

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 9, 2015/Agrahayana 18, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Decline in tea exports

1121. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the tea exports have declined considerably;

(b) whether it is a fact that this decline has been due to no steps being taken by Government to improve the quality of tea; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government for proper development of tea sector in the country?

Decline in manufacturing sector

†1122. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a

steep decline in the manufacturing sector in the month of September this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how this compares with the last two years; and

(c) the reasons for an increase registered in August but there was a decline in the month of September?

Steps to revive manufacturing growth

1123. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) what are details of manufacturing growth in the country over the past three quarters;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to revive growth; and

(c) which sectors of the industry have experienced negative growth during this period?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Increase in import of soyabean oil

1124. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of soyabean oil has increased manifold in the recent past;

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

(c) what corrective measures Government proposes to take to increase domestic production of soyabean oil to reduce imports?

Bribes by a retail giant to Government officials

1125. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and Mexican operations of the world's largest retailer have been under investigation after news reports in the US stated that the company bribed local officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that the retail giant paid bribes running into millions of dollars to Government officials in India to obtain real estate licence or push goods through customs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps initiated against the Government officials involved in this case?

Complaint against PSIAs regarding dumping of scraps

1126. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

any complaint against Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) regarding irregularities/violations for dumping of scraps in Indian Ports, particularly ports of the State of Tamil Nadu, which affects the environment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Evaluation of negative effects of TPP and TTIP on exports

1127. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the negative effects of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) on Indian exports;

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

(c) whether Government plans to ask for membership to be a part of TPP and TTIP, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has taken steps to mitigate the likely impact on India's exports, investment inflows and technology imports due to TPP and TTIP, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of performance of independent regulators on FDI

1128. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the impact of the performance—the capacity or lack thereof, of independent regulators on Foreign Direct Investments

into various sectors of the economy, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government intends to conduct a review of the performance of its independent regulators across sectors, if so, the details thereof and the roadmap and time-line for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

WTO cap on MSP

1129. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Trade Organization (WTO) plans to apply a cap on the Minimum Support Price (MSP) provided by Government to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government plans to take to address the issues and protect the farmers?

Revisiting FTAs

1130. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise details of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) that India entered into with various countries;

(b) whether Government has decided to revisit all FTAs that India entered into with various countries; and

(c) the reasons why Government cannot have product-specific approach while entering into FTAs and regional cooperation agreements?

Seeking funds for MEIS to boost falling exports

1131. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sought funds for Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) in view of falling exports during the current year from Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Ministry of Finance thereto; and

(c) the details of other measures Government is taking to boost the falling exports from India?

Proposals from US to join TPP

1132. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received a proposal from the US to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said Trans-Pacific Partnership will cover about 40 per cent of global commerce and could lead to trade diversion from India;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to join TPP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in FDI

1133. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country has increased since inception of the present Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Integration of Central and State services with e-Biz platform

1134. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to integrate all the Central and State Government services with the e-Biz platform in a bid to make the country an easy place to do business;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that 14 services of Central Government have been integrated and if so, the details thereof?

Growth rate of organized manufacturing sector

1135. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the year-wise rate of growth of the organized manufacturing sector during the last three years ending 2014-15;

(b) what was the rate of growth of the unorganized manufacturing sector during the same period; and

(c) what steps were taken to increase these rates of growth since 2014-15?

Expansion of market through TPP

1136. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is looking at the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) as the expansion of market for Indian products

and services and further investment in Asia-Pacific and Trans-Pacific regions; and

(b) if so, the details of clauses in the TPP agreement helping India to withstand the onslaught of the trade war, by western countries from one side of Asia-Pacific entry gate while China forcing from other side of the region?

Generation of employment through DMIC

1137. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to have 1,483 km. in length Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and is likely to generate more than 50,000 direct jobs at Shendra-Bidkin in the coming eight years;

(b) whether the required land has been acquired by Government to start its infrastructure work in its first phase in Shendra which may attract food, electronics, auto, IT and other industries which are likely to create more than 50,000 direct jobs;

(c) whether the project has Indian and Japanese funding and is expected to boost the development of infrastructure in some more States; and

(d) if so, the details of States and length of the corridor?

Jurisdiction of District Authority to issue licenses under AN Rules, 2012

1138. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the District Authority has

the authority to issue P4 licenses for transporting Ammonium Nitrate outside the district of its jurisdiction as per Ammonium Nitrate Rules, 2012;

(b) if so, whether the AN Rules, 2012 does not give extra administrative powers to the license issuing district authority to excise its powers outside the district of its jurisdiction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Drafting definition for e-commerce

1139. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to draft definition for e-commerce;

(b) whether State Governments are being asked to send their suggestions regarding it and on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in e-commerce; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and which are the States that are in favour of FDI in e-commerce and retail trade?

Trade by export oriented industrial units

†1140. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of trade done by export oriented industrial units out of the total import/export trade during each of the last three years;

(b) the quantum of foreign currency earned during the said period;

(c) whether the said units are getting economic concessions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pending applications for GI tag

1141. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any applications for Geographical Indication (GI) tag for any products from India pending due to the similar claims from Pakistan or China, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the concrete steps being taken by Government in addressing such issues?

Effect of bar coding norm on exporting by pharma firms

1142. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bar coding norm may hit 1,000 pharma firms and it has been alleged that it was a plot to elbow out generic drug producers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nearly 1,000 small and medium sized pharmaceutical companies which account for 40 per cent of India's total drug exports will be out of business;

(c) whether Government has received any representation from the pharma firms in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

Pending project proposals under MIUS

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

(a) whether a number of project proposals under the Modified Industrial

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Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS) from Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Jharkhand for development of Industrial clusters are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details of proposals submitted and accorded clearance, the period and reasons of their pendency; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear these on priority basis along with the time by when these are likely to be cleared?

Status of industrial growth

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

(a) the present status of industrial growth in the country;

(b) whether the rate of industrial growth has declined during the current year as compared to the average of last 10 years;

(c) if so, the sector/month-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the State/UT-wise number of industries which have been closed down during the said period; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Effect of TPP on Indian exports

1145. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether international trade agreements by countries like the one concluded by twelve countries under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) accounting for 40 per cent of global income

will deny Indian exporters easy access to these markets; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government is taking to provide access to Indian exporters to these markets?

Liberalising Tea Act to increase tea production

1146. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to liberalize the Tea Act so as to increase tea production and productivity by bringing additional areas under cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is yet to receive response from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Approval to SEZs from IT enabled services sector

1147. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN:
SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved six new proposals of Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the six proposals cleared, four are from Information Technology and Information Technology enabled services sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Lack of roads and drinking water in tea gardens in Assam

1148. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tea gardens in Assam do not have proper road connectivity and drinking water facilities;

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

(c) whether Government implements and such scheme or any order passed to the tea garden management to make well connected roads and drinking water facilities available to the labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Downfall in domestic and small investments in commercial organizations

1149. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic investments and small investments in various commercial organizations of the country have been lowered in the last one year affecting the economic growth; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Plans to spread teachings of Tamil Saint Thiruvalluvar

1150. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a plan to strengthen and spread the teachings of great Tamil Saint Thiruvalluvar in India, especially in Northern and Eastern

provinces and in East Asian countries with a sizeable Tamil population like Malaysia and Singapore where Hon'ble Prime Minister visited recently; and

(b) if so, the details of Ministry's vision in this regard?

Enhancement of funds for classical music

1151. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need to enhance funding for classical music;

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

(c) the demands still pending with Government from artistes and by when the action will be taken?

Database of all monuments

1152. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a database of all the monuments of national and international significance in India;

(b) if so, how many monuments are being protected by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government is aware that many monuments have been encroached upon and many are in dilapidated condition;

(d) if so, what has been done to reclaim these monuments:

(e) how many such monuments are under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(f) the steps taken to make those monuments free from encroachments and for their preservation and protection?

Expansion and better upkeep of Indian Museum and Victoria Memorial in Kolkata

1153. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of expansion and better upkeep of Indian Museum and Victoria Memorial in Kolkata;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has been delayed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is being done for expediting the same?

Financial assistance to indigent authors and artists

1154. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated and/or is implementing any scheme for the provision of financial assistance to indigent authors and artists to encourage literacy and artistic pursuits as full time careers; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme along with the year when it was first implemented, the total number of beneficiaries covered by the scheme and the total amount of money disbursed to the beneficiaries each year since its formulation?

Establishment of new art and music colleges

1155. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only Madhya Pradesh has

Art and Music University and colleges running across the State, supported and operated by the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how does the Central Government extend its support to the State Government;

(c) if not, the State-wise and city-wise details of such universities and colleges running across the country with either State or Central Government's support and affiliation and governing authority; and

(d) whether Government proposes to build new art and music colleges across the country to promote cultural activities and to protect its sanctity?

Protection of Indus Valley settlement site in Baghpat, U.P.

1156. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 5000 year old Indus Valley settlement site in Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh has been razed to build houses, etc.;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, if not, whether Government intends to conduct an enquiry on this; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the Indus Valley sites and other similar archaeological sites of historical importance in the country?

Birth anniversaries of great personalities

†1157. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the great personalities whose birth anniversaries have been decided to be observed by the present Government in the coming days;

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(b) the norms for determining the observance of the birth anniversaries of these great personalities;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to give institutional framework to the procedure in this regard; and

(d) whether it is a fact that previously many heroes have been neglected while certain partialities in observance of the birth anniversaries of national heroes has occurred, if so, the details thereof?

Dismal state of museums in the country

1158. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about reports of dismal state of museums in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any concrete steps in this regard and if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of volume of funds allocated by the Centre for maintaining the museums in the last three years?

Financial irregularities in Asiatic Society, Kolkata

1159. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been complaints regarding financial irregularities in Asiatic Society, Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been initiated in this regard?

Survey of ancient buildings by ASI in Puri

1160. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last survey undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) of the ancient buildings, religious sites in the holy city of Puri;

(b) what was the recommendation of the ASI; and

(c) how does the Ministry propose to ensure proper preservation of the heritage sites in the holy city of Puri?

Declaration of Bhubaneshwar as an International Heritage City

1161. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of the UNESCO to consider Bhubaneshwar city of Odisha for declaring it as an International Heritage City;

(b) whether the Ministry has pursued the matter with the UNESCO; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in communal incidents during 2014-15

†1162. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI P. L. PUNIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal incidents have increased during the year 2014-15, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

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(b) the reasons behind communal incidents during the abovesaid period; and

(c) whether any strategy has been adopted to check such incidents, if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to check activities of Maoists/naxals

1163. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maoist/naxal activities of killing innocent people/para-military forces are on the increase in the country;

(b) how many persons have been killed by Maoists/naxals during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to check the activities of Maoists/naxals in the country?

Constitution of National Anti-Human Trafficking Board

†1164. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of human trafficking are constantly increasing;

(b) the number of cases of human trafficking that have come to light during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government till date on the suggestion of constituting a National Anti-Human Trafficking Board;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there has been a constant increase in the incidents of children going missing in Delhi as compared to other States; and

(e) if so, the details of the children who went missing from Delhi during the last three years?

Uniform policy for premature release of prisoners

1165. DR. CHANDAN MITRA
SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a uniform policy for premature release of prisoners convicted in different cases from time to time across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Killing of persons involved in fight against superstition

1166. SHRIC. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of many persons involved in the fight against superstitions, retrograde practices etc. being killed wantonly, Central Government has adopted any step to stem this tide;

(b) how many such incidents have occurred in the country during last year and this year so far; and

(c) what steps Government has adopted and intends to adopt to prevent occurrence of such incidents?

Illegal trade and seizure of explosives in Jharkhand

1167. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that illegal trade and seizure of explosives in Jharkhand which is mostly used illegally in stone mines and terror activities, especially in Pakur;

(b) if so, the details of quantity of explosives seized in last five years and the action being taken for prevention of illegal trade;

(c) whether any enquiry was conducted or pending before the District Authority in last five years in Pakur against the explosives suppliers trading illegally in Pakur and adjoining areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in police force

1168. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of sanctioned strength and current vacancies in police force in the country, as on date;

(b) whether there is a shortage of police force in the country;

(c) the effective steps taken by Government to develop and improve the overall standards of police force in the country;

(d) the year-wise total amount allocated, disbursed and spent on the development of police force in the last five years; and

(e) whether the Committee on Home Affairs had recommended to explore the possibility of special recruitment drivers to overcome the shortage?

Cases of sexual assault against women

1169. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of cases of sexual assault against women and children in the country are increasing;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of cases registered in last one year in all over the country; and

(c) the details of action Government is going to take in this regard?

Dedicated agency to tackle trafficking of women and girls

1170. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up a dedicated agency to tackle organized crime relating to trafficking of women and girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;

(c) whether Government has consulted the States with regard to implementation of the proposal and if so, the response of States thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to have a comprehensive law to tackle all aspects of human trafficking?

Rehabilitation plan for youth returning from foreign terrorist camps

1171. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rehabilitation plan for the youth who are returning to India from terrorist camps in other countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Extra work hours of Delhi Police personnel

1172. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the duty hours of Delhi Police personnel are not fixed and they have to work extra for hours almost daily;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to give allowances/compensation/compensatory leave etc. to Delhi Police personnel to keep them motivated and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of Delhi Police personnel who committed suicide during the last two years along with reasons therefor?

Sanctioned/filled posts in Delhi Police

1173. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of sanctioned posts and filled posts at each rank/level in the Delhi Police since 2010;

(b) the year-wise total number of posts vacant at each level since 2010;

(c) if present strength at any rank is more than sanctioned strength, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the reasons why vacant positions have not been filled?

Centre's approval on the Salary and Allowances of Delhi MLAs

1174. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received recommendations by the Delhi Government for according necessary approval on the Salary and Allowances of Delhi MLAs; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

Strategy to deal with terror financing and money laundering

1175. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to devise any strategy to deal effectively with terror financing and money laundering;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had presented a status report in this regard to the Financial Action Task Force when they visited India in the recent past;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the said Task Force thereto; and

(e) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Implementation of SMART Police Station scheme

†1176. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to implement SMART Police Station scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allotted for its implementation;

(c) whether any discussion has been held with States because we are having federal structure and police and law and order are subject of State; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof and efforts made to make police administration more transparent and accountable?

**Peace agreement signed with
extremist outfits in
North East**

†1177. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agreements regarding peace have been signed with the extremist outfits active in the North East;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the North East will be free from the clutches of extremism; and

(d) the details of the extremist outfits still active in the North East?

**Cancellation of registration of a
global environment group**

1178. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the registration of a global environment group has been withdrawn by the competent authority;

(b) whether the cancellation of the registration follows findings of violations of Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA) and alleged activities against national interest;

(c) whether the group was given an opportunity for placing its version on Government's allegations as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PAN India Criminal Data

1179. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish a National fingerprint database as PAN India Criminal Data; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

SMART police stations in the country

1180. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many SMART police stations have been established in the country till date and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether due diligence is adopted for private companies who wish to donate in setting up of SMART police stations in India?

**Grant of MFN status to India by
Pakistan**

1181. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has granted India the status of Most Favoured Nation (MFN), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of bilateral trade done between India and Pakistan during each of the last three years and current year; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to get Pakistan grant India the status of Most Favoured Nation?

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**Crimes against weaker sections
of society**

1182. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against the weaker sections of society, *i.e.* minority, women, dalits and tribals are on the rise;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details for such crimes; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to sensitize the people (particularly the high and mighty) against such crimes?

National leaders of India

1183. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) who Government considers as national leaders of India;

(b) whether there are any prescribed benchmarks/parameters to consider a leader as a national leader;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any change in the policy of Government of India with regard to national leaders; and

(e) what is the definition of national leader?

Custodial deaths

1184. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of custodial deaths;

(b) the State-wise compensation paid to the victims of families, if any; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to sensitise the police force on this aspect?

**Plan to extradite persons committed
crimes on the nation**

1185. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is trying to extradite many persons who were involved in many crimes committed on the nation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that requests in this behalf have already been sent to NIA by the Home Department;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Home Department is trying to get all those who committed crime on the nation and make them to face trial in Indian courts in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-payment of pension to old age
and widows by MCs of Delhi**

1186. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reasons for not giving pension to old age people and widows by all three MCs of Delhi for each of the last three years and the current year so far;

(b) the time by when order will be issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in rape cases in NCT of Delhi

1187. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of rape cases have increased in NCT of Delhi;

(b) whether Government is also aware that number of rape cases of minor girls have gone up;

(c) if so, the total numbers of rape cases in Delhi during year 2013-14 and 2014-15 till Oct., 2015;

(d) the steps taken by Government for protection and awareness programmes to catch these type of criminals; and

(e) whether Government is having any self defence training programmes for girls?

Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991

1188. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 the site of a place of worship cannot be changed;

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

(c) whether this provision also applies to a place of worship in village Atali, Ballabgarh, Haryana; and

(d) if so, the action taken/being taken by Government in the matter?

Review of security scenario in aftermath of Paris attack

1189. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the security scenario in the aftermath of Paris attack by terrorist;

(b) whether intelligence has been strengthened in view of terrorists activities abroad and also blowing up of Russian plane in Egypt; and

(c) whether exchange of information and cooperation among intelligence agencies abroad and Indian agencies have intensified and if so, the details thereof?

National authority to combat trafficking

1190. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the countries in South Asia serve as prominent origin, transit and destination for women and children being trafficked;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish a national authority to combat trafficking along the lines of the Narcotics Control Bureau and to establish anti-human trafficking units in all districts in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposals and time-frame for the implementation of the plan?

Human trafficking in South Asia

1191. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that human trafficking in South Asia is often referred to as one of the fastest growing transnational organized crime;

(b) whether India among South Asian countries acts both as a source and

destination with women and children coerced from Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to land up in middle-east and Africa; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to combat trafficking?

Security to persons of political and judicial field

†1192. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for providing security to persons of political and judicial field;

(b) the category of persons of both fields for whom there is a provision for providing security guard;

(c) whether there is a provision to provide security to Members of Parliament, if so, the number of Member of Parliament to whom security guards have been provided so far in the country along with details thereof; and

(d) the names of persons and families in the country to whom security has been provided, the category-wise details thereof?

Economic assistance to National Foundation for Communal Harmony

†1193. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to provide economic assistance to National Foundation of Communal Harmony keeping in view the increasing communal tension;

(b) the number of cases of communal violence came to light in last one year and the action taken against those involved in them; and

(c) whether Government is planning to start National Communal Harmony Award again for better social atmosphere and whether Ministry has any blue print to make this institution strong?

Implementation of criminal laws (Amendment) Act, 2013

1194. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of implementation of the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2013; and

(b) the State-wise break-up of cases registered since its enactment under the new IPC offences created therein?

Special fund to help victims of rape, acid attack and human trafficking

†1195. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a special fund in order to help the victims of rape, acid attack and human trafficking;

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

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

Controversy regarding three Bills passed by the Manipur Assembly

1196. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the controversy surrounding the three Bills passed by the Manipur Assembly on the

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31st August, 2015 and the resultant agitation by the tribal people against these Bills and the long felt demand of the hill tribal for separate political administration from the valley people;

(b) what action Government has taken to expedite the tripartite talks involving the Zomi, Kuki and Hmar armed groups of United People Front (UPF) and Kuki National Organisation (KNO) with the Central and State Governments for permanent political solution in Manipur; and

(c) whether interlocutor for the tripartite talks has been appointed and if so, the details thereof and by when the talks would be started?

Terrorist groups active in cyber media

1197. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Islamic State or any other terrorist groups are active in cyber media in India;

(b) whether any such groups are having physical presence in any of the Indian territory;

(c) whether any of such groups are campaigning their literature in any of the Indian languages;

(d) whether State Governments are directed to take additional security measures in the wake of the Paris attack; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Three bills passed by Manipur Assembly and its consequences

1198. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine innocent tribals were killed due to police firing on protestors against the passage of three controversial anti-tribal bills by the Manipur Legislative Assembly on 31st August, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether president of India has given his assent to the three bills; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issue and the steps taken to protect the rights, especially land rights of the tribals of Manipur?

Complaints of harassment of women in Delhi

1199. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints relating to harassment of women in Delhi has gone up unabatedly, as per complaints reported at help lines;

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

(c) whether Government has worked out an action plan to help control this menace, if so, the details thereof?

Theft and deaths under rail track in Delhi Metro

1200. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of theft and deaths under rail track in Delhi Metro rail system has been going up unabated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total number of such cases that have been reported during the last three years and how many of such cases have since been solved?

Violence in Tihar Jail

1201. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent violence in Tihar jail shows how our prisons ruin inmates rather than rehabilitate them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether at the end of 2014, Indian jails can accommodate 356,000 people but there are 418,000 prisoners; and

(d) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to reform the criminal justice system sooner than later?

Allocation of funds under SDRF

1202. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated ₹ 61,220 crores as recommended by the Fourteenth Finance Commission for State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to all States;

(b) if not, how much has been allocated by the Finance Ministry;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has been allocated only ₹ 2430 crores as SDRF by Fourteenth Finance Commission; and

(d) if so, how much Ministry has finally allocated for the award period of Fourteenth Finance Commission, year-wise?

Spurt in crimes against dalits

1203. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of spurt in crimes against dalits during the last two years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such crimes and the number of persons charge-sheeted/convicted; and

(c) whether there appears laxity in the enforcement of laws intended to ensure safety and security of dalits, if so, the details in this regard?

Report from UP Government on Dadri incident

1204. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report from the Uttar Pradesh Government on the communal incident involving murder of a person of Dadri in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive measures have been taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Inconvenience to public during PM/ VIP movement in Delhi

†1205. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that during Prime Minister/VIP movement in Delhi, the people of Delhi have to face a lot of inconvenience;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any efforts to do away with the inconveniences to the public during the movement of the Prime Minister/VIP;

(c) whether any arrangement of airways has been made by Government at the arrival of the Prime Minister/VIP in Delhi, so that the public of Delhi do not face inconvenience, if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the public of Delhi will always face problems and inconvenience?

Cases of human trafficking

1206. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases have been registered against the human trafficking in India;

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

(c) how many cases have been registered during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) how many cases have been solved by Government during the last three years, State-wise?

Violation of privacy laws *vis-a-vis* Google's 3D pictures of India

†1207. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grant of initial permission by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the American Company Google to take 3D pictures of India from Google Earth is a violation of the privacy law of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the guidelines given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the former President APJ Abdul Kalam, ISRO, Indian Army and IT experts have claimed that there is a risk to the security and privacy of the country if permission is accorded to Google to take 3D view, if so, the views of Government in this regard?

Tardy implementation of CCTNS project

1208. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to streamline police stations, prisons, prosecution directorates and forensic labs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has set an ambitious March, 2017 deadline for networking the country's 15,000 police stations as part of the Ministry's Crime and Criminals Tracking Networking and System (CCTNS) project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether aforesaid project is facing tardy implementation;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to achieve the deadline?

Signals of Pakistani network companies working in Dharamshala

1209. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that signals of three Pakistani network companies are working in Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh) causing threat to security of Dharamshala and life of Dalai Lama;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons how the Pakistani network has got access into the Indian territory; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the problem?

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Incidents of insurgencies and communal clashes during election time

1210. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment with regard to the incidents of insurgencies and communal clashes in the country during election time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any specific communal riots preparedness for riot sensitive areas especially during pre and post election phase;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to curb such cases in coordination with the States including setting up of Riot Control Units?

Political leaders and associations indulging in hate speeches

1211. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the prominent political leaders including associations and outfits in the country indulging in hate speeches during the last five years and the current year;

(b) whether the existing criminal justice system has not stood the test of time in tackling the growing instances of religious intolerance;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to stop people in freely attempting to commit acts promoting feelings of enmity or hatred between different classes of citizens of India, leading to public disorder and riots?

Increasing wages of agricultural labourers

1212. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to increase the wages of labourers including agricultural labourers in view of the rising prices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place to ensure the payment of minimum wages fixed by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Labour law benefits to migrant workers

1213. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 50 million inter-state migrant labourers are moving inside the country and are not getting the benefits of any labour laws including the benefit of construction welfare board and schemes; and

(b) whether Government would issue instructions to all State Governments to extend all protection to inter-state migrant labourers?

Revision of Industrial Relations Code Bill

1214. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will soon revise the draft Industrial Relations Code Bill to allow constitution

of a joint bargaining council to negotiate with the management in the event of a conflict;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the representatives of all unions having 15 per cent or 18 per cent of votes may get to negotiate with management; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the original draft had proposed to allow a single trade union with 51 per cent or more votes to be the sole negotiating agent?

Reforming the archaic labour laws

1215. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched major reforms of the archaic labour laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how does Government plan to attract industry to 'Make in India', the details thereof?

Job seekers registered in Tamil Nadu

1216. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1052 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29 July, 2015 and to state the action being taken by Government to clear the number of job seekers registered in Tamil Nadu?

Job-less growth in recent years

1217. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has

witnessed a job-less growth spectacle in recent years;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise figure for employment generation in previous five years; and

(c) the action Government has taken to give impetus to employment generation?

Investment of EPFO funds in stock market

1218. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) funds are allowed to be invest in stock markets, what are the guidelines in place to ensure corpus funds are not affected by market fluctuations; and

(b) what is the projected investments by EPFO for the next three years?

Rehabilitation of bonded workers

1219. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in proposing to increase the limit of bonded workers rehabilitation scheme amount upto 1 lakh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment persons registered in employment exchanges

1220. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of unemployed persons registered in employment exchanges in the country; and

(b) the employment provided to them in the last one and half year (May, 2014 to October, 2015)?

EPFO investment in Exchange Traded Funds

1221. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) to invest part of its corpus in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs);

(b) if so, whether stakeholders consultation was held before the decision was made; and

(c) the response of the organizations and major trade unions to Government proposals?

Medical benefits for construction workers under ESIS

1222. SHRI S. THANGAVELU:
SHRI PAUL MANOJ
PANDIAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the labourers working on construction sites can avail medical benefits under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 45 crore of the total workforce in the unorganized sector do not get adequate labour protection in terms of job security, wages, working conditions, social security and welfare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of labourers of backward regions

†1223. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the labourers of backward regions of the country are being harassed;

(b) the local contractors and zamindars take work from them arbitrarily and they don't pay their due wages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Collection of cess

1224. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cess is being collected under Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Rules;

(b) if so, how much has been collected during the last two years; and

(c) how is this fund being spent, and who monitors this fund?

Social security under new child labour law

†1225. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private institutes, factories and the persons who employed people at home are bound to provide facilities of provident fund contribution, insurance, medical to child labour under new child labour law; and

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(b) if not, whether Government will consider to formulate any law for this purpose and the manner in which Government will secure the future of child labourers?

Security of women employees during night shifts

1226. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to allow women employees to work during night shifts; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the States where this has been implemented and is in force;

(c) whether the Centre has directed/ issued any guidelines to provide security to women employees during night shifts;

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

(e) the efforts made by Government in this regard?

Skilled and unskilled workers

†1227. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and percentage of skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled workers in the total unemployed population in the country; and

(b) the details of number of workers out of the above who were provided employment during the last one year?

Provident Funds entering equity market

1228. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether this would be the first time

that Provident Funds will enter the equity market and whether Government has considered all the risks attached to this move;

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

(c) whether Government will provide a guarantee for such investment in the stock market;

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

(e) whether this move has faced stiff opposition by trade unions, if so, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance for undertaking research in labour related matters

1229. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided financial assistance for undertaking research in labour related matters, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise total number of applicants who have received such financial assistance from Government during the last three years and the current year, including in Himachal Pradesh?

Children rescued from factories in Delhi

1230. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 51 children have recently been rescued from factories in Delhi and shockingly 20-30 kids were packed in one

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room and were forced to stay in ill furnished camps, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that children are being smuggled to big cities and being forced to work and are being forced to live in horrible living conditions; and

(c) if so, how many children rescued during this year and the last year and what kind of rehabilitation has been provided to them by the authorities?

Child labour

1231. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country is having huge child labour despite the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986;

(b) if so, State-wise reports thereon; and

(c) the proposals of Government to wipe out child labour?

National Mineral Inventory

1232. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is undertaking a project to create a National Mineral Inventory in the country;

(b) if so, the mineral-wise, State-wise and district-wise details of the projects to create the inventory and the current status of progress and expected period of completion of the inventory;

(c) the allocation and utilization of funds for creation of National Mineral Inventory during last three years; and

(d) the mineral-wise and district-wise reserves of all the minerals except coal available in the State of West Bengal?

Supply of LPG to all cities of the country

†1233. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been formulated to supply LPG to all cities of the country;

(b) the stage of implementation of these schemes;

(c) the names of the cities of Bihar for which it is planned to install piped gas in view of the fact that the usage of LPG is increasing steadily on a large scale; and

(d) the details of efforts being made by Government in order to bring usage of LPG in Bihar to the National average level?

Clearance of projects by CCI

1234. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects have been cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCI) in the last one year; and

(b) if so, in which sector and how much investment Government is expecting to garner?

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Blending of ethanol with fuel

†1235. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

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

(a) whether it has been decided by the Cabinet to use ethanol blending with fuel;

(b) if so, whether any proposal for import of ethanol is under consideration; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken with regard to import of ethanol and if so, the details thereof including its rate?

Gas agencies operating connections in fake names

†1236. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are almost 15 crore domestic gas consumers in the country and they are being provided with the subsidy worth 400 billion rupees every year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that gas is being refilled by gas agencies by falsely reporting about many operating connections on fake name, address in Madhya Pradesh and some other States and concerned consumers are not getting subsidies;

(c) the gas companies and agencies found involved in this illegal business;

(d) the steps taken by Government for retrieving the amount illegally recovered by gas companies/agencies; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Give It Up campaign

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

(a) the State-wise total number of connections which have given up the subsidy on LPG cylinders and the total savings accrued through it under Give It Up campaign;

(b) the State-wise total expenditure incurred for Give it Up campaign including expenditure on promotion and expenditure of scheme;

(c) the State-wise details of utilization of revenue accrued as savings under Give It Up campaign; and

(d) the State-wise details of beneficiaries who have been allotted LPG connections during last three years separately showing connections given utilizing the savings made under the Give It Up campaign?

Fire fighting systems at petrol pumps

1238. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by Ministry in consultation with Directorate of Explosives and State Governments on the fact that, many pumps are not having proper fire fighting system and in case of any fire incidents, there will be huge explosion which may affect precious human life and environment;

(b) how many such fire incidents took place within last three years, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is regularly

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inspecting petrol pump dealers to ensure fire fighting system, if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the ONGC will also stake a claim for similar compensation for earlier years too?

Introduction of DBT for kerosene subsidy

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

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce Direct Benefit Transfer for kerosene subsidy;

(b) if so, what are the expected benefits of the same;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to undertake a fresh exercise to identify beneficiaries of DBT for kerosene subsidy; and

(d) if so, when and how does the Ministry intends to do that?

Adjudication of dispute between ONGC and RIL

1240. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter of dispute raised by public sector oil major, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) against Reliance India Limited (RIL) on pilferage of natural gas from the D6 block owned by ONGC has now been finally adjudicated by the global consultants DeGolyer & MacNaughton and final report submitted to Government;

(b) whether the report has confirmed reservoir continuity in the absence of any barriers between blocks owned by ONGC and RIL and the output from disputed blocks could belong to ONGC to the extent of 15 per cent; and

Fall in price of crude oil

1241. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether price of crude oil bought by Indian refiners has fallen around 39 dollar per barrel during the 2nd and 3rd week of November, 2015 in the international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether oil companies have decreased the price of petrol and diesel as per the decrease in price of crude oil in international market;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last one year till 15th November, 2015; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lowering of investments by ONGC in Africa and Latin America

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has decided to lower investments for exploration and acquisition of stake in oil and gas fields in Africa and Latin America;

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

(c) the expected cost reduction target set by the corporation and the objectives to be achieved?

Reduction of PDS kerosene quota to U.P.

1243. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quota of PDS kerosene meant for BPL category to the State of Uttar Pradesh has been reduced drastically over the years;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the PDS kerosene allocated to the State of Uttar Pradesh since 2011; and

(c) the reasons for reduction of PDS kerosene?

Amlekhgunj-Raxaul petroleum pipeline

1244. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has inked any agreement for a 41 km Amlekhgunj-Raxaul petroleum pipeline to be completed in two phases within 30 months;

(b) whether it is a fact that major chunk of the proposed pipeline (39 km) lies in the Indian territory and a very small part of it (2 km) lies in Nepal; and

(c) the details of total estimated cost involved for the construction of this pipeline with share of the cost to be borne by the respective countries?

Investment by IOC to ramp up its capacity

1245. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in line with projected growing demand for energy in

the country, Indian Oil Corporation is considering a plan to invest ₹ 1,75,000 crores in the next seven years to ramp up capacity of its refining, exploration, marketing and petrochemical business;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that IOC's refineries will require Brownfield expansion in next five to seven years and they need to undergo quality upgradation and if so, the details thereof?

Termination of dealership by OMCs on account of dispute between partners

1246. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) terminate the dealership of petrol pumps and gas agencies in case of dispute between the partners, even if it is not affecting sales and functioning of the Retail Outlets (ROs);

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

(c) the State-wise details of ROs terminated in last five years by the OMCs due to dispute between partners; and

(d) the State-wise details of ROs regularized in last five years by the OMCs involving dispute between partners?

Agreement by GAIL and A.P. for setting up of LNG terminal

1247. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL and Government of Andhra Pradesh together

entered into an agreement with Royal Dutch Shell and GDF for setting up LNG Floating Storage and Re-gasification terminal in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether it is the first of its kind Public Private Partnership (PPP) project in the country;

(d) to what extent the proposed terminal helps in supplying gas to the nearby plants; and

(e) whether gas from KG basin is stored in this terminal or gas imported is going to be stored in this terminal?

Breakthrough for TAPI gas pipeline

1248. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether finally a breakthrough has been found for TAPI (Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India) pipeline recently;

(b) how TAPI will execute and operate the projects when none of TAPI companies have experience of operating trans-national pipelines;

(c) how India is going to be benefited from the above pipeline and how much gas the country is going to get; and

(d) what precautionary measures are proposed to be taken to protect the pipeline passing through Afghanistan and Pakistan?

Extending LPG connections to forest hinterlands

1249. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details to what extent the households in forest hinterlands have been covered by LPG connections; and

(b) what steps are under consideration for effectively controlling the cutting of trees for fuel and the consequent adverse impact of deforestation?

New auction policy for hydrocarbon blocks

1250. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering to bring new auction policy for hydrocarbon blocks;

(b) if so, the time by when the aforesaid policy is likely to be finalized;

(c) whether the Central Government has invited suggestions from various quarters to frame new auction policy;

(d) if so, whether the Central Government has released consultation paper, which is open for public comments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Consultancy services provided by RDCIS

1251. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research and Development Centre for Iron and Steel (RDCIS) undertook contract work and provided consultancy services and know how to organisations outside Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earned by RDCIS during the said period?

Steps to increase steel production

1252. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise production of steel during the last three years ending 2014-15;

(b) how much of this was produced in the public and private sectors; and

(c) what steps are being planned to increase the steel production?

Reported loss to SAIL in the first quarter

1253. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has reported ₹ 322 crores loss in the first quarter of this fiscal;

(b) the reasons for losses in spite of reduction in the expenses;

(c) how cheap imports from China, Russia, Korea and Japan contributed this unexpected loss;

(d) whether SAIL asked Government to contain cheap imports from the above countries by imposing additional duties, etc.;

(e) the efforts being made to bring back SAIL on the road of profitability; and

(f) how the fall of Yuan impacted the profits of SAIL?

Rise in steel prices

1254. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steel prices are continuously rising;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last two years and current year and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that steel is being exported;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the same period;

(e) whether Government has banned export of steel to keep prices under check;

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

(g) the steps taken by Government to keep the steel prices under control?

Number of guest houses in Maharashtra

†1255. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of guest houses (yatri niwas) in Maharashtra as on date, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal for construction of guest houses (yatri niwas) in Maharashtra and other States during current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening of facilities at tourist destinations

1256. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focussing

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

on strengthening the facilities at every tourist destination and transit point in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken in this direction so far?

Bed and Breakfast scheme

1257. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bed and Breakfast scheme implemented in the country is successful;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Bed and Breakfast establishments presently existing in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry for further expansion of the scheme?

Tourism projects for U.P.

1258. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of tourism projects formulated for Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the project-wise/district-wise number of those projects which have been completed; and

(c) the details of future plan for opening different tourist centres in Uttar Pradesh?

Arrival of foreign tourists in Goa

1259. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists

estimated to arrive in Goa during the present season;

(b) the number of domestic and foreign tourists arrived in the State during the years 2011-12 and 2013-14; and

(c) what are the arrangements made for the security of tourists in general in co-ordination with other State agencies?

Converting islands and light houses into tourist attractions

1260. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to convert certain islands and light houses into tourist attractions across the country and tap their vast untapped potential;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that all the recreation facilities such as water sports, resorts, light and sound shows are available at such tourist attractions?

Development of Buddhist circuits

1261. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for the integrated development of the Buddhist circuits in the country; and

(b) if so, the project-wise and State-wise details thereof including the implementation framework, funds allocated and projects earmarked under the proposal for the current year?

Declaring Giroudpuri a tourist spot

†1262. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Giroudpuri Dham in Chhattisgarh has been declared tourist spot and the funds sanctioned by Centre for its development, are being utilized;

(b) whether an order has been passed to make a trust for Giroudpuri Dham so that the pilgrims do not face inconveniences in the absence of any trust; and

(c) whether it is possible to make security arrangements for thousands of pilgrims visiting the place after establishing Giroudpuri Dham trust?

Upgradation/beautification of Durga Hatkoti temple

1263. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed by Government to promote tourism in the country particularly hilly and rural areas;

(b) whether Government had received any representation for upgradation/beautification of Durga Hatkoti temple in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to include Durga Hatkoti temple on national map and arrangement made for telecast of Aarti, if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of National Tourism Board

1264. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth registered in tourism sector during the last two years is substantially lower than estimated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Tourism Board to speed up and promote tourism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds to develop new tourist spots

†1265. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States provided with funds to develop their respective tourist spots in financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16, so far;

(b) whether the Ministry has received requests from States to declare new tourist spots as tourist circuit;

(c) if so, the details of States from which requests have been received;

(d) whether Government will accept requests of the States and provide funds to develop tourist spots in future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hospitality Development and Promotion Board

1266. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Hospitality Development and Promotion Board (HPDB);

(b) by when Government plans to set up HPDBs in every State;

(c) the states in which the HPDB has been set up so far, along with details thereof regarding the progress thus far; and

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(d) the State-wise details of the funds allocated by Government in this regard?

Promotion remote villages and small and medium towns as tourist spots

1267. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to make remote villages and small and medium towns as spots of tourist attraction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Central and State Governments through Embassies/Missions to promote tourism in foreign countries?

Losses by ITDC hotels

†1268. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fact, as reported in the newspapers that most of the hotels of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), which is under the Ministry, are running in losses;

(b) if so, the number of hotels running in losses;

(c) the reasons of these losses; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government with a view to take these hotels from loss to profit?

Contribution of tourism and hospitality sector to economy

1269. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism and hospitality as a sector is expected to contribute \$ 418.9 billion to the Indian economy by 2022 and provide employment for an additional 8.29 lakh people by 2016;

(b) whether Government is diluting policy initiatives and implementing them in a manner that may hamper this growth and may not have a significant impact on the lives of the millions of people who have a stake in this industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Claims rejected and accepted under FRA

1270. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise data from 2008 onwards of number of claims of individual rights under Forest Rights Act (FRA) that have been accepted and rejected till date;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise data from 2008 onwards regarding the number of claims of community forest rights under Forest Rights Act that have been accepted and rejected till date;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise data from 2008 onwards of number of claims of community forest resources rights under Forest Rights Act that have been accepted and rejected till date; and

(d) what are the reasons for rejection of claims?

Korva and Birhor tribals in Chhattisgarh

1271. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether condition of tribals specially Korvas and Birhors in Chhattisgarh in Jashpur, Sarguja and Korba districts is bad;

(b) whether previously Government had given special package for Korva tribals which was later discontinued; and

(c) what the Central Government will do for their upliftment?

Employment scheme for Scheduled Tribes

†1272. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Scheduled Tribes in the country including the State of Assam as per the Census 2011;

(b) the names of the employment schemes being run for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes;

(c) the year-wise number of persons of the Scheduled Tribes in the State of Assam, who benefited from these schemes in the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for any special project for the Scheduled Tribe-dominated area of the North-Eastern Region including Assam?

Chargesheet in Commonwealth Games

1273. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scams that have been traced by CBI in the Commonwealth Games till date;

(b) whether CBI has been able to file

chargesheets against the involved persons in these scams; and

(c) if not, the details of difficulties being faced by the CBI to reach its conclusions in the Commonwealth Games scams?

Criteria for identification and development of sportspersons

1274. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for identification and development of athletes and sportspersons in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of funds allocated for development of sports in the country during last two years;

(c) the results achieved thereof; and

(d) the initiative taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the performance of Indian athletes and sportspersons in International sports events?

Acute shortage of coaches

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an acute shortage of coaches for various sports across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive policy to appoint coaches for various sports before Rio Olympics; and

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

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Crunch of specialised coaches for Paralympic athletes

1276. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a crunch of specialized coaches to train Paralympic athletes for several events;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to recruit specialized coaches to train Paralympic athletes; and

(d) the event-wise details of coaches recruited?

Preparation of sportspersons for Rio Olympics, 2016

†1277. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being run to prepare the Indian sportspersons for Rio Olympics, 2016;

(b) the difference between these preparations and the preparation for the last Olympics; and

(c) whether the participants for the Olympics, 2016 are being trained according to the climate of Rio so that they can give their best performance in that environment?

Increasing number of suicides by women athletes in SAI centres

1278. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an increasing number of suicides by women athletes in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has strengthened the security systems in the SAI centres apart from other facilities for the athletes specially for women athletes?

NSDF to develop sports

1279. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) to develop sports and sports related infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, how much money has been contributed by various organisations including Government during the last three years;

(c) whether profit earning PSUs have been contributing towards NSDF regularly;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the activities undertaken through NSDF during the last and current year?

Participation in Olympics, 2016

†1280. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the sports-wise details of the Indian participation in Olympics, 2016 and the role of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in above and the status of availability and requirement of resources;

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(b) the effective measures taken so far to encourage contribution in National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) constituted for providing financial resources for sports and to promote it; and

(c) the reviewed status of sports policy for participation in global sports events, implementation thereof and target set in this regard?

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