

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 160

Setting up of special development zones

†2622. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to set up such special development zones in the country as they were set up in the other countries;

(b) whether Government had earlier sent any such authorised committee to visit other countries for studying and bringing such concept of zones to India for promoting industry/trade/business; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Functional SEZs

†2623. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fully functional

Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country;

(b) the State/Union Territory-wise number of all such functional Special Economic Zones along with their area separately;

(c) the future programme of Government regarding those SEZs which are not fully functional or not operational; and

(d) whether there are uniform or varied rules for SEZs in all States/Union Territories from the view of tax system?

Setting up of NICDA

2624. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to set up National Industrial Corridor Development Authority (NICDA) to facilitate development of industrial corridors;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of industrial corridors under implementation in the country?

Ban on imports from China

†2625. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that various products being imported in India from China do not meet the international norms and they are also harmful for the consumers as well;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to ban the products imported from China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is already a ban on import of several products manufactured in China; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Success of 'Start-Up India' programme

†2626. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'Start-Up India' programme has been very successful so far and India has grown into the third largest hub in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether suggestions for some changes in 'Start-Up India' programme have been received from startup companies; and
- (d) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government on those suggestions?

Incentives for import of pulses

2627. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the import of pulses is being encouraged to increase their availability in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for non-availability of those economic incentives to private sector agencies which are available to Government agencies for the import of pulses; and
- (d) the reasons for not seeking cooperation of private sector in increasing the availability of pulses in the country?

Imposition/lifting of ban on export/ import of commodities

†2628. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the commodities on which export and import ban have been imposed or lifted in the country in the last one year, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to bring balance in the trade with several neighbouring countries, especially with China;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to check the entry of poor quality products of China in abundance in Indian markets; and
- (d) the success achieved in bringing trade balance with it?

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Decline in growth of core sectors

2629. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth in the core sectors has come down during the last six months;

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

(c) the action taken by Government to encourage the core sector's growth?

FTAs with Israel, Austria, Eurasian and Gulf countries

2630. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is discussing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Israel, Austria, Eurasian and Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the existing trade status with each of the above countries; and

(d) how India looks at Brexit and if Britain exits from the European Union (EU), what opportunities India will have in Britain?

Fall in import of gold

†2631. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of gold is going down in the country since last March and import of gold has reduced by 51 per cent during April-May, 2016, the details thereof;

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

(c) the extent of job loss caused by a fall in gold import, the details thereof?

Trade sanctions by the US on import restrictions of US poultry

2632. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

(a) whether the US is seeking trade sanctions against India after winning a dispute at the World Trade Organisation regarding Indian restrictions on imports of US poultry, meat, eggs and live pigs;

(b) if so, the strategy being adopted by India to counter their claims; and

(c) what steps were taken by the Ministry in the last 12 months to substantiate the truth when the US won the dispute in June last year and when the WTO's Appellate Body ruled that India's restrictions were discriminatory and based on unsubstantiated fears over bird flu?

Salient features of new IPR Policy

2633. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the recently released new Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy;

(b) how the new Policy is different from the existing one;

(c) how the new Policy resists giving

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leeway to international multinational pharma and other companies;

(d) how the policy helps in protecting the rights and traditions of India; and

(e) to what extent the new policy keeps India out of Priority Watch List of US and similar other issues?

Waiver of local sourcing norm in single brand retail

2634. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that the Ministry is insisting for waiver of 30 per cent local sourcing norm for a leading mobile phone company under single brand retail plan;

(b) whether any proposal to this effect has been sent to the Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response thereon; and

(d) why this company has brought before the Ministry, the proposal to sell refurbished mobiles?

Extension of facilities under 'Start-Up India' scheme to medium industries

2635. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in consultation with the Department of Expenditure and the Ministry of MSME are taking steps for finding out a solution for benefits announced in the Start-Up action plan which can be extended to medium industry as well;

(b) if so, the details of time period and turnover of these medium industries;

(c) what is total number of companies/enterprises who have shown interest or have already launched Start-Up in Micro and Small enterprises; and

(d) the details of these startups by end of May, 2016?

Foreign investment

2636. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of foreign investment the country has recieved by the end of May, 2016 under 'Make-in-India' Programme;

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

(c) whether the non-passing of land acquisition and GST bills are the reasons for attracting less investment under 'Make-in-India' projects in the country; and

(d) if so, how Government plans to overcome these difficulties at the earliest in order to attract more foreign-funds to accelerate the 'Make-in-India' project in the country?

Restructuring/review of Boards

2637. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to restructure/review the various Boards under the Ministry, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has identified the problem areas and to sort them out, if so, the details thereof?

Issuance of UBIN

2638. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to enable budding entrepreneurs to set up their business without any delays;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked to produce results well within the targeted time and it is no longer a business as usual in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Problems in accessing affordable drugs

2639. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to patents law, the country is facing trouble to access of affordable drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the Doha declaration and TRIPS agreement and Government's commitment therein; and

(c) the proposal of Government to access of affordable generic drugs to combat the monopolies under IPR policy therefor?

Better market access to EU and England

2640. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether exit of Britain from EU will

provide India a better market access to the European Union and England in spite of some market volatility ;

(b) whether as risk aversion sets in, there would be a decline in financial markets, how India would face this impact along with other countries;

(c) whether trade strategies are being reworked out, could there be potential advantages in the form of better market access for India to the EU and Britain; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor

2641. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given approval for the proposal of development of Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds released/ proposed to be released for the same?

Agro startups under 'Start-Up India' Scheme

2642. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether agro startups are also covered under 'Start-Up India' Scheme; and

(b) if so, how many of them have been approved so far; and

(c) what is the amount/percentage of disbursement to agro startups?

**Renovation of ASI museum in
Telangana**

2643. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the only Archaeological Museum in Telangana is utterly neglected and badly maintained due to financial problems; and

(b) if so, what the Ministry has been doing to restore the Museums's past glory by renovating and opening it for public?

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti

2644. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects constituted under Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti as on 31st March, 2016 along with the date of constitution of projects along with the names of casual employees working in each project, their date of appointment, post and pay-scales/remunerations ;

(b) whether Government is aware that a large number of casual employees working in these projects for more than five/eight years have not been regularised, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to regularise their services in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Scholarships to young artists for
cultural activities**

†2645. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether scholarships are being

given to the young artists who perform in different streams of cultural activities in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise list of those artists who were provided funds from the financial year 2014-15 to 2016-17 and the amount provided to them; and

(c) the details of the number of young artists for whom scholarships have been given and the communities to which they belong?

Demand for returning of Kohinoor

2646. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of petitions pending in Supreme Court that Government of India should demand the return of "Kohinoor";

(b) what is the stand of British Government on the same in response of Government of India thereof;

(c) whether Government is in touch with Government of United Kingdom and if so, when was the last letter written by Government; and

(d) whether the issue has ever figured in bilateral talks between the two countries?

**Preservation and protection of ancient
monuments**

2647. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy initiative of Government to preserve and protect the ancient monuments and heritage of India;

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(b) the total number of such sites and structures to be preserved and protected;

(c) the number out of them, that have been destroyed or disappeared for want of maintenance and protection; and

(d) the new additions made during the last three years?

Survey of culturally and archaeologically important places in Jharkhand

†2648. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is being promoted in Anjan Gram in Gumla district and other places of Jharkhand by developing culturally important places;

(b) whether Government has conducted any survey regarding culturally and archaeologically important places in Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to develop the culturally and archaeologically important places including Anjan Gram related to Lord Hanuman?

Museums setup under Museum Grant Scheme

2649. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise list of museums setup with the support of Museum Grant Scheme; and

(b) the museum projects which are currently in progress, which availed the support from Museum Grant Scheme?

Remains of ancient university at Nawada

†2650. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Archaeology has found remains of an ancient university in Apsarh village of Warisaliganj block at Nawada district in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the special scheme for conservation of this historical heritage, the details thereof?

Preservation of indigenous art forms and techniques

2651. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that a large number of indigenous techniques of art, craft and music are getting extinct because of lack of assistance and support for the artists;

(b) the State-wise steps taken along with the allocation and utilization of funds for preservation and promotion of such indigenous techniques during last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry is running a programme or a policy to identify such indigenous techniques and increase general public awareness regarding them; and

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

Rabindranath Tagore Multi-purpose Cultural Institute in Chhattisgarh

†2652. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 60 per cent of

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₹ 57094000 from the Centre is expected for Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Multi-purpose Cultural Complex Project in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether as per (a) above the State has made correspondences seeking financial assistance from the Centre, whether the above amount would be provided at the earliest; and

(c) whether the Central share out of ₹ 50 crores under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the multi-dimensional cultural institute at Raipur would be released soon?

Rock edicts found in Monolith caves in Meghalaya

2653. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent excavations in Lum-Sophetbneng in Meghalaya have given indications contained in rock edicts found in monolith caves that Khasi tribal traditions and practices dates back to 300 BC era;

(b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has been exploring the area for sometime to establish the antiquity of Khasi culture;

(c) whether remnants of tools and agricultural implements used by Khasi tribesmen, recovered from the excavation sites have been subjected to tests abroad to establish their antiquity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment in Antiquity Act

2654. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to

usher in any changes in the Antiquity Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Status of redevelopment of monuments

2655. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of redevelopment of monuments, etc. undertaken/proposed to be undertaken by Government;

(b) the amount of funds that have been sanctioned for redevelopment plan; and

(c) the details of the funds utilisation for the plan?

Objective of Project Mausam

2656. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and detailed outline of Project Mausam, expected time of commencement, completion and cost;

(b) whether Government has entered into partnerships with other nations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government has undertaken/plans to undertake to expand its maritime presence?

Collection of revenue from entry fee to monuments

2657. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise revenue collected from entry fees to ASI monuments in last three years;

(b) whether entry fee for ASI monuments have been increased, if so, details thereof, particularly for domestic tourists, SAARC and BIMSTEC member countries and foreign visitors;

(c) whether a policy for increasing entry fees at fixed intervals is to be introduced, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) whether tourist facilities such as Wi-Fi connectivity, mementoes and bottled water are provided at all ASI monuments, if so, the details thereof, cost of provision and fee charged for each facility and if not, reasons therefor and time-line for their introduction?

Damage to books at National Library, Kolkata

2658. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many priceless books, periodicals and newspapers were damaged in the language division of Bhasa Bhawan at National Library, Kolkata on July 12, 2016;

(b) whether the damage caused after the room storing the books, etc. was inundated by water leaking from air conditioning plant, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered for detecting the factors and persons responsible for the tragedy; and

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

Appointment of security guards for Gour and Pandua in West Bengal

2659. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has appointed adequate number of personnel to guard the ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains of Gour and Pandua in the district of Malda and at Chandraketugarh in the district of North 24 Parganas of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cultural mapping project

2660. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of its cultural mapping project, Government has decided to grade artists and writers;

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

(c) whether Government has consulted all stakeholders in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of artists' and writers' fraternity thereto; and

(e) the details of benefits likely to accrue to Government and the artists and writers as a result thereof?

Closure of HMT watch factory

†2661. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to completely shut down the HMT watch factory situated at Ranibag in Nainital district of Uttarakhand;

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(b) if so, whether Government would establish a pollution free PSU on this land or whether it would hand over this land to some private individual/company; and

(c) if not, the purpose for which this land would be used, the details thereof?

Jobs provided by PSUs

†2662. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Public Sector Enterprises in the country along with the number of local people, who have been provided jobs in such Public Sector Undertakings including BHEL during each year of the last three years and current year;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of jobs in the Public Sector Undertakings/Enterprises of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any scheme to take action against such Public Sector undertakings, which do not provide jobs to the local people, if so, the details of action taken during the last three years?

Sale of land of loss making PSUs

†2663. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings in the country, of these the number of Public Sector Undertakings which are running into losses;

(b) whether Government is working on

some scheme to bring them out of losses, if so, the details of the schemes, if not, the reasons therefor: and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has made a plan to sell the land of loss making Public Sector Undertakings, if so, the details thereof?

Fund to manufacture lithium batteries for electric vehicles

2664. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a fund to manufacture lithium batteries for electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to move towards 100 per cent electric and hybrid mobility?

Monitoring safety defects of car manufacturers

2665. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received complaints against a leading automobile company for emission norms and other manufacturing defects in their cars;

(b) if so, what action Government has taken on the complaints received in this regard;

(c) whether Government do not have any legal framework with regard to defective vehicles or their standardization; and

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(d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take for setting up of a regulator for strictly monitoring the safety defects of car manufacturers?

Plans for revival of HEC, Ranchi

†2666. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan to revive Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) Ranchi has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to utilize HEC for production of defence equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of shares of loss making industrial concerns

2667. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many industrial concerns owned by Government were loss making during last two years;

(b) what per cent of shares of loss making concerns were sold during these years and for what amount; and

(c) whether shares of profit making concerns were sold, if so, what were the returns?

Reservation in CPSEs

2668. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines in force for enforcing reservation for candidates belonging to SCs/STs and OBCs as well

as other categories of persons entitled to reservation of vacancies in Central Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) what steps are in place to ensure timely filling up of reserved posts and also the backlog in vacancies under various categories in CPSEs;

(c) whether CPSEs have been instructed to launch special recruitment drives to fill up backlog of reserved vacancies for SCs, STs and OBCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shifting of industries from Punjab

2669. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of heavy industries/enterprises have shifted from Punjab during the last ten years to other States where they get more incentives given by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to compensate the State Government of Punjab in this regard?

Terror threat to Suratgarh airbase in Rajasthan

†2670. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of terrorism and naxalism are rising in the country;

(b) the number of incidents of terrorism occurred during the past three years and the number of people died and injured therein; and

(c) whether Government has received any information that similar to the terror

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attack on Pathankot airbase, Suratgarh airbase, Rajasthan is also on the target of terrorists' attack, if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

Victim compensation scheme under Nirbhaya Fund

2671. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State/Union Territories have notified victim compensation scheme under Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the names of States/Union Territories thereof;

(c) how much funds have been released from this fund, State-wise since its inception; and

(d) whether there is a separate compensation for victims that are physically/mentally challenged?

Measures to check infiltration along borders

2672. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration along the international borders of the country continues to remain unabated;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise;

(c) the status of fencing and floodlighting to check infiltration along the international borders, State-wise and border-wise;

(d) whether construction of roads from strategic point of view have also been

undertaken along the borders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with other measures taken to check infiltration along the borders?

Missing children in Tamil Nadu

2673. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children who went missing in the State to Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(b) the number of missing children who were united with their parents during the same period?

Stopping the spread of obscene/derogatory content in social media

2674. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special powers for the enforcement officials to immediately stop the spread of obscene/derogatory content in social media about any individual in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inter-linking of police stations in Tamil Nadu under CCTNS

2675. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken inter-linking of police stations across the country under Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the inter-linking of police stations in the State of Tamil Nadu under CCTNS project?

Mobile phones found inside Tihar jail

2676. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of mobile phones are found in use inside Tihar jail, as well as in other central jails, in spite of number of jammers installed inside;

(b) if so, the reasons for jammers not being able to jam the frequency of mobile phones inside Tihar jail;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to check such misuse of mobile phones inside the jail; and

(d) whether Government is seeking any help from Cyber Crime Department in this regard?

Sympathisers of ISIS

2677. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian citizens have been arrested/detained/deported to India under suspicion of carrying out or supporting terrorist activities since May, 2014 who have been sympathisers or associates of the ISIS;

(b) how many of the total suspected ISIS sympathisers were arrested preemptively; and

(c) how many of these have been chargesheeted under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act?

Recurrence of incidents of atrocities against Dalits

2678. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of atrocities, harassment etc. against Dalits has increased immensely in various parts of the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and whether Government has conducted any inquiry to know the factual position about the recurring of such incidents in the country;

(c) whether Central Government has issued any direction to State Governments to prevent recurrence of such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Action taken against fake doctors

2679. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item "Fake doctors thrive on police inaction" appeared in a leading English daily published on 21st July, 2016;

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

(c) why no legal action has been taken against culprits even after more than 400 complaints being filed by Medical Council of India (MCI); and

(d) the steps taken by Government to see that legal action is taken by Delhi Police once complaint/FIR is registered by Medical Council of India against quacks?

Formation of tribal battalion of CRPF in Chhattisgarh

2680. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has given its approval for the proposal of the Chhattisgarh State Government for setting up of a tribal battalion of CRPF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the activists have opposed this move as the Supreme Court had struck down the formation of Salwa Judum in 2011; and

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

Need to increase the strength of BSF

†2681. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internal security of the country has been augmented to a great extent during last two years and terrorism and naxalism have been substantially put under check;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to increase the strength of Border Security Force (BSF) and equip them with sophisticated weapons to further augment in the internal security of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether speedy efforts are being made by Government in this direction?

Attack on bus carrying security forces in Pampore, Srinagar

2682. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CRPF personnel got killed along with militants and many jawans were injured when a group of militants attacked a bus carrying security forces on Srinagar-Jammu highway in Pampore area in Srinagar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has given compensation to the victims and their families, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would increase the security to CRPF, BSF, ITBP officers to face such situation in future, if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government has sent mine-proof vehicles to Kashmir, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Achievements of the Ministry

2683. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether presentation before the Prime Minister has been made about the Ministry's last two years' achievements;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

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

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

(f) the details of difficulties brought

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before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

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

Devices installed by Delhi Police to capture traffic violators

2684. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has installed digital devices on the windscreens of their cars that will capture offenders for violation of traffic rules;

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

(c) whether digital devices provide details of speed of the car, time and location which is used as evidence of the offence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and number of offenders registered so far with the help of such digital devices?

Increase in atrocities on women

2685. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the alarming increase in the atrocities on women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to control such atrocities?

Setting up of more CFSLS in the country

2686. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) in the country;

(b) the detailed list of the CFSLS and the States for which they fulfil the forensic requirements;

(c) the details regarding the sanctioned strength and the vacancies in each of these CFSLS;

(d) whether Government intends to set up more CFSLS in the coming years; and

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

Launching of the e-tourist Visa

2687. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Government has launched the e-tourist Visa;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to better market and advertise e-tourist Visa;

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

(d) the year-wise and country-wise data on the number of e-tourist Visa applications since its inception; and

(e) the State-wise data on the increase in tourism since the introduction of e-tourist Visa?

Assistance to families of martyred personnel in J&K

†2688. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Police personnel,

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Personnel of Paramilitary Forces, Indian Army personnel who were martyred while fighting off terrorists during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 till 13 July 2016 in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the assistance offered by Government to the families of martyred personnel;

(c) whether Government has formulated any concrete scheme for making Jammu and Kashmir terrorism free; and

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

Youths missing and joining ISIS

2689. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether youths in some States have gone missing with suspected extremist links;

(b) if so, the details of youths missing and joining the ISIS;

(c) what proactive steps Government is taking to isolate those engaged in anti-national activities;

(d) whether Government has identified the persons/preachers misguiding youths in the name of Islam; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against such elements in the last two years?

Census data based on religion

2690. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether population census data based on religion is available at the block level; and

(b) if so, whether the data is made accessible and if not, the reasons therefor?

Embezzlement of funds under SSSP Scheme

2691. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not carried out or retained proper verification certificates under Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension (SSSP) Scheme;

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

(c) whether the non-maintenance of proper records have led to embezzlement of funds under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of loss due to embezzlement and the amount recovered from the banks in last three years?

Release of pension to bogus candidates under SSSP Scheme

2692. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government does not maintain data of eligible candidates drawing pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension (SSSP) Scheme;

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

(c) whether the non-maintenance of records for eligible candidates have resulted in releasing of pension to bogus or ineligible candidates;

(d) whether Government has constituted a special Committee to look into the disbursement of funds to bogus candidates; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Infrastructure Scheme in Chhattisgarh

†2693. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to sanction the establishment of new police stations along with the construction of building and residential complexes for them in the Naxal affected areas of Chhattisgarh has been sent to the Central Government;

(b) the reasons for not releasing the balance amount out of the amount sanctioned under Special Infrastructure Scheme in Naxal affected areas; and

(c) by when the Central Government would release funds for (a) and (b) above along with the funds for computerization of all anti-terrorism schools, Counter Insurgency and Anti Terrorist (CIAT) schools and Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems in Chhattisgarh?

Timeline for implementation of CCTNS

2694. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and timeline for the implementation plan of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS);

(b) whether the proposed number of 14000 police stations and 6000 higher

offices have been automated after the project was approved by the Cabinet Committee On Economic Affairs on 19th June, 2009;

(c) whether Government is providing training to the Investigative Officers of the civil police on various investigative tools and techniques; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Peace agreement with NSCN (IM)

2695. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of peace agreement between Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) and Government, point-wise detailed reasons for acceptance and rejection;

(b) whether it is a fact that Naga has requested for separate Naga flag, Naga passport and pan-Naga Government for Naga areas, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has sanctioned projects under North Eastern Council (NEC), State-wise and year-wise details thereof along with the funds incurred and allocated during last three years; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Indian Army requested for a clarification from MHA on Naga demands, if so, the details thereof?

New age militancy in Kashmir

2696. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new age militancy is rising in Kashmir in which

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educated young men from the valley took up arms for the first time after the 1990 uprising and trained themselves locally to wage a battle against Government:

(b) whether Government is aware that a large number of educated young men from the valley have gone to Pakistan to obtain militancy training and if so, what is the number of such persons; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

Protests in Kashmir

2697. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that protests erupted across Kashmir on 8th July, 2016 after Burhan Wani, the Hizbul Mujahideen Commander who was tagged as the poster boy of militancy, was shot dead by Army and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hurriyat Chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani and JKLF Chairman Yasin Malik called for a strike to protest against the killing of said militant and if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Release of caste-based data

2698. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether data on the break-up of caste in the country has not been released so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when the said data is likely to be released and made public?

Fencing along International Border in Gujarat

†2699. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that fencing work has been approved for only 340 kilometres border out of the total 512 kilometres of International Border that Gujarat State shares with Pakistan and fencing of only 262.7 kilometres of the above border has been completed till now;

(b) whether no steps have been taken for the fencing of remaining 262.7 kms of border inspite of many meetings/ correspondence held/made with the Ministry by the State Government since April, 2012; and

(c) by when it is proposed to complete the remaining fencing work with regard to the above?

Status of Indian enclave dwellers in Bangladesh

2700. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Border Management Department of the Ministry had asked the West Bengal Government and the District Magistrate of Cooch Behar district to submit a report regarding the settlement and status of the Indian enclave dwellers in Bangladesh who shifted to the Indian mainland after the treaty concerning enclaves between India and Bangladesh; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

People-to-police ratio in UTs

2701. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the people-to-police ratio in the seven Union Territories (UTs);

(b) whether there has been a request from any of the UTs for an increase in the number of police personnel;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether such request has been accepted by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Arms licences to people living on Indo-Pak border

2702. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal to provide arms licences to the people living on extreme Indo-Pak border in Punjab to meet any eventuality from Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Reconstitution of NDMA

2703. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has been reconstituted, if so, the details thereof;

(b) will the newly constituted NDMA will be more effective than the earlier one, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what were the circumstances that necessitated the lowering of the status of the members of NDMA?

Plan for insurgency and border issues in NER

2704. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has strategic plan for insurgency and border issues in North-Eastern Region (NER); and

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

Camera supervision to cover metro cities and sensitive areas

2705. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed for upgradation for camera supervision to cover all metro cities and sensitive areas last year; and

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

Increasing influence of Maoists

2706. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the influence of Maoists is continuously increasing in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether State Governments are needed to be further equipped to weaken this influence; and

(d) if so, the scheme chalked out by Government in this regard?

Complaints regarding unregistered medical practitioners

2707. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India (MCI) had lodged a large number of complaints with the Delhi Police against unqualified and unregistered medical practitioners;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that police registered FIR in very few cases as a result of which the illegal practice by unqualified people is flourishing unabated;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not registering FIR in all cases; and

(e) the action taken by Government against the erring police officials for not registering FIRs?

Mobile theft cases registered in police stations in Delhi

†2708. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of mobile thefts registered in all the police stations of Delhi including Pahar Ganj police station during the last three years wherein despite providing IMEI numbers of mobiles and putting them on surveillance, neither any information whatsoever is provided to the mobile owners nor any effort is made to trace them;

(b) the year-wise and police station-wise details thereof along with reasons;

(c) whether cases in this regard have been brought to notice of Police Department by Hon'ble Members of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government over apathy of the police department towards letters of the Hon'ble MPs?

Funds to Odisha for modernisation of State police forces

2709. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of Odisha Government regarding providing funds for modernisation of State police forces is pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, what is the current status of decision regarding this proposal; and

(c) by what time the required funds will be made available to the State?

Employment of children in hazardous occupations

2710. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of occupations/industries including processes notified as hazardous for child labour in the country;

(b) the approximate number of children employed in such occupations including circus, beedi, textile and mining industries in various parts of the country, State-wise and occupation-wise;

(c) the number of instances of violations that have been reported and the stringent action taken against erring employers during each of the last three years and the current year; and

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(d) the number of children rescued and rehabilitated from such hazardous occupations during the said period?

Uniform wages to contract workers

2711. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is prevalence of various rates of wages for contractual labourers across the country;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to pay uniform wages throughout the country to the contractual labourers; and

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

Increasing minimum wages

2712. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to increase minimum wages of workers of various trades;

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

(c) whether Government has consulted the trade unions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of last revision made of various trades; and

(e) the other measures being taken by Government for the welfare and social security of workforce in the country?

Number of persons under ESI

2713. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of contributing insured persons under Employees' State Insurance (ESI);

(b) the estimated number of workers and establishments entitled to be covered by ESI, but not actually covered; and

(c) the steps taken for covering all entitled workers and establishments under ESI?

Health benefit scheme for workers of unorganised sector

2714. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Health Benefit Scheme being implemented by Government for the welfare of workers of unorganized sector;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to include more categories of workers under Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) other measures taken by Government to protect the interests of workers of unorganized sector?

Amendment to EPF Act

2715. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a policy decision on increasing overtime limit up to eight hours to boost employment, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government also proposes for an amendment to the EPF Act regarding the criteria for its coverage from 20 employees to 10, if so, the details thereof and present status thereof?

Employment generated at central level

†2716. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment has not been generated at all at the Central level since 2014;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of employment generated during the last two years and the details thereof?

Rate of unemployment

2717. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise trends in the rate of unemployment over the last two years;

(b) whether India's unemployment numbers are presented only once in every five years as compared to other countries which have figures on a quarterly basis; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Bonded labour

2718. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether bondage of any person as labourer or in any other form is illegal in India;

(b) when did the law come into force;

(c) whether there are persons still in bondage;

(d) what prevents Government from making any person free from bondage; and

(e) whether Governments will implement a rehabilitation plan for those under bondage?

Amendments to the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970

2719. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Contract Labour (Regulation and abolition) Act, 1970 there is any provision for prosecuting the deemed Principal Employer on a one-time basis in case found violating the law, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the provision of the Act is being implemented properly, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether after prosecuting the employer there is no time-frame where he has to comply with the provision, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any representations in the matter; and

(e) the stand of Government thereon?

Setting up of super speciality hospital under ESIC

†2720. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the State-wise and place-wise details of

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'Super Speciality Hospitals' set up under Employees' State Insurance Scheme and the facilities being provided besides the capacity of the hospitals and the number of patients who availed treatment during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Schools run under NCLP

†2721. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of child labour schools run by Government under National Child Labour Plan (NCLP) during 2012-13 to 2015-16, the details thereof and the details of financial allocation made for the same;

(b) the details of various assistance being extended with reference to (a) above for child labour schools including well equipped buildings, study material, nutritious food, etc.; and

(c) the measures being taken to bring child labour education into the mainstream of education and how is it different from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan?

Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for handicapped

2722. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that out of 2.68 crore Persons with Disabilities in the country, 1.7 crore are unemployed;

(b) the State-wise details of the Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for Handicapped (VRCs) established across

the country under Shramev Jayate Karyakram;

(c) the State-wise and centre-wise details of allocation and utilization of funds for the VRCs in the country including expenditure made on its promotion and advertisement; and

(d) the State-wise and centre-wise details of persons with disabilities trained at these VRCs and provided employment after training?

Industrial Relations Bill

2723. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed the Industrial Relations Bill, tightening the norms to form trade unions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has proposed that no outsiders be allowed to become office bearers of trade unions in the organised sector and only two outsiders can be allowed in the unorganised sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the unorganised sector even outsiders can become a part of the unions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demand of minimum wages

2724. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade unions have demanded a minimum wage of ₹ 15,000 per month for all workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to encourage the workers to work more and earn more;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the proposed Establishment Bill is towards this end; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Children released from child labour

†2725. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minors in the country are being forced to work beyond their physical capacity, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether action has been taken against those responsible for child labour in the country, if so, the number of children got released from clutches of child labour and the details of action taken during the last two years?

Employment to agricultural workers

†2726. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural workers constitute more than 60 per cent of total workforce in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of such agricultural workers who do not get stable employment throughout the year;

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to all agricultural workers/labourers in the country throughout the year or through various works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Honorarium and other facilities to contractual workers

†2727. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is constantly increasing in the country due to reduction in the number of jobs in private sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the continuous curtailment of jobs in Government sector and commission in honorarium of contractual employees, the contractual employees do not get their full honorarium and other facilities are also negligible compared to the Government employees; and

(c) the steps taken by Government keeping in view the interests of the contractual employees?

Bonded labour

2728. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Magistrates are sensitised on procedure for summary trials under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976;

(b) if not, the steps to address this;

(c) what is the time-frame to conduct summary trials;

(d) what happens in States where Section 21 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, is struck down;

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(e) how many people have been convicted under this Act so far, the State-wise details thereof; and

(f) whether bonded Labour Vigilance Committees exist in all the districts of the country; how is their functioning centrally monitored?

Women labour participation

2729. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of women's labour force participation in the country, the State/UT-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the rate has been declining in the past five years, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any study to understand the cause for declining female labour participation rates;

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

(e) what are the steps taken by Government to encourage more women participation in the labour market?

Number of family enterprises that employ child labour

2730. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of family enterprises in India that employ children;

(b) if the data is not available, whether Government aims to conduct a survey to identify such enterprises; and

(c) if so, what is the time-frame for implementation and completion of the project?

Setting up of offices in Amaravati

2731. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated setting up of the offices/departments/Institutions that come under the Ministry like Training and Research Institutes, Vocational Training Institute, Employee's Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), etc. in Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any issues relating to procurement of land and infrastructure needed for this purpose have been requested from the Government of Andhra Pradesh,

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the status thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of existing labour laws

2732. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to review/examine the existing labour laws/policies in the country during the last two years;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the existing labour laws, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has consulted all stakeholders including various labour

unions and industry sector in the matter and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government in the field of labour welfare as per the international treaties and conventions?

Women labour force participation

2733. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise, State-wise and percentage-wage labour force participation of women, *vis-a-vis* men in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that low women labour force participation has adverse impact on their empowerment as well as impact on growth story of the country; and

(c) the details of rural and urban labour force participation of women in the above period ?

Child labourers in toxic and hazardous industries

2734. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per 2011 census there are about 12 crore child labourers in the country all aged below 14 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of them are employed in toxic and hazardous industries; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to rescue and rehabilitate these child labourers?

Micro, small and medium industries in North-Eastern Region

†2735. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of micro, small and medium industries schemes being operated in North-Eastern Region;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who got employment under these schemes in last three years, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the amount spent on these schemes in North-Eastern Region during last three years, the State-wise and scheme-wise details thereof?

Setting up of new KVIC units in Haryana

2736. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the State/UT-wise number of units of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) functioning in the country at present along with the number of employment opportunities generated therefrom;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from various States including Haryana regarding setting up of new KVIC units;

(c) if so, the State/UT-wise details along with current status thereof; and

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(d) the State/UT-wise number of KVIC units set up and the number of employment generated therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year?

Cluster Development Programme

2737. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether interventions under Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Cluster Development Programme have proved beneficial in capacity building of the MSEs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the interventions taken up under MSE-CDP programme so far?

Setting up of technology acquisition and development fund

†2738. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up Technology Acquisition and Development Fund to provide clean, green and cost effective energy technology to the small industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether small industries would be able to purchase such instruments, machines and technology from this fund which may be efficient in controlling pollution, reducing energy consumption and conserving water; and

(d) the amount proposed to be paid to the small industries for the same?

Number of SC and ST entrepreneurs in MSMEs

†2739. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of micro, small and medium entrepreneurs functioning in the country, how many of these belong to SCs and STs, the details thereof; and

(b) the total quantum of business transacted by micro, small and medium entrepreneurs, their contribution to the GDP of the country, the details thereof?

Schemes for NE States

2740. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes for the NE States under the Ministry;

(b) whether there is specific budget allocation for each of the North-East States;

(c) if so, the State-wise details of budget allocation and expenditure (latest data) and the 2016-17 budget for each State; and

(d) if not, whether there is a proposal to target the region specifically?

Proposal from Maharashtra under PMEGP

2741. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing

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the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Programme;

(c) the year-wise and district-wise number of proposals submitted under PMEGP in the State of Maharashtra during the last two years;

(d) how many of such proposals were approved and loans sanctioned and released;

(e) the number of proposals rejected and what were the general reasons for such rejections; and

(f) what action Government proposes to take to make PMEGP a grand success in Maharashtra?

Implementation of SICDP

2742. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing Small Industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of objectives of SICDP;

(c) the number of Small Industry Clusters set up in the State of Maharashtra so far and are functional at present;

(d) whether Government proposes to set up more such clusters in the State, particularly in Marathwada and Vidarbha; and

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

Number of small and medium enterprises closed in Gujarat

2743. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and medium enterprises closed in last three years in Gujarat;

(b) the number of workers who lost the jobs due to their closure;

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive them; and

(d) the reasons for their closure?

Contribution of MSMEs

2744. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether, in view of substantial contribution of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to industrial output, employment and exports, Government is planning any strategic plan for the expansion of the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Investment by oil companies to increase refining capacities

2745. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the oil companies in Public Sector have conceived any plan to

invest to increase their refining capacities in the next five years;

(b) if so, the details of proposal of investment in this regard, oil companies-wise;

(c) whether oil companies have approached Government for financial help in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to their proposal?

Release of land by States for petrol pumps for SCs/STs

2746. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has written a letter to all Chief Ministers of the country to release land for establishment of petrol pumps for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at concessional rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government on account of non-availability of land?

Fixing of ethanol procurement price

2747. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) on what basis Government has fixed the ethanol procurement price at ₹ 49 per litre for blending purpose;

(b) whether Government has made any adjustment for lower calorific value in ethanol;

(c) what is the present Refinery Transfer Price for gasoline; and

(d) who is absorbing the extra cost for ethanol, whether it is the consumer of gasoline or the PSU Oil Marketing Companies?

Agreement with US to enhance technical co-operation

2748. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently signed an agreement with the US to enhance technical and institutional co-operation specific to hydrocarbons and energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether co-operation would also include in the areas of technology for production from marginal fields, shale structures, developing gas pipeline network, improving refinery efficiency; and

(d) if so, what is the progress made so far and how far our oil companies, ONGC and refineries would be benefited, the details thereof?

Report on Krishna-Godavari Basin

†2749. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry committee constituted with regard to the Krishna-Godavari basin has handed over its report to Government;

(b) if not, the details of the reasons for not handing over the report till date;

(c) if so, the names of the companies that have illegally extracted gas from Government gas blocks;

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- (d) whether Government would recover the cost of the gas thus extracted; and
 (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on setting up of mega oil refinery on West Coast

2750. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's biggest oil refinery that state-run IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and EIL plans to set up on the West Coast will cost 30 million US dollars or ₹ 2 lac crores, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the 60 million tonnes a year refinery and a mega petrochemical complex will be set up in two phases, if so, the details thereof and progress made; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that being on the West Coast will provide the unit a natural advantage of easily sourcing crude oil from the Middle-East, Africa and South America, if so, the details thereof?

Launch of CNG driven two wheeler

†2751. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched CNG driven two wheeler on a pilot project to reduce pollution, and if this project proves successful, by when it would be implemented on a larger scale;

(b) whether providing CNG in the smaller towns in the country is under consideration; and

(c) the quantum of CNG used daily in vehicles and the extent it causes pollution in comparison to petrol?

Approval of Unified Guidelines for LPG and petrol pumps Distributorships, 2016

2752. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Unified Guidelines for LPG and petrol pumps Distributorship, 2016 has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient changes made therein from previous guidelines;

(c) whether Government has provided for Ministry's discretion to allot direct LPG distributorship to any individual in exceptional cases on merit, under the new guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details of specific exceptional cases and merits provided in the guidelines?

Increase in price of kerosene

2753. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to increase the price of kerosene at the rate of ₹ 0.25 per litre each month;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons and rationale for the same?

Setting of LNG import terminal in Bangladesh

2754. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Petronet LNG

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Ltd. has plans to set up a ₹ 5,000 crores LNG import terminal in Bangladesh as it looks to build terminals to feed demand in neighbouring countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Petronet LNG Ltd. has also proposed to set up 1 MT LNG terminal in Sri Lanka to meet local demand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Network of PNG

2755. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing network of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the country including the number of houses/ industrial units covered in each city under this network, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has formulated any time-bound scheme for providing PNG to houses/industrial units in various States/ UTs; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the development of distribution network of PNG in the entire country within a stipulated time-frame?

Reduction in reservations for LPG distributorship

2756. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservation policy regarding distributorship for LPG to SC and ST communities have been reduced from 25 per cent earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether, in this regard, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes was consulted as mandated under the constitution;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to restore it; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Direct Benefit Transfer in Kerosene (DBTK)

2757. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to launch Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for disbursing subsidies in kerosene to beneficiaries in some States;

(b) if so, what is the list of States and districts which are going to get DBT;

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage States to take new domestic LPG connections even in rural areas, as against kerosene for fuel; and

(d) the total subsidies on kerosene distributed by Government under PDS, the share each of Centre and the oil firms along with details?

Supply of natural gas from Rajasthan segment of GIGL

†2758. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ensure the supply of natural gas from the

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Rajasthan segment of GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) to the three smart cities of Rajasthan, namely Jaipur, Ajmer and Udaipur, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government proposes to make supply of entire contract bound quantity through Panna/Mukta and Tapti Gas on long-term basis for operating the unit of gas based project at Dhaulpur having a capacity of 330 Megawatts or to make an allotment of indigenous gas from any other gas field, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of kerosene to States

2759. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large population of the country still use kerosene as cooking fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to rationalise the allocation of kerosene to the States in the current financial year 2016-17; and

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

Increase in crude oil prices

2760. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crude oil prices have started increasing in the international markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof, month-wise during January to July, 2016;

(c) how these prices are compared with

the prices prevailing during the same period last year; and

(d) what has been the impact of this increase on the Oil Marketing Companies in the country?

Captive iron ore and coal mines for VSP

2761. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) has applied or sought 'captive iron ore and coal mines' for its profitable operations;

(b) what is the status of such applications of captive iron ore and captive coal mines;

(c) what are the reasons for not allotting captive iron ore mines for VSP;

(d) what are the other steps required to fully use the plant machinery and huge land mass available with Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(e) its present production and total steel produced in 2015-16?

Target for production, consumption and export of steel

†2762. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target set and achieved with regard to production, domestic consumption and export of steel during the last three years and in the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the revised targets for the next three years in this regard have been set, if so, the details of the revised targets; and

(c) whether steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken by Government to

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increase the production and export of steel in the coming years, if so, the details thereof?

(f) if so, the steps taken to restrict steel imports and make domestic producers sustainable?

Disinvestment in loss-making units of SAIL

2763. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the overall performance of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and its various units, separately in the last three years;

(b) whether Government is considering disinvestment in loss making units of SAIL;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has appointed external consultant for review of SAIL structure and its various units to make a turnaround strategy among other things, if so, the details thereof?

Global steel producers pushing steel products in Indian market

2764. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of steel plants in the country both in the public sector and private sector;

(b) what has been their performance during last five years;

(c) whether these plants are not globally competitive;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether global steel producers are pushing steel products into the Indian market, leading to a surge in steel imports; and

Tourist places identified in Uttar Pradesh

2765. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the places of tourist interest identified in the State of Uttar Pradesh with Central assistance;

(b) the details of the Central assistance provided so far; and

(c) the amount of the financial assistance provided by Central Government to Uttar Pradesh Government for development of tourism infrastructure in the current financial year 2016-17?

Funds to Haryana for development of tourism

2766. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for development of tourism infrastructure in the country, keeping in view that tourism plays a role in showcasing rich culture and heritage and earns precious foreign exchange for the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the allocation and utilization of funds during the last two years;

(c) whether some State Governments have urged the Central Government to provide more funds for development of tourism particularly Haryana State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Funds to Gujarat for cleaning of pilgrimage places

2767. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank is providing technical and financial assistance to Government for cleaning up of 10 iconic places including Taj Mahal and Vaishno Devi at par with international standard;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with the names of iconic places to be cleaned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the important Hindu temples in Gujarat are not cleaned for want of funds; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is proposing to provide suitable funds for cleaning of these pilgrimage places in Gujarat?

Proposal from Haryana for tourism projects

2768. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from various State Governments including Haryana for tourism projects during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the project-wise and State/UT-wise details thereof and the action taken thereon including Haryana;

(c) whether the Detailed Project Reports have been prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated by Government in this regard, project-wise during the last three years?

India's ranking in tourism and travel competitiveness

†2769. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the ranking of India on tourism and travel competitiveness index in view of air transport infrastructure and surface transport infrastructure;

(b) if so, present status in this regard, steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve this situation;

(c) whether India ranks 135th in terms of airport density and 90th in terms of quality of roads among 139 countries, if so, reaction of Government thereto;

(d) steps taken by Government to improve quality of transport infrastructure; and

(e) details of integrated scheme approved and monitored by Ministry as part of Product Infrastructure Development at Destinations and Circuits/product (PIDDC) scheme?

Promotion of religious tourism

2770. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had planned a fund for promotion of religious tourism in regard to Ramayana circuit, Krishna circuit and Buddhist circuit, the details thereof;

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(b) whether the project of religious tourism worth ₹ 1500 crore has been sanctioned only for the States of UP and Bihar, whether, still there are many pilgrimage places in other States which have not been included in this project, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the religious places of Jainism, Sikhism and Islam have also been included in this scheme; and

(d) the details regarding the implementation of this project?

Status of cruise tourism

2771. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the status of cruise tourism in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that cruise tourism in the country is still at a nascent stage; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry is preparing a road map for the same?

Budgetary allocation for Incredible India

2772. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total budgetary allocation for the propaganda of Incredible India; and

(b) what is the spending in this regard for the last five years?

Special package to Punjab for promotion to tourism spots

2773. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provides special package to State Governments for promotion of tourism spots of historical importance;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated thereof and utilized by the State Governments for promotion of tourism during the last three years?

Schemes for development of tribals

2774. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific schemes aimed at development of tribal and backward areas of the country are being implemented by Government;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details about status of implementation of the schemes including those in Jharkhand and Gujarat States;

(c) whether Government has received proposals from various State Governments seeking higher allocations for development of tribal and backward areas in these States;

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

(e) the action taken thereon by Government?

Petitions for protection of forest rights

2775. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether it is also a fact that tribals get to enjoy Minor Forest Produce (MFP) in forest areas under this law;

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

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

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

Death of children in residential tribal schools

2776. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether information about the deaths of tribal children occurred in the State - run residential tribal schools during last three years are available;

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

(c) the reasons for such deaths thereof?

Claims received under CFR

2777. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Gram Sabhas have filed claims and received titles for Community Forest Resource (CFR) under Sec. 3 (1)(i) of the Forest Rights Act, State-wise;

(b) the extent of forest area claimed as CFR by Gram Sabhas, State-wise;

(c) the extent of forest area recognized so far as CFR under FRA, State-wise;

(d) in cases where rights under Sec. 3(1)(i) has been recognized, the information of cases where this has been recorded in the record of rights of both the Forest Department and the Revenue Department; and

(e) if it has not been recorded, the reasons therefor?

Proposal by Andhra Pradesh for inclusion in the list of STs

2778. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent two proposals for inclusion in the list of STs;

(b) if so, the details of when each of the above two proposals were received, date-wise;

(c) the status of each of the proposal, proposal-wise; and

(d) by when the Ministry is likely to take decision on the above proposals?

Promotion of talent of ST students

†2779. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been launched to promote talent of Scheduled Tribe students;

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

(c) the number of ST students benefited from this scheme in different States and particularly in Chhattisgarh?

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**Residential Vocational Schools for
tribal girls**

2780. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
is proposing to start Residential Vocational
Schools for the tribal girls under the 'Beti
Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme;

(b) if so, the detailed list of places where
such schools are to be opened; and

(c) the details of courses that
Government proposes to start in these
vocational schools?

Demand for inclusion in the list of STs

2781. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the
Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether there is a huge demand from
the States to include a few castes in the ST
list for the sake of benefits of being an ST,
including reservation and fee concession;

(b) whether this would undermine the
real intention of ST status as many
ineligible communities will find space in
the ST list; and

(c) if so, what precautions the Ministry
is taking while tweaking the structure of
the ST list?

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