RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016/Phalguna 19, 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 — 15

Lack of coordination between State and Central intelligence agencies

- †*121. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there has been lack of coordination between agencies of State and Centre in last week of February with regard to the steps taken to control the agitators demanding reservation for Jats in Haryana which caused large scale damage to public property in the State;
- (b) whether intelligence agencies of State and Centre have failed to collect and evaluate information resulting in no steps being taken in advance to stop arson and violence; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Bilateral trade agreements

*122. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of bilateral trade agreements that India has signed since the change of Government;
- (b) the details of quantum and value of trade under each of these bilateral trade agreements in each of the past three years including the current year;
- (c) the progress on talks with European Union (EU) on Free Trade Agreement (FTA/BTIA), if any; and
- (d) the details of issues holding back the signing of the said agreement with EU?

Contract labourers under medical insurance scheme

- *123. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has a proposal to compensate the contract labourers on retrenchment from job, if so, the details thereof; and

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

(b) whether Government proposes to bring the said labourers under the medical insurance scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Fiscal saving under DBTL

- *124. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the percentage of sales of subsidised LPG cylinders that have been reduced (if reduced) under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG consumers (DBTL)
- (b) what has been the estimated fiscal impact of the savings under the DBTL Scheme for the year 2014-15; and
- (c) the methodology that has been used to arrive at the value of the fiscal savings?

Relief package sought by Puducherry for heavy floods

- *125. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the relief package sought by the Government of Puducherry towards the recent heavy floods during November-December, 2015 and the amount sanctioned and released as relief package by the Central Government;
- (b) whether an amount of ₹ 50 crores was adjusted by re-appropriation from Plan to Non-Plan Budget Estimates of 2015-16; and
- (c) if so, whether there is actually no financial relief over and above the budget of the Union Territory of Puducherry and if so, whether the Central Government would consider providing financial relief during the Supplementary Demands of 2015-16?

Creation of mega coastal economic zones to boost exports

- *126. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to create mega coastal economic zones on the lines of China to boost exports;
- (b) with 'Act East Policy', whether the long coastal line of Andhra Pradesh is an opportunity to create mega coastal economic zone:
- (c) if so, how the Ministry is working towards this; and
- (d) why the concept could not materialize twice earlier and what were the impediments thereto and how those are going to be scaled now?

Earthquake in North-Eastern parts of the country

- *127. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that North-Eastern parts of the country were recently affected by severe earthquake;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with damage caused and lives lost; and
- (c) what action Government has taken to provide relief to the affected people and to prevent such disasters in future?

Policy to make Indian steel industries globally competent

- *128. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) the rank of India in steel production globally and the current and estimated crude

steel production capacity of India in the next three years;

- (b) whether new capacities/plants of Minimum Efficient Scale (MES) size are coming up in the country after 2014-15;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any policy to make Indian steel industries globally competent;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (e) whether the State of Jharkhand figures in Government's road map to make the country world's steel hub?

Gas connections to BPL families of Iharkhand

- *129. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to provide one lakh gas connections to the BPL families of Jharkhand as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- (b) if so, the district-wise details of beneficiaries thereof:
- (c) the details of methodology that Government proposes to adopt for providing these one lakh connections; and
- (d) how does Government propose to ensure that the one lakh families that are accorded preference would be the most needy over the others?

Strengthening the manpower in NCB

- *130. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government is aware of the

- recent findings of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), if so, the details thereof:
- (b) the number of cases registered under drug trafficking by various enforcement agencies, particularly in Punjab, in the last three years;
- (c) the details of steps proposed by Government to strengthen the manpower in Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the coordinated action taken with other enforcement agencies; and
- (d) whether intelligence network at various places has been streamlined to provide on time information for the enforcement agencies and if so, the details thereof?

Regrouping of Maoists in AP and Telangana after bifurcation of AP

- *131. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Centre has reviewed threat posed by Maoists in Andhra Pradesh-Odisha border areas spread across the districts of Visakhapatnam and East Godayari:
- (b) if so, what is the threat perception and whether after bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, Maoists have regrouped in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (c) whether the two States have requested additional Central forces to combat Naxalite menace and if so, response of the Centre; and
- (d) whether there is a need to set up new mechanism for effective coordination of anti-Maoist operations in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and other Naxalite hit States?

Petitions from tribals evicted for Polavaram Dam

- *132. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry has received petitions that thousands of tribals of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh are being evicted for Polavaram dam;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the National Commission of Scheduled Tribes has not visited the tribal submersible areas of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh recently; and
- (c) the steps proposed to identify the violation of Forest Rights Act in this area?

Unclaimed EPF

- †*133. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise details of number of workers provided with the facility of 'PF Account Portability' under 'Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram' so far:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that an amount of ₹ 27 thousand crores is lying dormant in lakhs of PF accounts, if so, the details of action plan formulated by Government to provide this amount to the genuine persons; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to divert this unclaimed amount for other purposes, if so, the details thereof?

Provision of new aircrafts to BSF and other para-military forces

- †*134. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) what is the average life of an aircarft;
- (b) whether it is a fact that BSF has total 10 aircrafts that are more than 20 years old:
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the aircraft that crashed on 23rd December, 2015 was also more than 20 years old;
 - (d) the reasons for the plane crash; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to provide new aircraft to BSF and other para-military forces?

Complaints against officials of Delhi Police

- *135. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of officials in Delhi Police against whom a number of complaints have been received during the last two years and the current year so far and the nature of allegations made in the complaints;
- (b) the details of those ACPs who have been given promotions in spite of serious allegations made against them and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action being taken to correct the position?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF, Secretary-General.

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