapses in the Jail; and

(c) whether Jail administration has any proposal to prohibit the use of metallic spoon and forks inside the Jail which are being misused as weapons also?

Criminals shot dead in police encounters

2469. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of criminals shot dead by police in encounters during the last three years;

(b) in how many cases, the Human Rights Commission had taken cognizance and judicial probe was set up; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the criminals

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killed in the encounter were involved in several heinous crimes and if so, the specific reasons for protecting the rights of criminals instead of the victims whose families have been ruined by them?

Development of Islands in A & N and Lakshadweep

2470. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to develop 26 Islands in Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, what is the roadmap for developing of these Islands;

(c) which are the various sectors on which these Islands will be developed;

(d) how much fund is being allotted for the development of these Islands; and

(e) how much time will it take to complete the development?

Ban on cow slaughter in the country

2471. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government has any plan for imposing ban on cow slaughter in the country;

(b) if so, what action Government proposes on irresponsible statements issued by persons holding responsible and respectable positions; and

(c) what is the feedback on this from the States and whether a white paper can be issued on this by the Central Government?

Measures to monitor borders

†2472. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no proper measures to monitor the borders at present;

(b) the details of the likely expenditure to fully seal the border and whether it would stop the infiltration completely; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the monitoring better in areas having rivers and drains?

IPS officers in West Bengal

2473. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) the steps being taken to cleanse the senior bureaucracy and retire such police officers who are wanting in the discharge of their duties?

Expert Committee to study and examine the domestic and international cyber laws

2474. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up an expert Committee to study and examine the existing domestic cyber laws and international cyber legislations;

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

(c) whether the said Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details of the recommendations made by it; and

(d) if not, the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

Implementation of Unified Service Rules

2475. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Telugu speaking States regarding implementation of Unified Services Rules for Teachers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in the matter;

(c) whether a meeting has been held recently to discuss the matter in detail; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to solve the matter at the earliest?

Crimes in Delhi

2476. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi accounts for nearly 25 per cent of all the crimes committed in 53 mega cities all across India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi accounts for the highest number of rapes per lakh women; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken

or proposed to be taken by Government to address it?

Command control at Bhadrachalam, Telangana

2477. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish a Command control under supervision of a senior IPS officer at Bhadrachalam, Telangana for efficient coordination and operations at Maoist affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the territorial jurisdiction of the above control office?

Women prisoners in jails

†2478. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women prisoners languishing in jails as on 31st March, 2016 and those languishing in jails without any hearing and from when they are in jails;

(b) the number of children staying with these women prisoners;

(c) whether number of women prisoners are more than the capacity of jails and proper health facilities are also not available to them;

(d) whether Supreme Court has issued directions in 2006 regarding safety and standard of living of children staying with these women prisoners, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

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Racket involved in getting CDRs

†2479. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several retired officers of sensitive departments of Army, CBI and Intelligence Bureau are linked with the racket involved in getting Call Detail Records (CDRs);

(b) whether it has also been found in an investigation by Crime Branch that most of the spy agencies are being run by these retired officers or they are working with the said agencies;

(c) whether some of these retired officers have been arrested for illegally providing call details to the said agencies/ general people;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to combat this?

Prisoners in jails in the country

†2480. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of prisoners in 1401 jails in the country is much more than their capacity and the basic needs of the prisoners can not be fulfilled and the jail administration is facing the problem of shortage of security equipments; and

(b) the State-wise total capacity and number of prisoners in jails and the total number of undertrial prisoners, State-wise details thereof?

Vacancies in CFSL

2481. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to fill the vacancies in Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSL) across the country;

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

(c) whether all the materials brought in as evidence to CFSL (especially, in the case of electronic evidence) are relevant; and

(d) if not, what are the steps taken to coordinate with the Law Enforcement Agencies to ensure that the data collected is relevant?

Security force for protecting airports

2482. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Civil Aviation for raising a security force exclusively for protecting its airports in the country;

(b) what would be the total strength of such a force;

(c) whether it will be placed under the command and control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and

(d) how Government proposes to raise manpower for such a force?

Manpower to secure airports of the country

2483. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many airports are there in the country;

(b) how many of these airports are being protected by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF);

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(c) what is the total sanctioned strength of CISF and whether there is enough manpower to secure all the airports of the country; and

(d) what is the additional manpower that is required to man all the airports of the country?

Agreement between BSF and BGB to erect new fence

2484. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Bangladesh have agreed to erect a new fence to secure over 250 villages ahead of the present barbed wire fencing along the International Border to curb cross border crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) have signed an agreement in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SAARC business card project

2485. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) business card project is in limbo; and

(b) whether India has already printed 5,000 high security cards and how many applications have been received by Government for seamless travel across the region, if so, the details thereof?

Multiple Visa for follow up treatment

2486. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian corporate hospitals witnessed big jump in patients from abroad, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether corporate hospitals have made a request to Government to issue multiple entry medical Visas to enable follow up treatment; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to make medical visas available easily for follow up treatment?

Implementation of Juvenile Justice Act

2487. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertook any step to ensure Section 107 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 is being uniformly and strictly adhered in all police stations across the country; and

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

Youths missing from Kerala

†2488. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demand for tracing the youth who went missing from Kerala and for initiating an enquiry regarding the same is being raised from various parts of the country;

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

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

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Separate cadre of All India Services in Goa

2489. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Goa has sent any proposal to the Union Government to constitute a separate cadre of All India Services in Goa;

(b) what are the grounds given by the State Government in this regard;

(c) the names of the States/Union Territories which do not have independent cadres; and

(d) whether proposal of Government of Goa is under consideration of the Union Government?

Section 144 in Vemulaghat village in Telangana

2490. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that Vemulaghat village in Medak district of Telangana is under Section 144 of CrPC for the Past more than 100 days;

(b) whether Ministry is also aware that people from this village have been terrorized and are under constant pressure to give their land for an irrigation project against their wishes; and

(c) if so, what the Ministry is doing to help villagers in this village?

Overlapping/conflict between Central and State labour laws

2491. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the overlapping/conflict between various Central and State Labour Laws, especially related to wages;

(b) whether Government plans to bring a unified labour code in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Payment of minimum wages for contract jobs

2492. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to effectively implement the system of contract jobs and outsourcing as the laws of the land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether instances of below minimum wages payments have been reported from the Government establishments employing contractual labour from private agencies; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure minimum wages in every employment in Government and private sector?

Unemployment among graduates

2493. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) the status of employment in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has made any

survey regarding employment and unemployment during 2015-16;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the result of this survey;

(d) whether unemployment is less among illiterates than graduates; and

(e) if so, the remedial steps taken to address this problem?

Unemployment allowance to registered unemployed

2494. KUMARI SELJA:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH

YADAV:

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

(a) the details of employment generated both in organised and unorganised sectors during last two years State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by Government for eradication of unemployment in the country and the achievements thereof during the said period, State/Union Territory-wise including Haryana;

(c) whether any survey/study has been conducted to ascertain actual number of unemployed persons and if so, the details and findings thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) whether Government proposes to provide unemployment allowance to all the registered unemployed youth till they get a reasonable employment and if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of employment exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

†2495. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State/Union Territory-wise number of employment exchanges in operation currently in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the current status of upgradation and modernisation of employment exchanges in the country, the State/UT-wise details thereof;

(c) the funds duly allocated, released and utilised during each of the last three years and current year, the State/UT-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether progress on modernisation in all States including Madhya Pradesh is on expected lines, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken by Government, in this regard?

Child labourers from Eastern States

†2496. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child labour in the country still remains unstoppable, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the poor child labourers from the eastern States of the country *i.e.* Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha are brought by the touts by enticing and deceiving them;

(c) whether Government is acting according to the law enacted to check child labour; and

(d) the number of child labourers

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rescued during the last two years and the complete details thereof?

Benefits of social security schemes for unorganised sector workers

†2497. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers in unorganised sector are not getting the benefits under social security schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of workers from organised and unorganised sectors availing the benefits under social security schemes and number of workers still left outside, the details thereof; and

(c) the contribution made by each worker towards various social security schemes, the details thereof?

Registration of unemployed people in Rajasthan

†2498. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the total number of unemployed people registered in the State of Rajasthan; and

(b) whether Government has prepared any action plan to provide jobs to the unemployed persons according to their eligibility, if so, the details thereof?

Social security scheme for domestic workers

2499. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a new social security scheme for domestic workers;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to bring all the unorganized sector workers under social security schemes?

Review of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme

2500. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any review/proposes to review the existing Employees' Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details land the findings thereof along with the follow-up action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government has received any representations/proposals from various stakeholders in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereon?

Exploitation and different wages for contract workers in automobile sector

2501. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study about the difference between wages paid to contract labourers and permanent labourers, doing the same work in the automobile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to address such exploitation of

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contract workers in the automobile sector in the country?

Reduction in jobs in the country

2502. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reduction in jobs is at a worrisome rate in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country is losing jobs at a worrisome rate;

(c) the year-wise date of jobs being created in the last three years; and

(d) the reasons for the increase or decrease in the rate of job creation in the last three years?

Legislation for the security of journalists

2503. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from the Journalists Association seeking to bring out a special legislation for the security of journalists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this direction; and

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

Workforce moving out of agriculture

2504. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 93 per cent of Indian population is engaged in

unorganized sector, how does Government plans to absorb the additional enormous quantity of workforce moving out of agriculture, into the organized sector; and

(b) while industries and companies continue to suffer from dearth of skilled labour, whether many persons from the working age group do not find jobs suited to their education, abilities and/or expectations and how does Government intend to reconcile these two conflicting facts?

Bonded labour in cotton seed farms in Andhra Pradesh

2505. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of child labour are employed in cotton seed production and cotton seed farms as bonded labour in various States of the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any strategy to tackle this situation and rehabilitate these bonded child labourers?

Employment and unemployment survey

2506. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the annual employment-unemployment survey released by Labour Bureau recently, during 2015-16, unemployment rate has risen to five per cent which is highest during last five years;

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

(c) the reasons for the same;

(d) whether President of India has also expressed concern over this;

(e) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(f) the details of efforts Government would take to curb the alarming level of unemployment in the country; and

(g) the details of unemployed people due to demonetization, State-wise?

Problems for workers in private sector

†2507. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum wages for unskilled non-agricultural workers in 'C' category regions has been fixed at ₹ 350 per day on the basis of basic minimum wages of central sector workers, the criteria adopted for fixing minimum wages in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has become difficult to work in private sector due to contractual jobs, *ad hoc* employment and lay offs in an arbitrary manner and increasing violation of labour laws in private sector; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against the establishments violating labour laws?

Decline in job growth

2508. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that job creation in the organized sector has declined over the period of last two years;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken

for creation of employment opportunities for the youth of the country;

(c) how many jobs have been created in the organized sector from May, 2014 to October, 2016 (till date); and

(d) how many jobs have been created in the unorganized sector from May, 2014 to October, 2016 (till date)?

Non-utilisation of cess for welfare of construction workers

2509. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether States are not utilising funds even after collecting huge amount towards cess from the construction sector for the welfare of construction workers;

(b) if so, the names of the States, funds lying unutilised and funds utilised till October, 2016; and

(c) what action the Ministry is taking against the States not utilizing these funds?

Employability in Telangana

2510. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the rate of employability in 2010;

(b) what is the present rate of employability in 2016;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is an increase of 4 per cent in employability in the country in the last three years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that

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Telangana is ninth in having employable talent in the country; and

(e) if so, how the Ministry is coordinating with other Ministries/agencies and private sector to ensure that all eligible get employment?

**Central Sector Scheme for
Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers,
2016**

2511. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers, 2016, the victim will be given any rehabilitation or protection if the accused is acquitted;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a Release Certificate will be provided if bonded labour is found to be present but no conviction takes place;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the plans under the scheme to ensure that the trial is completed in one day; and

(f) the avenues to protect the victims from threat and intimidation in the event of prolonged trial?

National Career Service Project

2512. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Employment Exchanges and other institutions using technology to provide a variety of employment related services like job postings, career counselling, vocational

guidance, skill courses, apprenticeship under National Career Service Project;

(b) the details of employment provided to youths across the country through this project, since its inception, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target to provide employment through this project by 2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Industrial units governed by KVIC

†2513. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

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

(a) the State-wise and location-wise details of the industrial units sponsored/governed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as on date;

(b) the number of units out of them, located in the backward areas of the country;

(c) the details of work executed by these units during each of the last three years; and

(d) the number of those co-operative and private units which have been provided assistance by the State Khadi and Village Industries Board during the said period?

**Steps to make Khadi Gramodyog
Commission result-oriented**

†2514. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or

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proposes to take any steps to make Khadi Gramodyog Commission result-oriented and productive;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Review and assessment of functioning of KVIC

2515. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some years back a thorough review and assessment of functioning of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) was undertaken by Government;

(b) if so, when was it done and what were actions taken after such review and if not, whether Government would consider undertaking such review;

(c) how many training institutions are being run by KVIC all over-India presently and how many of these institutions are making losses and to what extent; and

(d) whether Government has thought of any measures to help these institutions become self supporting, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance for setting up MSMEs

2516. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received various proposals of financial assistance from the State Governments for setting up

of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) including Jharkhand and Gujarat during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether Government has launched any special programme to promote MSMEs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Introduction of Khadi in schools and other institutions

†2517. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken/ have been taken by Government to promote Khadi products, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal of Khadi and Gramodyog is pending with Government with regard to introduction of Khadi in schools and other institutions as a first preference material; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Capital subsidy scheme

2518. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the credit linked capital subsidy scheme;

(b) the name of implementing agencies; and

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(c) the list of approved sub-sectors under credit linked capital subsidy scheme?

People engaged in rural and agro industries

2519. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has the State-wise data on the total number of people engaged in rural and agro industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has initiated any specific centrally sponsored schemes to support the rural and agro industries either wholly or by sharing with State Governments in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the list of such special schemes and the funds allotted to various States in the last three years, State-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise?

Contribution made by manufacturing MSMEs to country's GDP

2520. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution made by manufacturing MSMEs to the country's GDP during last three years;

(b) whether Government has introduced any schemes to help MSMEs increase their competitiveness, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is mandatory for Central Public Sector companies to make

20 per cent of their procurement from MSMEs, if so, the total procurement during last three years?

Revival of MSMEs in Punjab

2521. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to revive the Micro, Small and Medium scale industries in Punjab; and

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

Formation of own import policies of oil PSUs

2522. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had cleared a proposal to grant Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum, the freedom to formulate their own crude oil import policies; and

(b) if so, what is the rationale behind this?

Delay in providing gas connection by IGL

†2523. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

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(a) whether the Ministry had received complaints about inordinate delays on part of IGL in providing gas connections at Government buildings in Lutyens Zone, Delhi;

(b) whether employees of IGL, Delhi provide satisfactory information at phone number reserved for complaints;

(c) whether one has to run from pillar to post at various offices of IGL while obtaining a gas connection/getting it disconnected for residences of Members of Parliament and is made to become a victim of mismanagement; and

(d) the details thereof and whether steps would be taken for making arrangements of all these works in the vicinity of Parliament House?

Increase in profit of Indian Oil Corporation

†2524. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has registered a two fold increase in its profit for the year 2015-16 *vis-a-vis* 2014-15;

(b) the details of the profit recorded by IOC for the current year;

(c) whether the oil companies are making profits at the cost of common people even in a situation when profits are steadily increasing and the prices of petroleum products fluctuating; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Natural gas pipeline network

2525. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the total length of natural gas pipeline network in operation in the country;

(b) whether the network is synchronized with development of gas sources and upcoming project of major gas consumers like fertilizer, power, refinery etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total capacity of petroleum products carried in the last two years through these pipelines and projected to be carried in the next two years by each of the oil company along with the details thereof?

Change in revenue sharing formula

2526. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether Government proposes to change the revenue sharing formula for oil and gas sector and if so, the salient features of the same?

Status of Gas Pipeline Grid work

2527. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Pipeline Grid work has not been started yet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the status of implementation of Gas Grid Project?

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Reassessment of hydrocarbon resources

2528. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reassessed the hydrocarbon resources in Indian sedimentary base;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether survey works in all un-appraised sedimentary basins were also included, if so, the details thereof?

Demand by petrol pump dealers to raise dealers' margin

2529. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the petrol pump dealers have been demanding to revise the dealers' margin;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any communication in this regard from them;

(c) whether it is a fact that the dealers have threatened to suspend fuel sale on selective days and launch a stop purchase of petroleum products from oil companies; and

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

Gas connections to Chhattisgarh under PMUY

†2530. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas connections

distributed State-wise and Union Territory-wise to States including Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the amount spent thereon and districts of Chhattisgarh and other States covered therein;

(b) whether requisite security parameters have been complied with by Government while providing LPG connections to the economically backward families; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Non-reduction of petrol prices

2531. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether between 2002 to 2011 the retail petrol prices as compared to international price was better than that of present days; and

(b) whether it is a fact that falling rupee is also a cause for not reducing petrol price to minimise losses?

Savings from give it up LPG subsidy

†2532. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who offered to give up their LPG subsidy and the total savings accrued due to this;

(b) the total number of gas connections given under Ujjwala Yojana against the target of giving five crore gas connections, the total expenditure incurred on it;

(c) the elected representatives who have given up their LPG subsidies and who did not give up, the details thereof, State-wise, party-wise and category-wise; and

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(d) whether it is a fact that CAG has refused Government's claim regarding give it up LPG subsidy, if so, the details of the claim and truth thereof?

(c) whether all private oil companies are following all the terms and conditions of MoU, if not, the action being taken against them ?

Investment by oil PSUs in Russian companies

†2533. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings of the country namely ONGC, IOCL and BLR, an ancillary of BPCL have invested in Vankorneft and Rosneft, the Russian oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of investment therein;

(c) whether Russian oil company, Rosneft has acquired Essar, a private Indian oil company in October, 2016 and Government is publicising it as an instance of Foreign Direct Investment; and

(d) the extent of loss being suffered by the Essar Oil and what difference this Foreign Direct Investment made by the Rosneft would make in business of Essar Oil in India?

Production of oil by private companies

†2534. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private oil companies in the country and how many are producing oil;

(b) whether any MoU has been signed between above oil companies and Government; and

Laying of gas pipelines

2535. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many kilometres of gas pipelines have been laid during the last three years for supply of cooking gas to households, year-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government intends to provide PNG service to all Indian households by a targeted time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the target time?

Achievements of Ministry

2536. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) details of achievements of the Ministry in the last two-and-a-half years;

(b) whether presentation before the Prime Minister was made about the Ministry's last two-and-a-half years achievements;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled;

(e) what are the targets set for the coming years and road map to achieve the same;

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(f) details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(g) details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming years?

Status of HPCL refinery in Barmer

2537. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of HPCL refinery in Barmer;

(b) whether there were some obstructions in developing the refinery at Barmer; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made to resolve the issues?

Oil imports

2538. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of oil imports from various countries during the last three years;

(b) the total amount spent by the country every year for oil imports during the last three years; and

(c) the total oil imports bills during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Non-implementation of recommendations of MB Lal Committee by IOCL

2539. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

113 recommendations of MB Lal Committee have not been implemented by IOCL despite a lapse of six years;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has taken any steps to expedite the process of implementation;

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

(d) whether the Ministry has any objection in providing timeline for implementation of all the recommendations accepted by the Ministry; and

(e) details of number of accidents happened due to lack of safety preparedness of Oil and Gas transmission pipelines?

Fees deposit for LPG dealership

2540. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that applicant for LPG dealership of various OMCs in rural areas against advertisement dated 28th October, 2016 are unable to deposit the required fee of ₹ 8000/- by bank draft, etc. only due to non-availability of banking facilities in rural areas as the result of demonetization;

(b) if so, whether last date for submission of application for the same has been/would be extended for at least one month in view of huge rush in banks;

(c) if so, details thereof along with the corrigendum issued in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Retail LPG dealers in the country

2541. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of encouragement being given to the people to switch over from fire-wood to LPG, whether Government has any plan to increase easy availability of LPG in the country;

(b) what action plan Government has formulated for increasing the number of dealers/distributors throughout the country to ensure that people does not have to fetch LPG cylinders from far off distances;

(c) the details of State-wise retail LPG dealers operational in the country; and

(d) how many more retail LPG dealers are likely to be appointed in 2016-17?

Demand of hydrocarbons

2542. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current demand of hydrocarbons is much more than domestic crude oil and natural gas production;

(b) if so, the details of demand and supply of crude oil and natural gas production;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan under 'Make in India' programme to reduce the dependence of crude oil and natural gas from imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of refineries in Sri Lanka

2543. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has tied up with Sri Lankan Government for setting up refineries in Sri Lanka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IOC is planning to make similar move in other SAARC countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of office of NMDC in Chhattisgarh

†2544. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up an office of NMDC in Chhattisgarh so that the iron ore mines and steel plants located there may be monitored; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there are as many as 360 leases for minerals in Chhattisgarh, which are inspected by Nagpur office, if so, whether the Centre will approve setting up of an office in Raipur to ensure smooth inspection work?

Global Investors' Summit for tourism sector

2545. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Global Investors' Summit was organised to attract investment for the tourism sector;

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

(c) how the gap between demand and supply in the sector is proposed to be met?

Development of tourist places in Jammu province of J&K

2546. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that special emphasis is being laid for the development of tourist places in Jammu province of Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) whether Government plans to release special funds for the development of Patnitop, Mansar Lake, Krimchi and Panchairi in Udhampur district and Surinsar Lake in Jammu district?

Reduction in number of tourists to North India due to pollution

2547. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed any reduction in the number of tourists visiting North India due to a post-Diwali polluted atmosphere;

(b) if so, the estimated economic impact due to reduction in the number of tourists; and

(c) what steps, if any, have been taken by Government so far to prevent such an economic loss?

Impact of tourism on ecology of hill areas of Western Ghats and Himalayas

2548. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies to ascertain the negative impact of tourism on the ecology of the hill areas including Western Ghats and Himalayas, have been conducted by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to promote foreign tourists coming to the country

2549. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism can fetch us good revenue in the form of foreign currency and also give employment to people;

(b) how many foreign travellers have visited India for tourism in last three years;

(c) what steps Government wants to take to increase the number of foreign tourists; and

(d) how much revenue was directly raised from foreign tourists in last three years?

Safety standards for adventure tourism

2550. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increasing interest in adventure tourism in the country;

(b) whether there have been any cases of deaths or injuries to tourists while undertaking adventure activities in the country; and

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to ensure that the companies/agencies offering adventure activities to tourists follow all the necessary safety standards?

Unexplored tourist destinations of North-East States

2551. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any

study report on unexplored tourist destinations of North- East States;

(b) if so, details of sites that have been chosen under 'Incredible India' during the last two years thereof;

(c) the proposal details from the State Governments that have been received so far to develop model tourist centers thereof; and

(d) the details thereof?

Working of India Tourism offices abroad

2552. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several allegations against working of India Tourism offices abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against those found guilty?

E-Visa for tourists

2553. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after Government has allowed e-Visa to the citizens of other countries the overall tourist arrival in the country has increased;

(b) whether the foot-fall at the ticketed monuments has also increased proportionately in comparison to previous years; and

(c) the details of domestic and foreign tourists at the ticketed monuments and also the revenue earned from the entrance fee, monument-wise?

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

2554. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) are established in the country, State-wise, as on 31st October, 2016;

(b) whether complaints have come to the notice of Government about irregularities and harassment to girl students and death of girl student in tribal residential schools in the country, Maharashtra in particular;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any enquiry was constituted to go into the affairs of the working of these schools and any report submitted; and

(e) action taken against the persons responsible for the irregularities and measures proposed to see that such things do not occur in future?

Infrastructural facilities in tribal areas

2555. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for providing infrastructural facilities like roads, electricity, water, education, health, etc. in the tribal areas/ hamlets;

(b) if so, the details of the tribal areas/ villages benefited, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the budget allocated, State-wise ?

Inadequate allocation of funds for tribals

2556. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts being made for the development of the Scheduled Tribe community have been adversely affected due to inadequate allocation of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto indicating the percentage and total population of STs in the country;

(c) the funds allocated for their development during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure adequate allocation of funds for the development of STs in Himachal Pradesh?

Notice from NGT on lack of relief to evicted tribals at Polavaram Dam

2557. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a notice from National Green Tribunal on lack of proper relief and rehabilitation of tribals and forest-dwellers evicted from Polavaram Dam;

(b) whether forest-dwellers and tribals are not getting relief as per Forest Rights Act, 2006;

(c) whether relief for tribals and forest dwellers is being given as per a survey done more than 20 years ago of the population and social data; and

(d) steps proposed to launch a survey to identify all tribals and forest dwellers in villages of Pydipaka, Devragondhi,

Mamidigondhi, Thotagandhi, Chegondapalli, Angulura and Pudipalli in the Godavari districts?

Enforcement of FRA, 2006

2558. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, Scheduled Tribes are given full rights to enjoy their traditional forest land;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tribals get to enjoy minor forest produce in forest areas under this law;

(c) whether Government has taken concrete steps to enforce these rights for tribals;

(d) the details of petitions received for specific protection of tribal forest rights in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana since June 1, 2016; and

(e) what instruments of law, policy and persuasion has Government applied to secure forest rights for tribals on their petitions?

Implementation of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana

2559. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of areas wherein Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana has been implemented;

(b) the core sectors which are being targeted under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana; and

(c) the achievements of the scheme since 2014-15?

Funds released for development work under FRA

2560. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise, year-wise details of funds released for various States for the last five years for undertaking development

work under FRA through Integrated Tribal Development Project;

(b) what works can be undertaken through these funds;

(c) what mechanism is in place to perform audit including social audit of work undertaken through these funds; and

(d) the State-wise details of assets created/works completed through these funds in the last five years?

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