

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; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 160

Trade with neighbouring countries

1921. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal on bilateral trade from neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to enhance cross border trade with a view to promote economic growth and employment by promoting bilateral trade with neighbouring countries?

Share of manufacturing sector in GDP

1922. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the year-wise share of manufacturing sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last three years;

(b) whether the 'Make-in-India' policy and other initiatives have increased the

share in the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are contemplated to increase the share of manufacturing sector in GDP to boost economy?

National Solar Mission

1923. SHRIMATI THOTA
SEETHARAMA
LAKSHMI:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that WTO has recently given a ruling against India's National Solar Mission which had a compulsory 'buy-local' component;

(b) whether this is a set back to India's National Solar Mission;

(c) if so, what is the reason for such a ruling and why Government did not protect its interest more effectively; and

(d) what is Government's strategy now on going ahead with the National Solar Mission?

**Adverse impact on industrial output
due to water shortage**

1924. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industries in the country have also been adversely affected by the shortage of water which has affected the industrial output;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

**Foreign investment in manufacturing
sector**

1925. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by Global Investors who have been invited to invest in the manufacturing sector in India;

(b) whether the manufacturing sector have been boosted during the last 22 months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Foreign exchange earnings from
exports of tea**

†1926. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH
MAHRA: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is earning foreign exchange from exports of tea;

(b) if so, the details of total production

and exports of tea made from financial year 2012-13 to 2015-16;

(c) whether Government would extend financial assistance to small tea plantation of States for enhancing quality and promotion of tea with a view to earn more foreign exchange; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fall in export of spices

1927. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is steep drop in country's export of spices, particularly chillies;

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

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take to increase the export of spices from the country?

e-chilli project in Guntur, AP

1928. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Guntur Regional Office of Spices Board has started e-chilli project on pilot basis in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the project;

(c) the status of implementation of the above project in Guntur, Prakasam, Warangal and Khammam districts of AP and Telangana;

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(d) whether there is any plan to introduce such e-projects in other spices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Ratification of WTO's TFA on goods

1929. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to ratify WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) on goods very soon;

(b) to what extent Government has to relax customs rules once TFA is accepted; and

(c) how Government is working with other countries for a TFA in services since 60 per cent of trade constitutes services?

Appeal for violating WTO treaties

1930. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to file 16 cases against the US for violating World Trade Organisation (WTO) treaties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of violations that the US is indulging and since when; and

(d) whether Government is going to appeal against the verdict at WTO which was in favour of the US?

Fall in bovine meat exports

1931. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been fall in the bovine meat exports;

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

(c) the quality and value of bovine exports in 2013, 2014 and 2015; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to increase the exports?

FTA with Philippines

1932. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Philippines;

(b) if so, how far it has succeeded;

(c) whether it is proposed to engage other countries in Asia for FTA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sector-wise progress of 'Make in India' campaign

1933. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sector-wise progress of 'Make in India' campaign launched in the country over the last year; and

(b) that total FDI received in the manufacturing sector since the inception of this scheme?

Delayed talks on India-EU FTA

1934. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has held European Union responsible for delaying talks of the proposed Indo-European Union Free Trade Agreement;

(b) if so, whether both India and the European Union are interested in an ambitious and comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with each other;

(c) whether the resumption of talks have been delayed due to the uncertainty over Brexit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Domestic drugs manufacturing

1935. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would confirm the recent reports circulating in the media that India has privately assured that it will not issue anymore compulsory licences allowing local firms to override patents and make cheaper copies of drugs developed by global drug majors;

(b) whether India can grant licences under certain conditions such as public health emergencies to ensure access to affordable medicines; and

(c) whether the US has placed India on its 'priority watch' list for two years in a row on charges of India's patent laws unfairly favouring local drug makers?

Mandatory domestic content requirement in solar power generation

1936. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WTO's recent ruling, over dispute raised by the US, on mandatory domestic content requirements

in India's solar power generation programmes is likely to be appealed against;

(b) whether India has stumbled upon the fact that there are at least nine US states which have similar programmes that give protection to domestic manufacturers; and

(c) whether India has so far given 400 MW of equipment to domestic manufacturers against an installed capacity of 6,000 MW causing the wrath of US to raise a dispute with WTO?

India's position on the H1B Visa fee hike by USA

1937. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the fees charged by the US on H1B and L1 visas for the past ten years;

(b) whether there was an arbitrary hike in the Visa fees charged by the US recently;

(c) if so, the details of the likely impact such a move will have on bilateral trade including the impact on Indian IT companies; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to raise this issue with the US Government and the result of such steps?

Challenges faced by exports sector

1938. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports will continue to face challenging times in 2016 and improvement is expected only from the last quarter of 2016;

(b) whether the trend of falling exports is in tandem with other major world economies;

(c) whether the rate of decline in exports in February, 2016 has also been low due to low base; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of Visa quotas by US as trade barrier

1939. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US often uses Visa quotas as some kind of a trade barrier;

(b) whether 'Movement of Natural Persons' is a legitimate avenue for services exports under the World Trade Organisation rules; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to protect India's right to get access for work done by its IT professionals?

'Start up India' programme to boost digital entrepreneurship

1940. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated the 'Start up India' programme to boost digital entrepreneurship at grassroot level, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that many youth are computer illiterate in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for providing affordable computer knowledge, particularly to the un-employed youth?

UK tightening norms for Indian workers

1941. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has told Britain that by tightening norms for skilled foreign workers (Indian workers) it was mixing up Intra Company Transfers (ICTs) with immigration which could affect bilateral ties, if so, the reaction of the UK Government;

(b) whether Indian tech firms which are worried that the tighter norms for foreign skilled workers would chip away at their bottom line; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to settle the issue amicably and expeditiously resolved?

Imports of oil seeds

1942. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to import oil seeds to meet country's demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely impact of such imports on domestic market in the country?

Targets of FDI

1943. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets of the Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) during the current plan;

(b) the sector-wise details of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(c) action taken by Government to clear the hurdles and attract more FDI in the country?

Non-utilization of domestic stock due to excess import of natural rubber

1944. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise quantum of natural rubber imported and produced in the last three years;

(b) whether there has been excess import of natural rubber leading to non-utilization of domestic stock;

(c) whether Government has studied the ramifications of the Indo-Asean agreement on the prices of plantation crops, especially rubber, on the rubber plantation farmers in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to address the falling prices of natural rubber, including compensating the rubber farmers of Kerala for the losses accrued due to drop in rubber prices?

Debottlenecking of existing infrastructure in Bengaluru under CBIC project

1945. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what actions have been taken for the debottlenecking of existing infrastructure in Bengaluru under the Chennai-Bengaluru

Industrial Corridor (CBIC), Project as identified by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the Preliminary Study of Prioritized Projects; and

(b) what is the current status of the Peripheral Ring Road Project, the Satellite Township Ring Road (STRR) and Individual Town Ring Road (ITRR) project identified as priority projects by JICA, with details thereof?

Cases before STC for recovery of rupees 10 crore

1946. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are cases before STC for recovery of more than ₹10 crore;

(b) the number and details of cases before STC, wherein ₹10 crore and above are recoverable;

(c) details of amount recovered and pending to be recovered in last three years;

(d) the details of action taken against the officers responsible for the aforesaid default;

(e) the details of amount of loss to public exchequer due to the aforesaid defaults; and

(f) whether any case has been referred to CBI or any other agency for investigation, if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to Bihar under MIUS

†1947. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of projects in Bihar which are receiving assistance from the Central Government under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the project-wise details of the last three years?

Decline in exports of merchandise goods

1948. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for decline in exports of merchandise goods from India;

(b) whether there is any plan of action to boost merchandise exports of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would exempt Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) on SEZs to make the Indian merchandise globally competitive?

Minimum import price on steel

1949. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imposed a Minimum Import Price (MIP) on steel and there is a proposal to impose an anti-dumping duty on steel imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on the steel industry as well as on the domestic capital goods and infrastructure companies?

'Start-up India' and 'Stand-up India' programmes

†1950. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Start-up India' and 'Stand-up India' programmes launched by Government for the youth;

(b) whether Government has formulated any concrete action plan after fixing a specific target for this, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to utilize the abilities and strength of such Indian youth in their own country who have attained proficiency in different fields and are reducing their services abroad; and

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

Framing of policy to implement 'Make in India', 'Digital India' and 'Stand-up India' schemes

1951. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any policy to develop the infrastructure and create a conducive environment to implement the schemes like 'Make in India', 'Digital India' and 'Stand-up India' on the ground; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Non-appointment of Directors in museums

1952. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are 800 museums in the country without Directors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what are the reasons for not appointing Directors to the above 800 museums?

Culture universities in the country

1953. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) how many culture universities are functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has given any additional scheme or funds for the improvement and enhancement of these universities;
- (c) whether all these universities are affiliated by Government and UGC; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Festivals on Indian folk and tribal performing art

†1954. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has organised any festivals on Indian folk and tribal performing art; and
- (b) if so, the details of festivals organised in the last five years and the current financial year along with funds allocated and amounts

spent for this, year-wise, State-wise and festival-wise?

List of protected monuments in the country

1955. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a list or a reliable database maintained by the Ministry or the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on the exact number of protected monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the list and where could this list be accessed from and the criteria through which a monument is listed as a protected monument; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and deadline by which the Ministry would complete the compilation of protected monuments in the country?

Dilapidated condition of forts in Maharashtra

†1956. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of historically significant forts, especially in Maharashtra, are in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of works undertaken by Government for the maintenance and preservation of the forts;
- (c) the persons/agencies appointed for this work;
- (d) whether these persons/agencies have knowledge/experience of maintenance/preservation of the forts; and
- (e) the year-wise details of total amount spent by Government for the maintenance of forts during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Deteriorating conditions of world heritage sites in the country

†1957. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Union for Conservation of Nature has expressed its concern over deteriorating conditions of world heritage sites in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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

(d) whether Government is aware of the fact that several monuments have been encroached and many of them have completely vanished from the map; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to improve the condition of world heritage sites of the country?

Restoring back of Indian antiquities from foreign countries

1958. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the complete list of Indian antiquities in museums/private possessions/auction dealers in various countries abroad and the list of foreign artefacts in Indian museums/institutes;

(b) whether Government is not interested and keen in restoring back the Kohinoor diamond from royal family of United Kingdom;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to bring back world famous Nataraja statues and ancient icons from India particularly

from Tamil Nadu found in museums and private auction dealers in various countries abroad?

Number of unemployed persons

†1959. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of unemployed persons during the last two years;

(b) the State-wise details of employment provided in the organised sector during the last two years;

(c) whether the policy measures under taken by Central Government during the last two years have helped in providing employment to a large number of unemployed persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pact with other countries regarding money laundering, terror funding, etc.

1960. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has entered into a pact with other countries to share the mutual flow of information pertaining to money laundering and terror funding, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan being taken by the concerned countries in this regard?

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Increase in cases of flow of FICN and smuggling of cattle along Indo-Bangladesh border

†1961. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of fake Indian currency notes (FICN) flow and smuggling of cattle are increasing on Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to seal Indo-Bangladesh border to curb the problem of fake currency flow and cattle smuggling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Trafficking cases reported from Punjab

1962. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many missing and human trafficking cases have been reported from Punjab in the last year;

(b) whether Government has details of those missing and trafficked from Punjab and the break up of these cases according to sex, age group, religion, caste, community, education and district;

(c) how Government plans to crack down on licensed agencies in Punjab that illegally traffic citizens by promising migration to countries across the world; and

(d) whether Government proposes a regulatory framework to monitor these agencies in Punjab so that they do not put lives of citizens at risk or hold them hostage for money?

Integrated Check Posts at Hili and Changrabandha in West Bengal

1963. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at Hili and Changrabandha on Indo-Bangladesh border in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which these ICPs are likely to be operational?

Complaints/representations received by NHRC on police firing in Manipur

1964. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has received any complaints/representations regarding the death of 9 persons by police firing in the protest against three anti-tribal bills passed by the Manipur Assembly on 31st August, 2015;

(b) what action has NHRC taken on the said complaints/representations and whether the matter was taken up with the State Government of Manipur; and

(c) what is the response of the State Government of Manipur and the action taken by them in the matter?

Incidents of acid attacks on women and girls

1965. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of acid attacks on women and girls are on the rise in the country;

(b) the total number of such cases reported along with number of women/girls died/injured, accused arrested and action

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taken against guilty separately, during each of last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken for rehabilitation of victims along with financial assistance provided for medical treatment during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the action taken to curb sale of acid in open market, ensure speedy trial and make amendment in relevant laws to give stringent punishment to the guilty persons?

Illegal migrants from Bangladesh

1966. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of illegal Bangladeshi migrants in the country and whether their numbers are swelling;

(b) whether Government has worked out an action plan to control this menace; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how far it has helped to control this influx?

Increase in separatist elements in J&K

†1967. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Pakistan supporting forces and separatist elements has increased in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the way Government views the incidents involving waving of Pakistan flags in Jammu and Kashmir and staging of protest by local people on the dead bodies of the terrorists killed?

Counter-terror meet for investment in security infrastructure

1968. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organised counter-terror meet for more investment in security infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far?

Measures taken for coastal security

1969. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for coastal security of the country with reference to the threats to our country received from various terrorist groups; and

(b) what are the new plans for making our coastal security more effective and aggressive keeping in view present security scenario in the country and all over world?

Atrocities and murders of women

1970. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the actual number of atrocities and murders of women throughout the country during 2011 to 2015 with special reference to West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, State-wise and year-wise?

Extension of e-visa facilities to more categories of tourists

1971. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to allow meetings, incentives, conferences and events through e-visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to extend the e-visa facilities to more categories of tourists after a total of 1.16 lakhs visitors arrived in March, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancy in IPS cadre

1972. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 900 posts are lying vacant in the IPS cadre, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when Government intends to fill these vacancies?

Dishonour shown to the dead body of constable of CRPF

1973. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to examine and report to it at the earliest on the alleged dishonour shown to the body of a constable of CRPF who died last month;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any report/reply from CRPF;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CRPF had not followed the laid down policy after the constable died after falling into a water tank at CRPF camp in Bilaspur district in Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Crack down on drug mafia in Punjab

1974. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scourge of drug trafficking in Punjab has been growing due to the easy availability of drug couriers, digging of tunnels, insertion of pipes through Indo-Pak border fencing, and well-knit syndicates including transnational criminals running the racket from jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to crack down on the drug mafia that continues to smuggle drugs from Pakistan?

Interlocutor for peace talks with armed groups of Manipur

1975. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is preventing the Centre from appointing interlocutor for the peace talks with the Zomi, Kuki and Hmar tribal armed groups of Manipur and Government of India even after seven years have elapsed since signing of Suspension of Operations (SoO) with United People Front (UPF) and Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and what is Government's position on the matter, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there are any plans to start real political tripartite talks with UPF and KNO involving the State Government of Manipur and Central Government, if so, the details of road map put in place in this regard?

States which have not joined CCTNS project

1976. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of police stations across the country brought under the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) project, State-wise;

(b) whether certain States have not joined the CCTNS so far and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for full implementation of the project across the country at the earliest?

Construction of new motor road from Tanakpur to Jauljibi

†*1977. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of a new motor road from Tanakpur to Jauljibi along Kali river flowing between Champavat and Pithoragarh districts in Uttarakhand and Nepal has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, length of the motor road and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and how much long motor road in kilometers has been constructed;

(c) whether construction work of the motor road has been postponed; and

(d) if so, the details of reasons for which construction work has been postponed?

Policy to motivate Naxals to surrender

1978. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running any policy to motivate the Naxals to surrender before Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Naxals surrendering before Government in the year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively, State-wise;

(d) the assistance provided to the surrendering Naxals for their rehabilitation and resettlement;

(e) the total number of Naxals killed in combat operations in the year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to bring the population from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) areas to mainstream society in last two years and the outcome thereof?

Non-payment of salaries to employees of corporations of Delhi

†1979. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of corporations of Delhi are not getting their salary for many months, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds granted to Delhi Government by Government of India during past one year and names of heads thereto; and

(c) the funds disbursed to all three corporations under salary head and details of grants forwarded by Government of India to Delhi Government?

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Prisoners having mobiles and other facilities in jails

†1980. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tihar Jail of Delhi as well as most of the jails of the country are having prisoners beyond their capacity;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the jails have become comfort homes for the prisoners and they are having the facility of mobiles and other facilities there;

(c) the number of prisoners who were reported to have been killed/committed suicide in Tihar jail in the last two years;

(d) whether Government has investigated all these cases, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to bring about reforms in the condition of Government jails?

Communication from NEERI regarding Daman Ganga river

1981. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 126 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 2014 and state:

(a) whether Daman & Diu Administration (UT Administration) has received any communication from National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur and State Government of Gujarat for Daman Ganga river under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for combined proposal in this regard during the last six months; and

(b) if so, the details of the updated further action taken in this regard?

Training to police personnel to tackle cases of cyber crimes

1982. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) as on date, what action has been taken by your Ministry in consultation with State Governments and Ministry of Communication and Information Technology to provide necessary modern training to police personnel to tackle cases of cyber crimes; and

(b) how many cases related to cyber crimes have been registered within last three years, State-wise details thereof?

Allegation against cops assaulting media persons

1983. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received allegations against the cops assaulting media personnel;

(b) if so, the details of report during the last two years thereof;

(c) the complaints registered from North-East States thereof; and

(d) the action proposed by Government towards the protection of media persons thereon?

One time settlement of displaced persons from PoK and West Pakistan

1984. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) under PMs package, whether any time-frame have been set up for distribution of one time settlement of displaced persons

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from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and West Pakistan refugees and guidelines issued to State Government in this regard; and

(b) whether funds have been released for disbursement of relief?

Provision for pregnant women in jails

1985. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for pregnant women and other prisoners in the Central Jail for accommodating special diet according to their special needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they are kept under the strict supervision of a medical officer; and

(d) the number of any pregnancy terminated due to miscarriage, death of pregnant women and other prisoners suffering from special medical condition in last three years, State-wise?

Pakistani fishing boats found ashore in Sir Creek area in Gujarat

1986. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several ageing Pakistani fishing boats have been washing ashore in the Sir Creek area in Gujarat in the last few months, leading to much speculation in the security establishment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at least eight rickety wooden boats have been recovered in the past four months;

(d) whether it is also a fact that until

November, 2015 no such boat was recovered by the Border Security Force which mans the swampy terrain; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment in FCRA to benefit political parties

1987. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a discreet move to amend the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 (FCRA) that has gone unnoticed appears to have a twin purpose to unlock an estimated ₹10,000 crore that corporates want to spend on corporate social responsibility activities in India and clear the legal path for political parties to receive donations from what were hitherto classified as foreign companies; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said amendment would benefit many national parties, if so, the details thereof?

Plan for revoking AFSPA from J&K and North-East States

1988. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to revoke Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA) from J&K and North-East States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any response about the conducive atmosphere for lifting AFSPA from J&K from its sources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Providing additional skills of self-defence to women

†1989. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide some additional skills of self-defence, besides Karate and Judo, to women in view of the fact that women today are neither safe on roads nor behind the four walls of their homes;

(b) if so, whether the cases of kidnapping and molestation have gone down following these steps taken by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Deploying Home Guards in government schools for security

1990. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the recent incidents of small school children getting killed due to negligence or sex crimes within the school premises, whether Government would consider making it mandatory for the schools or its management to deploy security guards from Government rehabilitation centres for ex-army or ex-paramilitary personnel only for quality and strict vigilance;

(b) if so, how would Government implement such measures and by when; and

(c) will the Minister consider deploying Home Guards in all the government schools

so that it provides enhanced job opportunity to the Home Guard personnel and at the same time can provide quality security services?

Connecting NCRB and NFSL with state police servers

1991. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and the National Forensic Science Laboratory (NFSL) are connected through internet with the State police servers of all the States for them to access information as and when required;

(b) if so, how will the confidentiality of the information available be maintained; and

(c) will such information, which is not of confidential in nature, be also available in the public domain on the net?

Norms for providing grants/ agriculture grants for damage to crops

†1992. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India proposes to revise the norms for providing grants/agriculture grants to the tenants in case of real damage to their crops, if so, by when; and

(b) whether Government proposes to incur the expenditure on waiver of electricity bills of the farmers through SDRF fund in case of more than 33 per cent damage to their crops due to natural calamity, if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Strengthening the security on borders
with Pakistan, China and
Bangladesh**

1993. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has strengthened the security on borders with Pakistan, China and Bangladesh, keeping in view the present security scenario of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps or talked to Governments of neighbouring countries about warning being received by terrorist groups to India, if so, whether any positive assurance have been received from them and if so, the details thereof?

**Steps taken by Delhi Traffic Police to
ensure following of signages by
residents**

1994. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether traffic police have installed barricades and sign boards in South Extension, Part-I South Delhi for smooth flow of traffic and to remove congestion in the colony;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that people are still using both exit and entry lanes/gates for exiting purpose; and

(d) if so, what steps Delhi Traffic Police is contemplating to ensure following of signages by residents?

**Implementation of promises made
under AP Reorganisation Act**

1995. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would give a categorical assurance that all promises made in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act will be implemented; and

(b) if so, whether a clear cut time-frame will be fixed for the purpose?

**Expenditure on advertising in Hindi
language**

†1996. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of expenditure earmarked for A, B and C regions out of the total expenditure on various modes of advertising in the official language Hindi; and

(b) the system of effective implementation of the provisions of the Official Languages Act and directions issued under it and inspection thereof?

**Implementation of 197th Report of
Law Commission**

1997. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the 197th Report of the Law Commission of India on the Appointment of Public Prosecutors, which was submitted to Government on 31 July, 2006;

(b) whether recommendations made therein have been accepted or approved in principal by Government; and

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(c) if so, the details of the recommendations which have been accepted, if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps taken to check accidental deaths in Delhi

1998. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi roads turn into lawless kill zones at night and pedestrians and two-wheeler riders are at greatest risk at night;

(b) whether most of the accidents are caused by drivers jumping red lights and shifting lanes without signaling;

(c) whether trucks and dumpers entering Delhi after 11pm often violate rules in regard to overloading and speeding and are involved in most of the accidents that occur at night;

(d) the number of persons died daily in Delhi in accidents at night during the last six months; and

(e) the steps taken to check accidental deaths in Delhi at night?

Steps taken to control vehicle thefts in the Capital

1999. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vehicle was stolen every 13 minutes in the capital in the first three months of the year, marking a sharp 44 per cent rise over the same period last year;

(b) whether lax policing situation in the capital is attracting car thieves from outside;

(c) whether car thief gangs have devised

a new way to crack open new electronic locks of high-end cars and neutralise engine control modules in fuel-injected vehicles in few minutes;

(d) the steps taken to control vehicle theft cases; and

(e) what is the percentage of recovery of stolen vehicles?

Steps taken to prevent widespread violence and destruction of life and property

2000. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to devise an action plan to prevent instances of widespread violence and destruction of life and property like the one which took place in Haryana recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Housing facilities for sugarcane workers

2001. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to provide housing and other welfare facilities to sugarcane workers in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the funds allocated, as on date, for the welfare and social security of sugarcane workers and the number of sugarcane workers likely to be benefited by the plan?

Slowdown in employment generation

2002. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported slowdown in employment growth;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the employment generated during May to December, 2014 and January to December, 2015; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to generate more employment in the country?

Labour laws for employees of export organisations

2003. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export organisations of the country have demanded to make the labour laws flexible and made a request to employ women in the works like packing, sampling and marketing, as the problems are being faced in respect of exports due to lack of labourers;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered the demands; and

(c) by when Government will take decision in this regard?

Payment of timely and due wages

2004. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted a study which shows that those who have to resort to litigation to get their rightful wages have to spend ₹ 8000 crores annually;

(b) whether Government will initiate reasonable intervention to ensure that due

wages are paid without resorting to litigation; and

(c) whether Government will also note that such deferred wages and litigation are affecting production and GDP growth and intervene accordingly?

Target of employment generation

2005. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set out targets of employment generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last and the current Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether the targets have been achieved;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government in identifying the potential employment generating sectors of the country?

Demand of minimum wages for contract workers

2006. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the central trade unions have criticized the draft Contract Labour Rules which propose a minimum wage of ₹10,000/- for contract workers among others;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have demanded a minimum wage of ₹18,000 for all;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the draft rules that seek to modify some provisions of Contract Labour Rules, 1971 were not

notified on March 30, 2016 by Government for seeking comments within a month to formalise it; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Release of arrested employees of Maruti Suzuki

2007. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Maruti Suzuki company were arrested in 2012;

(b) how many employees of the company were charge-sheeted;

(c) how many employees of the company were given bail upto 31st December 2015; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to settle the issues and release all arrested employees of Maruti Suzuki company?

Tax on employees' PF savings on retirement

2008. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was forced to make a complete and unconditional rollback of new norms that barred employees from withdrawing their provident fund corpus before retirement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government was also forced to scrap its proposal to tax employees' provident fund savings at retirement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country witnessed widespread protests

against both the said proposals of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment of the Factories Act, 1948

2009. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed amendments to the Factories Act, 1948 keep factories with less than 40 workers out of its preview;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this will encourage factories to divide their departments into separate factories to escape from the said Act;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposed amendments include a provision that only the Inspectors with B. Tech. degree can visit factories for inspection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Credit of interest in closed PF accounts

†2010. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees would be benefited with credit of interest in the accounts lying closed;

(b) the sectors in which the maximum number of such accounts of the employees have been lying closed;

(c) the action taken by Government in the last two years against the companies who are not providing Provident Fund (PF) to the employees; and

(d) the amount desposited in different

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schemes in the country for which there is no claimant?

Decreasing employment opportunities

†2011. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which the employment opportunities have decreased despite the economic growth rate being higher than that in the last few years;

(b) whether the employment opportunities are not increasing on account of the policies of Government; and

(c) whether simplifying the labour laws may lead to growth in employment opportunities?

Social security for landless agricultural labourers in Jharkhand and Gujarat

2012. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative increase in the number of landless agricultural labourers/workers in the country including Jharkhand and Gujarat during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes run by Government to provide social security to the landless agricultural labourers and unorganised workers in the country including the funds allotted for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the other schemes being implemented for the welfare and upliftment of such workers along with the details of workers/labourers benefited during the said period, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat?

Working conditions in public and private factories

†2013. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any strategy to mobilise support in favour of labour reforms;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to conduct social audit of public and private factories so that it could be ascertained that working conditions are favourable there or not;

(c) whether workers are deprived of protection measures in factories and as a result they always remain prone to diseases; and

(d) whether social audit may abolish this problem of workers and if so, the details of steps being taken by Government?

Collection of cess from Andhra Pradesh

2014. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has collected ₹1117 crores from the State of Andhra Pradesh under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 since implementation of the Act;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that only ₹177 crores has been spent on the welfare of the workers as on December, 2015;

(c) if so, the reasons for spending just 10 per cent of what was collected; and

(d) what Government is doing to impress upon the States to spend the entire

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amount of cess so collected on the workers?

Revising the Factories Act, 1948

2015. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to revisit the Factories Act, 1948 to make it in sync with Government's plan to boost manufacturing and job creation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with industry and employees' representatives in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the same?

Relaxing labour laws for young entrepreneurs to set up Start-ups

2016. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has relaxed/ proposes to relax labour laws' compliance for young entrepreneurs to encourage them to set up Start-ups;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has consulted/ proposes to consult all stakeholders including labour unions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of views expressed by them; and

(e) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that while doing so, the interests of workers are adequately safeguarded?

U-WIN cards for unorganised sector workers

2017. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had initiated work in 2014 for issuing within three years U-WIN cards to unorganized sector workers to enable them to avail benefits of schemes under the Unorganised Workers' Social Securities Act, 2008;

(b) if so, what is the progress on this;

(c) the schemes which workers can avail through the card;

(d) whether Government has abandoned this project in light of Aadhar card being used for other schemes; and

(e) if so, in the absence of such a card, how Government would maintain a database of unorganized workers in the country?

Minimum wages for contract workers

2018. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to fix minimum wages for contract workers at ₹10,000/-per month;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that major sections of workers have opposed this proposal as the contract workers need to be paid at par with regular workers with all other statutory benefits; and

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

**Increasing pendency of cases before
EPF Appellate Tribunal**

2019. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increasing the pendency of cases before the EPF Appellate Tribunal from 1904 in 2011-12 to nearly 3500 in 2014-15;

(b) the reasons for increase in the cases in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from 74 to more than 150 during the above period; and

(c) what efforts Government is making to reduce the pendency and clear the cases as Provident Fund is the crucial money for employees?

(a) whether Government has started getting revenue towards the National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund (NMETF) based on the new Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation (MMDR) Act, 1957;

(b) how much revenue has been generated till date and *w.e.f.* which date;

(c) who are the trustees of NMET (Fund);

(d) how is this fund proposed to be used and who shall be the beneficiaries; and

(e) whether the corpus is auditable by the CAG, if not, who will have the privilege to audit the generated revenue and the expenditure?

Investment in exploration

2020. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's mining sector is plagued by many issues including dismal investments in exploration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that exploration work has been done so far in just 10 per cent of the 8 lakh sq. kms. of potentially resource bearing area;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has finalized the draft of National Mineral Exploration Policy to address all these issues; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Losses to ONGC in hiring and use of
drilling rigs**

2022. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether huge losses occurred due to poor planning in hiring and use of drilling rigs by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether safety procedures are adhered to in the operation of drilling and testing and whether any lapses were found causing losses to ONGC;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) action taken/proposed to be taken to address the shortcomings and to make the operations more efficient and effective?

**Revenue generated towards NMET
Fund**

2021. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

Investment by HPCL to increase existing refining capacity

2023. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI ABMIKA SONI:

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

(a) the detailed plans of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) to invest to increase its existing refinings capacity in the next five years;

(b) the total investment amount each, Mumbai and Vizag refineries will get to increase its capacity and to what extent, and by what time; and

(c) the details of source of funding of the investment projects?

Appointment of 10,000 new LPG distributors

2024. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to appoint 10,000 new LPG distributors during current fiscal year;

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

(c) whether no LPG dealer could be appointed against advertisement dated 16th April, 2012 for Narahi, Majharia and Daulatpur in Ballia district, U.P. under physically handicapped/sportsperson quota;

(d) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would re-advertise the same under general quota for Narahi, Majharia and Daulatpur in view of hardships of residents of the area due to black marking of LPG cylinders; and

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

Reduction in prices of domestic LPG cylinders

2025. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise details of reduction in price of non-subsidized LPG cylinders since July, 2014 till date, along with the reduction in price of natural gas in international market;

(b) the date-wise details of reduction in price of subsidized LPG cylinders since July, 2014 till date;

(c) the reasons Government is not extending the benefit of reduction of price of petroleum products and natural gas in international market to consumers;

(d) whether Government has ended the decontrol of petroleum products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

RIL petrol pumps

2026. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of petrol pumps established and run by Reliance Industries Ltd. till date;

(b) whether these petrol pumps have been established by RIL on its own or the quantum of loan procured from different financial institutions the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any defaults in the repayment of those loans, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to recover these loans?

**Complaints against gas agencies/
distributors in Bihar**

2027. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of gas agencies/distributors in Bihar against whom complaints of various nature were received during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the action taken in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Field Officers of various oil companies tend to let off the erring agencies/distributors; and

(d) the fool-proof method being contemplated to solve this problem?

Theft/pilferage of LPG

2028. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG theft/pilferages is rampant in the country;

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

(c) whether there is no fool-proof method to provide full quantity of LPG to the consumers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) further action being taken in the matter to prevent theft and pilferages of the LPG by the Agents, Distributors and their workers?

Opening of 10,000 new gas agencies

†2029. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to open 10,000 new gas agencies during current financial year;

(b) whether these agencies will be opened under any special scheme and if so, the details of above said scheme;

(c) whether places have been earmarked to open these agencies and if so, the State/UT-wise details of earmarked places; and

(d) the area-wise target fixed to allocate connections by these agencies in rural and urban areas?

Setting of CUF by BPCL in Odisha

2030. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. has proposed to set up a Common User Facility (CUF) for storage of petroleum products in Dhenkanal District of Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of setting up of the said facility; and

(c) the time by when it will start functioning?

Savings on LPG subsidy

2031. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much has the Ministry saved on LPG subsidy in years 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) what methodology the Ministry used to arrive at this conclusion;

(c) how much of this saving is because of drop in global oil prices and how much

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is because of switch to direct benefit transfer;

(d) how many LPG consumers receive subsidy across India and out of these how many avail of DBT, and how many have submitted their Aadhaar details; and

(e) what is the methodology to identify ghost beneficiaries and how many such accounts have been eliminated by the Ministry so far?

Dividends paid by oil companies

2032. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and PSU-wise revenue and dividends generated and paid by IOC, BPCL, HPCL etc. through the sale of petrol, diesel and LPG in India and abroad in last three years; and

(b) the barrel-wise price of various petroleum products in international market and respective selling price barrel-wise in Indian market in the last three years?

Higher price of petrol and diesel

2033. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumers are paying higher rates for petrol and diesel when oil prices have fallen globally;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether between 2002 to 2011 the retail petrol price as compared to International price was better than that of present day; and

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

Shortfall in budgetary allocation for ISPRL

2034. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry is planning to continue financing ongoing projects of Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL) when revised figures for 2015-16 are ₹1200 crores, and this year's allocation is just ₹3 crores;

(b) whether he was hopeful of receiving ₹15,000 crores allocation from the Finance Ministry in this year's Union Budget to build the second phase of the strategic petroleum reserves; and

(c) if so, what reasons does the Minister believe are responsible for the drastic shortfall in what was expected (₹15000 crores) and what was allocated to it in 2016-17 (₹ 3 crores)?

Grant of extension of 5 years in service as CMD, GAIL

2035. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has granted extension of 5 years in service as CMD, GAIL on the basis of Special Performance Report (SPR) instead of processing the case by Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB);

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

(c) what are the guidelines of PESB for granting extension of 5 years and whether these guidelines have been followed and if not, reasons therefor?

Supply of gas to Rajasthan

†2036. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme to supply LPG gas in the urban areas of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Ministry has formulated any pilot scheme to supply LPG gas to the urban areas of Rajasthan through pipelines; and

(c) if so, the names of such cities and by when the scheme would be implemented in the above cities?

Gas connections in villages

†2037. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any concrete plan through which gas connection can be provided to households in all the villages of the country in view of Gramodaya, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision to allot gas agency at Panchayat Samiti headquarters, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the policy and procedure to be followed to allot gas agency at present and whether Government proposes to make it more transparent, if so, the details thereof?

Iran ends free shipping of oil to India

2038. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iran has

ended free shipping of oil to India and has also asked for payment for its crude oil in Euro instead of Indian rupee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has assessed the effects of Iran's decision on the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action Government proposes to take thereon?

Increasing global acquisition and assets by oil companies

2039. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil companies are increasing their global acquisition and assets to secure energy supply and meet the increased domestic demand;

(b) if so, what is the total acquisition by each refining and exploration company, public sector undertaking-wise;

(c) what is the cost of each acquisition and what is the funding pattern of each acquisition, public sector undertaking-wise; and

(d) to what extent the global acquisition is going to secure our energy supply?

Investments in oil and natural gas sector

2040. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the investment in the oil and natural gas sector during the next

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five years by the public sector oil companies, undertaking-wise;

(b) how much funds will be generated by these oil companies individually and how much will be taken as loan, public sector company/undertaking-wise;

(c) how the investment in these five years will boost the 'Make-in India' programme of Government in upstream, midstream and downstream sectors; and

(d) what are the details thereof public sector undertaking-wise?

Reduction in production of crude oil by oil PSUs

2041. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a gradual reduction in the production of crude oil by oil PSUs like ONGC, OIL etc., between 2012-13 and 2014-15;

(b) if so, the reasons for such reduced performance;

(c) whether there is anything to do with the reduced international oil prices with the domestic production of crude oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Consumption and import of finished steel

2042. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption and import of finished steel increased in the last year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of the dumping of cheap steel products into the country, if so, the details

thereof and action taken and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether safeguards have been introduced to protect domestic industries against cheap foreign steel, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has taken measures to push the growth of the steel industry if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for increasing employment opportunities in steel sector

2043. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented any scheme for increasing employment opportunities in steel sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the employment opportunities generated in the sector during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the policy framed by Government for generating more employment opportunities in the sector in future?

Proposal to set up steel plant in Jammu region

2044. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has any proposal to set up steel plant in Jammu region to generate employment among youth, if so, the details of such project;

(b) whether the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has sent any proposal to Government of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign tourist arrivals

2045. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many tourists came into India in 2015;

(b) the details over the last three years;

(c) what has been the total revenue generated from tourism over the last three years; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase tourism in India?

Creation of Tourism Circuits

2046. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create 50 showpiece Tourism Circuits to attract tourists across the country;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise and category-wise details of proposed/pending/finalized Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks, Special Themes and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by Government in the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) the year-wise funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years;

(d) whether Government has received requests from various States for inclusion of more such Tourism Circuits/Parks and Clusters; and

(e) if so, the State-wise details thereof, along with the status of the proposals?

Promotion of tourism in Odisha

2047. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government has taken to promote tourism in the Eastern and North East India and particularly in Odisha;

(b) whether Government would consider to take up projects in the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Odisha; and

(c) how many proposals have been received by Government from the State Government for KBK region of Odisha along with the details thereof?

Tourism projects in Tamil Nadu

2048. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the tourism projects undertaken by the State of Tamil Nadu over the past five years with the help of Central funding;

(b) the details regarding the funds assigned and released to the State of Tamil Nadu over the past five years for various projects under the tourism sector; and

(c) the details regarding the funds utilised by the State of Tamil Nadu over the past five years for various projects under the tourism sector?

Shortage of hotel rooms

2049. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of appropriate number of hotel rooms at tourist spots is hampering the growth of tourism industry in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider building sufficient number of hotels at tourist places in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode?

Making India a hub of medical tourism

2050. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan to increase India's share in world tourism market;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of country's present share; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make India a hub of medical tourism and also to showcase the important tourist spots of the country to the outside world?

Setting up of Task Force for promoting cruise tourism

2051. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plans for setting up of a Task Force for promoting cruise tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the probable composition of the Task Force to be constituted;

(c) the outcome expected out from the recently held discussions during Indian Maritime Summit at Mumbai; and

(d) the modalities to be adopted by Government to regulate and permit various tourist cruises while landing at various ports in the country?

Tourist advisories against visiting Kashmir

2052. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the countries in Europe and America have tourist advisories against visiting Kashmir; and

(b) whether Government has discussed about removing the advisories in view of improved security situation in the State?

Eco-tourism around freshwater lakes

2053. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to build eco-tourism around the freshwater lakes in the country;

(b) if so, the proposal of Government to develop such eco-friendly spots in hill slopes surrounding the lakes thereof;

(c) whether Government has received consultation projects from the North-East States thereon; and

(d) if so, the plan details thereof?

Revenue generated from foreign tourists

†2054. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited tourist spots in the country in each of the last three years and the total revenue generated from them every year;

(b) whether the number of foreign tourists has come down due to insecure and intolerant environment in the country; and

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(c) the policy/action plan of Government to attract foreign tourists?

Accommodation for Simhastha Kumbha

†2055. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the special measures undertaken and the accommodation and other facilities provided from the point of view of tourism for the 'Simhastha Mahakumbh Parva' being organised at Ujjain during the year 2016?

Village Forest Rules, 2014 of Maharashtra

2056. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the controversial Village Forest Rules, 2014 of Maharashtra which takes away tribal and forest dwellers' rights over forests and forest products;

(b) if so, why has Government approved rules which are in direct violation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006; and

(c) whether Government has consulted tribal and forest dwellers before approving the Village Forest Rules, 2014 of Maharashtra Government along with details thereof?

High incidence of sickle cell anaemia

2057. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that incidence of disease of sickle cell anaemia is very high among tribal communities in Scheduled Areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redesign primary and health services in Scheduled Areas in order to meet the challenge?

Scheduled Blocks in the country

2058. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of total number of Scheduled Blocks in the country; and

(b) the State-wise details of funds allotted for the Scheduled Blocks during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 under different schemes?

Employment-cum-income generation activities under TSP

2059. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts Government is making to provide help to tribals for employment-cum-income generation activities under Tribal Sub Plan in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the year-wise and State/Union Territory-wise details of physical targets set and achieved in the last three years?

Schedule-V Areas allocated to industrial projects

2060. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hectares in Schedule-V Areas that have been allocated to

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industrial projects between 2014 till present;

(b) the number of tribal persons displaced/that shall be displaced as a result thereof;

(c) the number of affected persons that are yet to receive compensation, project-wise;

(d) the time-frame by which all those who qualify for compensation shall receive it, project-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to secure compensation at the earliest?

Complaints/representations received by NCST on police firing in Manipur

2061. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has received any complaints/representations regarding the death of 9 persons by police firing in the protest against three anti-tribal bills passed by the Manipur Assembly on 31st August, 2015;

(b) what action has NCST taken on the said complaints/representations and whether the matter was taken up with the State Government of Manipur; and

(c) what is the response of the State Government of Manipur and the action taken by them in the matter?

Criteria for inclusion in the list of STs

2062. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing criteria and procedure for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes by the Ministry;

(b) whether there is an attempt by Government to dilute, by amending, the existing criteria, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move of Government will defeat the very purpose of the reservation for the STs as many advanced communities will be included as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, how Government will make sure that the really deserving communities are not put in disadvantageous position as a result thereof?

Internet facility for tribal residential schools

2063. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to provide internet facility to all tribal residential schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of tribal schools which have been provided computer labs with internet facility during the year 2015-16?

Denial of forest rights of tribals in Surguja district, Chhattisgarh

2064. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest rights of tribals over their traditional land in Ghatbarra village of Surguja district have been taken away by the Chhattisgarh Government;

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

(c) whether the steps taken by the State Government of cancelling the community land rights of the tribals is in violation of the rules laid under the Forest Rights Act;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation and guarantee the rights provided under Forest Rights Act to the tribals in Chhattisgarh?

Grants received by the Ministry

2065. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details as required by the Planning Commission, the grants received by the Ministry for financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) whether the above amount was as per the requirement of Planning Commission; and

(c) if not, what actions are taken by the Central Government to improve the situation?

Revamping of quarterly job survey

2066. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to revamp its quarterly job survey to reflect the latest employment data from both manufacturing and service sectors in a bid to make it in Sync with policy making, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the aim is to have a regular up-to-date jobs data for both policy making and public consumption, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is set to add more job-creating sectors, including banking insurance, e-commerce and small & medium enterprises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects allotted to NGOs

2067. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the projects allotted to NGOs for welfare of tribal people during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the work done by NGOs for welfare and well being of tribal people in the country, State-wise, project-wise and funds allotted for the purpose utilised by these NGOs?

Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts Scheme

2068. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts and girls covered under the 'Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts' Scheme with special reference to Odisha;

(b) whether there has been an increase in literacy among girls covered under the scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether cognizance has been taken of financial burden and difficulties being faced by the Odisha Government due to non-release of funds in 2014-15 and 2015-16, if so, the details thereof and corrective action taken, if not, the reasons therefor?

Bringing new Sports Policy

2069. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring a new Sports Policy/revise existing National Sports Policy to improve the performance of the country in international sporting events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to construct sports stadiums/sports complexes of international standard in rural areas of various parts of the country including Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of proposals received from the States in this regard along with the action taken, State/Union Territory-wise?

SAI centres in Maharashtra

2070. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres are functioning in the State of Maharashtra and how much money has been sanctioned to these SAI centres by the Central Government;

(b) whether there is any dispute between the State Government of Maharashtra and SAI about the development of facilities in Borivali;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how much land has been given to Borivali centre by the State and how much land has been encroached upon and action taken to vacate the land?

Funds provided to Tamil Nadu under PYKKA, RGKA and USIS

2071. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided by the Central Government to the State of

Tamil Nadu under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) over the past three years;

(b) the list of competitions organised exclusively for girls under the RGKA scheme in the State; and

(c) the details regarding the funds released to the State under the Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) over the past three years?

Submission of report by Justice Lodha Committee

2072. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Lodha Committee appointed by the Supreme Court to examine the functioning of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations;

(c) whether keeping politicians, officials out of BCCI and legalising betting are some of the major recommendations amongst others submitted by the panel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Preparedness of sportspersons qualified for Rio Olympics, 2016

2073. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in receipt of any latest information about the preparedness of those who have qualified for participation in the Rio Olympics; and

(b) if so, the details about their latest performance and the qualifying marks they crossed?

Guidelines on officials accompanying Indian team to Rio Olympics

2074. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring about guidelines to restrict the number of officials who will be accompanying the Indian team to the Rio Olympics; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to promote sports in Kerala

2075. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance provided to Kerala during each of the last three years to promote sports activities;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up a sports academy in the State in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of sportspersons in national and international games

2076. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sportspersons (men and women) who have participated in the national and international games during the financial year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) what assistance *i.e.* monetary etc. were provided to the above sportspersons by the Central Government during the last two financial years?

Steps for encouraging sports skills among youth of J&K

2077. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for encouraging sports skills among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) whether Government has any plans to launch an exclusive youth policy for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir?

Assistance to States for development of sports

†2078. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several schemes for development of sports under which the Central Government provides assistance to States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise amount released to the States under these schemes in the last three years; and

(d) whether Government has launched any special scheme to promote ancient games like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, football, etc., if so, the budgetary allocation to promote these games, if not, the reasons therefor?

Grants to NSFs

2079. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the financial grants provided by the Central Government to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) in India;

(b) whether Government will bring the Sports Development Bill, 2011 for consideration of the House; and

(c) if so, by when it is anticipated and the details thereof?

Prize money offered to sportspersons

2080. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of YOUTH

AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the prize money offered to men and women for national championships for all sports, category-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has acknowledged reasons for Dipika Pallikal, India's highest ranked squash player, boycotting the National Squash Championships;

(c) whether the Ministry plans to eliminate this discriminatory wage gap; and

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

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