

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

Promotion of industries in rural and backward regions

4477. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to promote industries especially in rural and backward regions of the country in public sector;

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

(c) the State-wise details of the proposals received by the Central Government from State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Growth in exports/imports

4478. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export

and import trade recorded growth during the last quarter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the trade deficit continues to remain at a higher level; and

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

Steps for promotion of exports

†4479. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of India's exports and imports in context of rupees and dollars respectively in last three financial years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the current financial year, till date;

(b) the details of the goods showing declining trends in both export and import sectors and the reasons for such slowdown;

(c) whether any special steps have been taken for promotion of exports by Government; and

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(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken?

Slaughter houses licensed by APEDA

4480. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of slaughter houses licensed by APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of licenses issued by APEDA so far, for new slaughter houses during 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, State-wise and year-wise along with district-wise details in case of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the various meat exports during 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 along with the revenue generated, meat-wise and year-wise?

EY's Global Capital Confidence Barometer

4481. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per EY's 14th biannual Global Capital Confidence Barometer of most attractive investment destinations, India stands at third position for technology transactions; and

(b) how the Ministry look at this positive aspect and how it is planning its policies and programmes so as to attract more and more FDI into various sectors?

Progress made under 'Startup India'

4482. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made under 'Startup India' programme since its inception;

(b) whether the existing eco-system of financing for Startups is sufficient or Government proposes further improvement; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to bring about the State Governments on same page for giving desired thrust to the Startups in the country?

Setting up of private industrial parks

4483. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give priority for setting up of private industrial parks to pursue industrial infrastructural development as well as to mitigate the problem of unemployment in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Discussions with industry on H-1B Visa

4484. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government held discussions with industry on the US H-1B Visa issue;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the change in H-1B Visa will have an impact on Indian companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-operational SEZs

4485. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of approved Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in various States are either not having any operations or have been cancelled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for their cancellations or non-operation?

Production share of small tea growers

4486. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production from the small tea growers' segment is estimated at 422.5 million kg., out of a total tea crop of 1239.2 million kg. in 2017;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the share is rising as the 2016 production stood at 409.2 million kg against a total output of 1,208.6 million kg.; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

MoUs on new investment in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

4487. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data on the MoUs signed on new investments in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) what is the total value of these MoUs and the sectors covered, in terms of capital; and

(c) how many of the MoUs signed during the past three years have resulted in actual investment in both the States?

Promotion of agricultural and processed food products

4488. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme for promotion of agricultural and processed food products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether the small and marginal farmers have benefited from such export promotion initiatives of Government, if so, the details thereof in respect of the last three years; and
- (d) whether any steps have been taken/contemplated to promote export of agricultural and processed food products from Rajasthan and whether the farmers of Rajasthan benefited from such steps, the details thereof?

Industrial incentives to Telangana

4489. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has announced industrial incentives to North

of Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema District of Andhra Pradesh as part of Special Package, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any such incentives are being given to the newly formed backward State of Telangana for its overall development;

(c) whether the Central Government has received any request from the State Government in this regard, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the Central Government in this regard?

Import restrictions by EU and the US

4490. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the last three years' details of the import restrictions imposed by the EU countries and the US on Indian products, on the basis of phytosanitary regulations and other non-tariff barriers;

(b) the total volume of export opportunity lost by India due to such imposition of non-tariff barriers;

(c) whether India is also using phytosanitary regulations and other non-tariff barriers to protect the interest of consumers and Indian economy; and

(d) if so, the last three years' details of imports to India, blocked on the basis of phytosanitary regulations and other non-tariff barriers?

Financial grants to tea gardens

4491. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released as financial

grants towards major tea companies (tea gardens) since last three years in the organised sector;

(b) the amount released as financial grants towards small tea growers; and

(c) the tea production out of total tea production in the country in 2016, by the small tea growers?

Encouraging employment of SCs/STs in corporate sector

4492. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to encourage employment of SCs/STs in the corporate sector predominantly managed by the industrial houses;

(b) what measures have been taken in the last three years in this direction;

(c) when are the results likely to be achieved significantly;

(d) how does Government propose to encourage participation of SCs/STs in 'Make in India', 'Digital India' and other such campaigns; and

(e) whether any special incentives have been envisaged for these categories of entrepreneurs?

Amendments in FDI norms

4493. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed to amend the FDI norms in various sectors in the recent past;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the framework and key features of aforesaid amendments?

Tax exemption to Startups

4494. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Board of Direct Taxes has notified any tax exemption to Startups in recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) how these exemptions would help in the development of Startups in the country?

Expansion of Preferential Trade Agreements

4495. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has expanded Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with many countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to offer incentives to companies for boosting exports to these countries with which Government expanded Preferential Trade Agreement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment from Apple for manufacturing iPhones

4496. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Apple has decided to start manufacturing iPhones from Bengaluru this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what concessions Apple has sought and what concessions the Central Government has agreed to provide;
- (d) what would be the estimated creation of direct and indirect employment opportunities in Karnataka; and
- (e) how much investment is expected from Apple in the coming three years?

Flooding of Chinese goods

†4497. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian markets are flooded with goods made in China;
- (b) if so, the list of items for which import from China has been allowed;
- (c) the steps taken to prevent the import of those Chinese items for which permission has not been granted by Government, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Government against those traders indulging in trade of the banned Chinese items along with their number, if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Misuse of SEZ lands

4498. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that misuse of SEZ lands is rampant in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any estimation has been been made up to what extent the SEZs are being misused, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to recover the lands allocated for SEZs and not being used for the purpose, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard to curtail the misuse of SEZ lands?

Procurement of goods through Government-e-Market (GEM)

4499. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for the Ministries and Departments to make procurement of goods only through Government-e-Market (GEM);

(b) if so, the details of the platform and how it is a transparent mechanism;

(c) whether GEM is mandatory for State Governments also; and

(d) whether the decision of procurement through GEM would be advantageous to the manufacturing units of the country?

Decline in cement production

4500. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cement production in the country has declined during 2016-17 because of weak demand as per data available till January, 2017 against the trend for the last 15 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and likely reasons for this phenomenon; and

(c) whether the demand for cement is likely to increase resulting in higher production in the next financial year?

Review of policy for setting up new industries

4501. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to review the policy regarding setting up new industries in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the responsibility of developing industries rests with the State Governments;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has made any study on the industrially developed/developing/under-developed States in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps/measures taken/being taken by the Union Government to encourage the industrially under-developed States into developed States?

Import of Chinese eggs and cabbages

‡4502. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Chinese eggs and cabbages are being imported in the country which are made out of chemicals;

(b) whether some institutions have demanded to put restriction on these items as they are harmful for human health;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) by when restriction will be put on import of Chinese eggs and cabbages?

Contribution of gems and jewellery industry

‡4503. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether gems and jewellery industry contributes significantly to the economy of the country and is a major employment generating sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether gems and jewellery industry was beset with several challenges in the last five few years but some incentivising steps taken by the Central Government in the last two years have improved the situation of this industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of International Exhibition Centres

‡4504. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to set up International

Exhibition Centres in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to set up International Exhibition Centres in Gujarat State also; and

(c) if so, the places thereof and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Privatisation of profit making public sector industries

4505. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for profit making public sector industries being privatised;

(b) whether it is the policy of Government to do away with profits these industries contribute annually to Government, reduce security of workers and pass on the benefits to private sector, what is the justification for it;

(c) whether profit making public sector industries would become loss making due to Government's policy of increasing import duties of raw materials and decreasing those of finished products and then privatise them; and

(d) whether the motto of 'Make in India' really means to promote privatisation in the country?

MFN st'atus

4506. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country had given Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to any country in the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Status of industrial development

4507. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of industrial
development in the country;

(b) whether there has been decrease in
the rate of industrial development during
the current year in comparison with the last
year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, region-wise/
month-wise along with the reasons
therefor;

(d) the number of industries closed
during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

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

Protection of ceramic industries

4508. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:
MAHANT
SHAMBHUPRASADJI
TUNDIYA:

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

(a) whether the local soda ash
manufacturers are suffering from import of
ceramic products; and

(b) what are the measures taken by
Government to protect local ceramic
industries?

**Development of Arikamedu as a
tourist place**

4509. SHRI N.
GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister
of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
Arikamedu is a historically famous/

important place in Puducherry, if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the
excavations taken up there are only partial
in nature and not completed and need to
be completed; and

(c) whether Government would
consider a new proposal to further the
explorations and develop Arikamedu into
a tourist spot of historical importance?

**Conservation and maintenance norms
for world Heritage Sites**

4510. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
the lack of a comprehensive conservation
and maintenance policy for World Heritage
Sites has led to incidents of unauthorized
encroachment and construction in these
sites in the country;

(b) whether Government would
consider establishing conservation and
maintenance norms to maintain World
Heritage Sites and prevent unauthorized
encroachment; and

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

Financial assistance given by Ministry

4511. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will
the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to
state:

(a) the financial assistance provided by
the Ministry during the last three years, the
details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;
and

(b) the details of steps taken by
Government to reach the unreached parts
of the country with its activities?

Promoting Kuchipudi Natyaramam under Scheme for Tagore Cultural Complex

4512. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) details of letter written by Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for construction of Kuchipudi Natyaramam under Tagore Cultural Complex Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Project is going to be taken up on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode and Government of Andhra Pradesh has also given its willingness to share 75 crore rupees of State's share for this project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Detailed Project Report (DPR) was also submitted to the Ministry; and

(d) if so, reasons for delay in executing the project and by when it is likely to come up?

Measures to protect the old and precious documents

4513. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Kolkata's National Library old and precious documents are getting dilapidated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to conserve the precious documents?

Amendment of the AMASR Act

4514. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendments and Validation) Act, 2010

allowing construction near historical monuments and heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any impact analysis study of such proposal and if so, what are the findings thereon; and

(d) whether expert opinion has been taken on this matter and if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement to cultural traditions arts, etc.

†4515. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to encourage cultural traditions arts, literature, folk arts and songs of rural and tribal areas which are on the verge of extinction, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any studies in this regard, if so, the details and the results thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of allocated/spent amounts in this regard, including Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government proposes to establish zonal offices, cultural centres/art galleries/museums to encourage and preserve various cultural folk arts, literature and traditions?

Funds allocated for cultural assistance projects in Karnataka

4516. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised by Government for various cultural

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assistance and cultural projects in Karnataka during the last three years; and

(b) the specific achievements made through these cultural projects thereon?

**Role of National Monuments
Authority**

†4517. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the effective role of National Monuments Authority in conservation, preservation and maintenance of ancient, historical and protected monuments in the country and the State-wise details of such monuments; and

(b) the measures taken to protect and maintain each monument of Madhya Pradesh with reference to part (a) above?

**Protection of endangered cultural
groups in the country**

4518. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to identify endangered cultural groups in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to protect these groups;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for the promotion and conservation of ancient folk traditions and cultures including tribal culture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of new CPSEs

4519. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has established any new heavy industry in the country in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations/States wherein such industries have been set up;

(c) whether any proposal (s) for setting up of new CPSE in the country is under consideration/pending with the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when these proposals are likely to be approved/established?

Winding-up of PSUs

4520. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details regarding the winding-up of PSUs/Companies by Government since 2014, till date;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these companies;

(c) whether Government has any plans for placement of the employees of these closed companies, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the planning for the employees after the closure of these companies?

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Progressive implementation of Hindi in the Ministry

†4521. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the enterprise-wise details of the status of progressive implementation of Hindi in the Ministry and its attached enterprises during the last three years and the current year in conformity with the annual programme issued by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs and directions issued by the Advisory Committee and Implementation Committee after review;

(b) whether this is in line with the targets fixed in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fame India scheme

4522. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will extend a subsidy programme, currently restricted to major cities to purchase of all electric or hybrid vehicles in the country starting from April 1, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is gearing up for the nationwide rollout of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid & Electric vehicles in India (FAME India) scheme;

(d) whether the first phase of the scheme launched in April, 2015, was limited to

major cities and will end in March, 2017; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Investment in industrial sector

4523. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total investment made in the industrial sector during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate any new work plan in order to encourage industrial investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has initiated any single window clearance system in order to encourage investment in industry sector; and

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

Equal pay for equal work in CPSUs

4524. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government and CPSUs are following the Supreme Court verdict that the temporary employees should be paid at par with permanent employees;

(b) the steps taken by various CPSUs in ensuring the equal pay for equal work in light of the SC verdict; and

(c) the details of complaints about violation of the verdict reported/noticed, if any?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Incentives under FAME India scheme

4525. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hybrid cars are considered cleaner because they release lower emissions, while electric vehicles do not release emission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that almost 60 per cent of incentives under the FAME India scheme have gone to mild diesel hybrid cars that already enjoy substantial excise cuts;

(c) whether the electric and strong hybrids have largely remained neglected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of heavy industries in newly formed States

†4526. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken initiative to set up heavy industries in the newly formed States to stop migration from them;

(b) if so, the locations in the country where heavy industries were set up and approved from the financial year 2013-14 to the current financial year, the State-wise list thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government would set up heavy industries in these States to stop migration; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Population of Basor Caste

†4527. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the population of the Basor caste and its sub-castes in the year 1947 and the population thereof as per the latest census and the details thereof, State-wise?

Cancellation of FCRA registration of NGOs

4528. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the FCRA registration of a large number of NGOs working in the field of rural development has been cancelled in the recent years;

(b) if so, the total number of such NGOs whose FCRA registration has been cancelled which are engaged in the rural field: and

(c) the grounds on which this cancellation has been done?

Modernisation of State police forces and CCTNS

4529. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a serious note on slackness shown towards modernisation of State police forces and introduction of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) despite increase in terror and crime acts;

(b) if so, the reasons for the current state of affairs, especially at the level of State Governments and how Government intends to tide over the situation; and

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(c) what are the major plans afoot to track cyber crime when so much of stress is being laid on digitisation of money transaction?

Regularisation of guest and contractual teachers in NDMC

4530. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to regularise the guest teachers and contractual teachers in New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC);

(b) the steps taken to provide equal salary to guest teachers and contractual teachers in NDMC;

(c) the steps taken to constitute a team to tighten the noose on school staff from time to time;

(d) whether any cases of drunk staff on duty in NDMC schools including principal have been found within the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken in the matter?

Twin explosions in Agra

4531. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been twin explosions near Agra and ISIS is involved in it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, as per Government's assessment whether they may target the Taj Mahal; and

(d) the measures adopted to prevent the same?

Legal awareness among voluntary organisations

4532. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) as per Government data how many Voluntary Organisations or NGOs previously possessing FCRA certification have lost their certificate on account of violation of rules, during 2014-2016 and what are the details like names and places as well as reasons for withdrawal of FCRA certification of such organisations; and

(b) what are the serious lapses that are routinely observed by relevant department pertaining to the Voluntary Organisations or NGOs and what plans Government has contemplated for creating greater legal awareness amongst the Voluntary Sector?

Non-filing of FIR by women and weaker section people

†4533. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women and people belonging to the weaker sections throughout the country do not file FIRs due to the behaviour of the police;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the steps will be taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Arrest of minors under J&K Public Safety Act

4534. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrest of minors under Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) is a violation of the Act;

(b) whether Government has received any reports showing that minors have been arrested and detained by the J&K Police under PSA;

(c) if so, the number of minors arrested so far since last year and number of minors still being detained;

(d) what steps Government would take to prevent this unlawful practice; and

(e) if Government is not aware of such reports, whether Government would enquire from State Government that no minors have been arrested or are currently being detained under J&K Public Safety Act?

Vacancies in NHRC

4535. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of vacant posts in the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC);

(b) if so, since when they are lying vacant; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill up these vacancies?

Criminal cases against private security agencies

4536. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be

pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the criminal cases registered against private security agencies and their staff;

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

(c) whether Government is planning to take any measures to ensure the quality of private security agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CRPF personnel killed in naxal affected areas

4537. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CRPF personnel killed in the naxal affected areas during the last two years;

(b) the number of personnel who lost their lives due to depression, heart attack and malaria, etc. and how many were killed by the naxalites;

(c) whether Government would take some steps to boost the morale of the personnel working in adverse conditions; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

Review of security arrangement at sensitive buildings

4538. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has analysed

the incidents and studied the full details of terror strikes recently on British Parliament in London;

(b) whether, in view of the analysis, Government has reviewed security arrangements at highly sensitive buildings in the capital to secure them from such terror strikes, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the *modus-operandi* of the terror outfit and the details of the attacks have been obtained from British Government for intelligence and security operations in India?

Electronic device-detection equipment

4539. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is procuring sophisticated electronic device-detection equipment to help locate hidden devices in any suspected places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would also identify IEDs with timer-devices or other controlled-trigger system;

(d) whether, in view of sophisticated terror attacks, Delhi Police is prepared to avert such eventuality in the sanitized area; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Crimes against children

4540. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of crimes against

children reported during the last one year across the country particularly against girl children;

(b) whether it is a fact that crimes against children in the country is on the rise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Human trafficking

†4541. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of human trafficking are continuously increasing in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the number of human trafficking cases in the last three years;

(c) whether laxity in the anti-human trafficking cases has been noticed as a result of which the targeted success to check human trafficking could not be achieved;

(d) whether the cases of missing children and women are higher in Chhattisgarh in comparison to other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-participation of SSB, BSF and ITBP in Republic Day Parade

4542. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sashastra Seema Bal,

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Border Security Force and Indo-Tibetan Border Police contingents did not take part in this year's Republic Day Parade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) will it not have a demoralising effect on the brave jawans of these forces, which are guarding our borders?

Database of foreign nationals visiting India

4543. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create a database of foreign nationals visiting India as they often overstay their visa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits that will accrue as a result thereof;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed by Government if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of foreign nationals caught smuggling drugs into India during the last one year and the action taken against them?

Boats for marine police stations in Odisha

4544. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India would provide seaworthy boats to all the 13 marine police stations in Odisha under Coastal Security Scheme Phase-II at an early date as no boats have been provided to the above stated marine police stations; and

(b) if so, please give details?

Compensation to Hindu refugees of PoK

4545. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India is providing a compensation package to the Hindu refugees of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)

(b) the amount of financial compensation provided to each of the Hindu refugee families of PoK;

(c) whether any financial compensation package has been provided to the Hindu refugee families migrated from Bangladesh also; and

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

Cancellation of FCRA licenses of NGOs

4546. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs whose Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) license has not been renewed in the last three years and the current year;

(b) the reasons for the cancellation of these licenses;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has expressed during the aforementioned period that some of the cancellations of renewals constitute a violation of the right to freedom of association; and

(d) whether any grievance redressal mechanism is presently in place for these NGOs?

**Criminal cases against MLAs of Delhi
Legislative Assembly**

4547. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MLAs of Delhi Legislative Assembly against whom criminal cases have been registered; and

(b) the current legal position of those MLAs of the Delhi Legislative Assembly who were holding an office of profit?

**Cases filed under Domestic Violence
Act**

4548. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of cases filed under Domestic Violence Act during last three years;

(b) whether there is delay in disposing these cases; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to overcome this delay?

Entry points under e-Visa Scheme

4549. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of designated entry points under the e-Visa Scheme;

(b) the total number of eligible countries under the list of e-Visa beneficiaries; and

(c) the duration under e-Visa policy for e-Visa holders?

**Rules for protection of online
journalists and bloggers**

4550. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that 27 journalists have been killed for their work since 1992;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to protect the lives of journalists and bloggers who are facing violent threats or attacks for their work in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to formulate rules for the protection of online journalists and bloggers?

**Attack on students and youths of
North-East**

4551. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attack on students and youths of North-East are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures adopted to curb such incidents?

**Clash of SSB jawans with Nepalese
people**

4552. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently SSB jawans clashed with Nepalese people at Lakhimpur Kheri, Indo-Nepal border over construction of bridge;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action Government has taken in the matter?

Attacks on minority communities in the country

4553. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attacks have taken place on individuals belonging to minority communities in the country in 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against the groups which attacked members belonging to minority communities in the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

OCI/PIO Card holders

4554. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data of the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card holders in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Human rights non-profit organisation

4555. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of human rights non-profit organisations that have not been allowed renewal of their FCRA license during the last three years;

- (b) the amount received by these non-profit organisations from foreign funding during the last three years; and

- (c) the reasons for non-renewal of the FCRA license of human rights non-profit organisations?

Substandard food to jawans deployed at borders

†4556. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to send specialists and dieticians in the matter regarding serving of substandard food to jawans deployed at the borders;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Monitoring of activities of NGOs

4557. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently directed the foreign funded Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to apply for renewal of their FCRA licenses and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of NGOs who had applied for renewal of their licenses so far, State-wise;
- (c) the number of NGOs disqualified for registration under the FCRA along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the number of NGOs permitted to receive foreign funding has

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continuously come down during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with steps taken for effective monitoring of activities of said NGOs?

Wall along Indo-Pakistan border

‡4558. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has revisited its earlier decision of creating wall along Indo-Pakistan border; and

(b) if the said wall is not being built, how the Central Government intends to monitor these border areas?

Strength of IPS Officers

4559. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the authorised strength of Indian Police Service (IPS) Officers;

(b) the basis of calculating the authorised strength of IPS;

(c) the present strength of IPS;

(d) how many vacancies are existing in IPS as on date;

(e) the authorised strength of IPS in Kerala; and

(f) how many vacancies of IPS are existing in Kerala at present?

Incidents of violence in Tihar jail

‡4560. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of violence which the prisoners in Tihar jail have indulged in during the last three years;

(b) the causes of clash which broke out in Tihar jail in the month of March, 2017;

(c) whether it is a fact that various jails in the country including Tihar jail are housing prisoners in excess of the prison's standard capacity;

(d) the details of capacity of Tihar jail to accommodate the prisoners and the number of prisoners housed there currently; and

(e) whether the undertrials and convicted prisoners are kept in the same barracks?

CCTV cameras installed by Delhi Police

4561. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 4000 CCTV cameras have been installed by the Delhi Police during the last eight years even though the issue of women's safety remains a cause for concern and most of them do not function at all the if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Police has submitted a proposal to buy 10,000 CCTV cameras using 1000 crore rupees of Nirbhaya Fund and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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**Cases in Labour Tribunals and Courts
in the country**

4562. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the data of year-wise, number of
cases filed in the Labour Tribunals, Court
of Adjudication and Conciliation Board in
the last three years;

(b) out of these cases filed every year,
the data of year-wise number of cases
resolved in the Labour Tribunals, Court of
Adjudication and Conciliation Board in the
last three years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by
Government to make labourers aware about
the availability of these bodies?

Welfare of migrant workers

4563. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will
the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States in the country where
migrant workers from other States are in
large numbers at present;

(b) whether Central and State
Governments have any projects to improve
their literacy/education and ensure better
living condition and health care facilities
to them;

(c) if not, will Central Government take
steps in this direction; and

(d) whether Central Government would
help State Governments like Kerala to
introduce total health insurance on the lines
of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
(RSBY) to migrant workers?

**Private security guards exploited by
employing agencies**

4564. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any law to regulate
the appointment and service conditions of
the security guards hired by the private
security agencies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the
private security guards are being exploited
by their employing agencies; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government
to ensure fair wages and working
conditions of the private security guards?

**Comprehensive legislation against
child labour**

4565. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether child labour still exists in
various parts of the country despite the
existence of various laws;

(b) whether the present laws pertain
only against the practice in hazardous
industries;

(c) if so, whether Government would
consider comprehensive legislation against
child labour in all areas; and

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

Present rate of unemployment

4566. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of unemployment in the country;

(b) the details of States which have the largest concentration of unemployed youth; and

(c) the reasons for the phenomenon?

the conditions of the workers in their workplace; and

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof, along with the steps taken/being taken by Government to improve their overall conditions including safety, health and working conditions at workplaces?

Unclaimed amount in Employees' Provident Fund accounts

†4567. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the unclaimed amount in Employees' Provident Fund accounts, as on date;

(b) the amount of funds earmarked for the payment of interest on said amount during the last financial year; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme for the utilisation of this unclaimed money?

Schemes/programmes for the welfare of labourers/workers

4568. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/programmes being run by Government for the welfare and upliftment of labourers/workers, unskilled and skilled in the country;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under these schemes, during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted/ proposes to conduct any study/survey on

People working in construction sector

4569. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people working in the construction sector has gone up from 20 million in 2004-05 to nearly 50 million now;

(b) if so, how Government is protecting the construction workers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they do not have any social security;

(d) if so, how Government is planning to provide them with social security net; and

(e) what role the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board is playing for the welfare and wellbeing of construction workers in the country?

Percentage of working Muslim women

4570. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Muslim women working in agriculture, manufacturing and services sector of the economy;

(b) the percentage of Muslim women in the formal and informal labour force of the country;

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(c) whether the Minister plans to increase the proportion of women in general and Muslim women in particular among the highly skilled workforce of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

Children as workers in electronic waste disposal

‡4571. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about the workers engaged in e-waste disposal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a big part of e-wastes is collected in slum areas where mostly little children are engaged in this work, if so, the number of children engaged in this work, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the action plan formulated by Government to keep children of slum areas away from such a work, the details thereof?

Trade unions demand for enhancing maternity leave

4572. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has shown understanding of the intricacies and deference to the demand of trade unions by enhancing of maternity leave to 26 weeks from the present 12 weeks;

(b) since more families are becoming nuclear, will Government extend paternity benefits to men in the workforce; and

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

Child Labour Amendments Bill

4573. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the UNICEF India has organised a close-door meeting for the parliamentarians to brief against Government proposed amendments in the recent Child Labour Amendments Bill; and

(b) if so, the details of such meetings held along with the measures taken by Government to address such activities by the International agencies?

Developmental work in the State of Chhattisgarh

‡4574. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding developmental work received by the Ministry from the State Government of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the scheme-wise expenses thereof and the details of the action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which the proposals received from the State Governments are pending till date;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed to clear the proposals;

(d) whether developmental works are hampered due to delay in approval of the proposal and the manner in which the cost overruns in the above works are adjusted; and

(e) the details thereof?

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**Expansion of ESI hospital services in
Puducherry and Telangana**

4575. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI N. GOKULA-
KRISHNAN:

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

(a) whether Government is considering
to expand the services of ESI hospitals in
the country and planning to establish more
ESI hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such hospitals are being
set up in Puducherry and Telangana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Unemployment allowance to
registered unemployed persons**

†4576. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI:
DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

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

(a) the State-wise details of the
unemployment allowance being provided
to the registered unemployed in the
country; and

(b) whether Central Government is
working to provide unemployment
allowance to all registered unemployed
persons upto a certain limit and providing
the benefits of various Governmental
schemes for upbringing of their families,
if so, the details thereof?

**Pay and perks of regular and contract
employees**

†4577. DR. SATYANARAYAN
JATIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR
AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the manner of determining the salary
and other allowances for regular employees
(class-wise and post-wise) and the way to
determine the pay and allowances for
employees engaged on contract basis
performing same work and duties; and

(b) with reference to (a) above the
grade-wise number of regular employees
and employees engaged on contract basis
in each Nav Ratna Company and the
reasons for discrepancy in their pay and
perks?

**Failure of BEST to implement
Contract Labour Act, 1970**

4578. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will
the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister is aware that
BEST undertaking has failed to implement
the Contract Labour Act, 1970 and rules
thereunder;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware
that despite complaints made by BEST
Jagruk Kaamgar Sangathana to the General
Manager of the undertaking and to the
Office of Labour Commissioner, no action
has been taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the Ministry will look into
the issue and take appropriate action
against BEST undertaking to ensure that
contractual employees get the same
benefits as regular employees as per the
Contract Labour Act and rules
thereunder?

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Setting up of new employment exchanges

4579. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up new employment exchange in collaboration with foreign employment exchanges for professional/non-professional graduates;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Migrant workers in the country

4580. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working Group on Migration constituted by Government has recommended legal framework to protect the migrant workers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government?

Impact of 'Make in India' initiative on MSMEs

4581. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of impact of 'Make in India' initiative on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country;

(b) if so, whether it has helped the MSMEs and if so, to what extent, in respect of Foreign Direct Investment and other investments, in the last two years, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of job opportunities generated for the youth, due to 'Make in India' programme aimed at boosting manufacturing in India, the details thereof?

Value and quantity of products exported by MSMEs

†4582. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details of the value and quantity of products exported by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises during each of the last three years as on date;

(b) whether there is any decline in export of products of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises during the aforesaid period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government to increase the export of products of rural industries?

Loans of MSMEs turning into NPAs

4583. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government acknowledges that more than half of the MSMEs which have taken loans have turned into NPAs in the recent years;

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(b) if so, the data on such MSMEs, State-wise for the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken measures to improve this situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Brand ambassador of Khadi Gram Udyog

4584. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman, Khadi Gram Udyog has stated that Shri Narendra Modi is a brand ambassador of Khadi Gram Udyog and so his photograph on the calendar and diaries of 2017 have been printed;

(b) if so, the details of his appointment as brand ambassador of Khadi Gram Udyog; and

(c) the details of provisions of Khadi Gram Udyog under which it can appoint Prime Minister of India as its brand ambassador?

Beneficiaries under PMEGP

4585. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of beneficiaries that have been employed under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programmes (PMEGP) since 2014;

(b) the details of industries wherein employment opportunities have been created; and

(c) how much subsidy has so far been released by Government in this regard?

Acquisition of Chevron's assets in Bangladesh

4586. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC is in race for US two billion dollars Chevron's assets in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that if ONGC is able to conclude the acquisition of Chevron's assets it will be very useful for the country's energy security; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-supply of gas by IGL in Bihar and Jharkhand

†4587. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that various gas based power plants and other institutes are lying closed in Bihar and Jharkhand due to non-supply of gas from IGL;

(b) if so, whether Government is also aware that non-supply of gas from IGL in these States has created adverse impact on industrial development;

(c) whether the State Governments and people's representatives have requested for laying of IGL pipelines in industrial areas;

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(d) if not, whether Government would accept the request of the State Governments; and

(e) the time when the IGL pipeline would be laid in industrial areas of these States?

Extending the reach of PNG

4588. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to extend the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to the areas where it has not yet reached so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of areas that have been covered under PNG in various parts of the country; and

(d) whether Government is planning to extend it to the rural areas also?

Inadequate natural gas pipeline infrastructure in West Bengal

4589. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that West Bengal comes under the States lacking pipeline infrastructure;

(b) what is the consumption percentage of West Bengal in respect to the regional gas market;

(c) the status of gas pipeline constructed in West Bengal and the areas through which the pipeline passes;

(d) whether Government has taken any step to strengthen the pipeline infrastructure connectivity; and

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

CNG outlets in the country

4590. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the total number of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) outlets in the country, particularly in NCR of Delhi as on 1st April, 2017;

(b) whether it is commensurate with the demand for filling CNG vehicles;

(c) whether the CNG vehicle users find it difficult to fill CNG due to long queues in NCR of Delhi and whether any complaints have been received to this end; and

(d) if so, the action taken to increase the number of CNG outlets in the country, especially in NCR of Delhi, the details thereof?

Review of natural gas pricing formula

4591. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has recently sought review of natural gas pricing formula;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the response of Government thereto;

(c) in case there is increase in gas price, not matching with international prevalent price, whether it would not affect the

industry in general and the common people in particular; and

(d) other measures, if any, suggested for meeting the operating cost of gas production, the details thereof?

Insufficient number of gas agencies in Rajasthan

‡4592. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of gas agencies in Rajasthan is insufficient considering the large terrain and population of the State;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to open new gas agencies in Rajasthan; and

(c) the details of the scheme formulated to supply gas through pipelines in the homes of the major cities of Rajasthan?

Expansion of ONGC refinery at Tatipaka

4593. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC refinery at Tatipaka is under expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the expansion cost, by when the expansion will be completed and by when the refinery will be commissioned?

New oil and gas reserves

4594. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be

pleased to state:

(a) whether some oil companies have found new oil and natural gas reserves in Rajasthan, the Himalayas, Arabian sea and Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof company/oil field-wise; and

(c) the details of investment plans chalked out by the companies for developing new oil discoveries in the country?

Criteria for allotment of Retail Outlets

‡4595. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria framed by Government towards allotment of LPG agencies, petrol pumps and CNG pumps;

(b) whether any reservation/quota has been specified towards allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies/CNG pumps to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes/Ex-servicemen/Defence personnel, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any restrictions on increasing the number of LPG agencies/petrol pumps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to increase the number of LPG agencies and petrol pumps in the country, the State-wise and region-wise details thereof including the State of Chhattisgarh?

Refinery plant in Allovaram Mandal by ONGC

4596. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC planned to build 98/2 related refinery plant in Odalarevu village Allavaram Mandal, East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether apart from ONGC any other PSU under the Ministry is also planning to start any plant in and around Odalarevu village or any other village in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons that ONGC has not commenced its work on 98/2 refinery plant?

Target for PMUY in Rajasthan

4597. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for distribution of LPG connections to BPL households during the last two years;

(b) to what extent, these targets have been achieved, the details thereof;

(c) what have been the relevant figures for the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) what targets have been set for the financial year 2017-18 for providing LPG connections to BPL households under the above scheme in Rajasthan?

Ethanol supplied by sugar industry

4598. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ethanol supplied by

sugar industry during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the sugar industry has agreed to supply 104 crore litres of ethanol between December, 2015 and November 2016, to blend the same with petrol;

(c) if so, whether it has been supplied;

(d) to what extent this helps in achieving the 10 per cent blending of ethanol with petrol; and

(e) the details of special allocation/ additional amount sanctioned during Budget-2017-18 for blending ethanol with petrol?

Surplus stocks of LPG with OMCs

4599. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have surplus stock of LPG due to curbs imposed by Government with regard to the sale of LPG cylinders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to take some steps to liquidate these surplus stocks of LPG with the said Oil Marketing Companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for regional employment in ONGC

4600. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes any policy for the regional employment in ONGC, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of shale oil and gas reserves

4601. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out detailed studies through various national and international agencies for the identification of shale oil and gas reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the potential of shale gas and oil in various parts of the country;

(c) how much success has been achieved so far by the various domestic and international companies engaged in exploration and exploitation of shale gas and oil in the country during the last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to discover more oil and gas reserves in the country?

Acquisition of stakes in oil and gas field by ONGC Videsh

4602. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Videsh Limited has signed many agreements to acquire stakes in oil and gas field with various countries during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other PSU companies have also acquired a stake in oil and gas

fields in various countries during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating how the country benefited from these deals?

Discount on cashless purchases of petrol/diesel

4603. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was announced that 0.75 per cent discount on cashless purchases of petrol and diesel will be given, in respect to promotion of cashless system, if so, the details of the discounts that were given to the purchasers;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the total sales after this announcement and the burden of discount which was disbursed; and

(c) the details in respect to who, the State Governments, Central Government or PSUs would bear this 0.75 per cent discount?

Service charge on credit/debit card usage at petrol pumps

4604. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a service charge on the usage of credit/debit card at the petrol pumps, if so, whether Government is planning to abolish this hidden tax, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is planning other incentives to help the people go cashless, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has a timeline to help public go cashless in purchase of petrol/diesel, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

(e) what would be the advantage of creating such 'mega PSU' and how the merger of employees of various oil PSUs will take place; and

(f) by when this merger will take place and new PSU will be created?

Gas connections distributed in Bihar and Jharkhand

†4605. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise/Union Territory-wise number of gas connections distributed, including in Bihar and Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the districts covered in Bihar and Jharkhand and other States;

(b) the time by when this facility would be provided in the remaining districts;

(c) whether Government has followed the necessary security measures to provide LPG connections to economically backward families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in prices of oil and gas

4607. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of oil and gas prices risen in 2016, in rupee terms and percentage-wise;

(b) the number of times price rise was effected in 2016;

(c) how much amount Government has collected as duty on sale of oil and gas; and

(d) what is the price paid to foreign companies, expenses for making and tax component on one litre of petrol and diesel, as of now?

Creation of 'mega oil undertaking'

4606. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to merge the oil PSUs with a view to create a 'mega oil undertaking';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the views of oil PSUs have been sought in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the views of each PSU;

Integration of public sector oil companies

4608. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to integrate public sector oil companies in the country;

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

(c) if not, what are the difficulties in doing so?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cancellation of draw of lots for rural LPG distributors in Ballia

4609. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has postponed/cancelled draw of lots scheduled to be held on 22nd March, 2017 for appointment of rural LPG distributors of BPCL in Ballia district advertised on 28th October, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for sudden cancellation of the same, location-wise;

(c) by when draw of lots will be held; and

(d) how BPCL would intimate the applicants for draw of lots to be held again?

Biju Patnaik National Steel Institute

4610. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the time-frame for upgradation of Biju Patnaik National Steel Institute to the National Centre of Excellence with status of Deemed University; and

(b) whether any agency has been engaged to prepare the feasibility report?

Establishment of steel plant in Puducherry

4611. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on establishment of a steel plant in the Union Territory of Puducherry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been

conducted on identifying a suitable place in Puducherry, if so, the details thereof?

Cases filed against senior officials of the Ministry

4612. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has filed any cases against any senior officials of the Ministry of Steel for their alleged indulgence in serious corruption related offences after May, 2014, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many officials sued by Government previously have been convicted and punished between 2004 to 2014 and what are the details thereof?

Corruption charges in ITDC

4613. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 782 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th February, 2017 and state:

(a) whether shortage of manpower and urgency of work allow to post tainted officials at sensitive posts in ITDC;

(b) if so, the rules/precedents in this regard;

(c) whether Government would initiate CBI inquiry into the whole episode;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of culinary tourism

4614. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

develop the market for culinary tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the sites and cuisines that have been identified to pilot culinary tourism; and

(c) the status of progress and implementation of the same, along with completion timelines thereof?

Development of Visakhapatnam-Vizianagaram-Srikakulam Circuit in Andhra Pradesh

4615. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Level Consultant engaged by the Ministry identified Visakhapatnam-Vizianagaram-Srikakulam Circuit in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what would be the expenditure involved to develop the about Circuit;

(c) the plan of action the Ministry has prepared to develop the above Circuit; and

(d) by when it is going to be completed?

Extending of Visa-on-Arrival to promote tourism

4616. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has expanded the list of countries under the ambit of Visa-on-Arrival;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the list;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the status of the footfall of international tourists during the last two years, year-wise; and

(e) the sought after destinations of international tourists in the country along with the number of tourists who visited those destinations in the last two years?

Decrease in number of tourists in the country

†4617. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of tourists have decreased in the country and particularly in the State of Bihar during the last one to two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of foreign and domestic tourists visiting various States during the last three years, *i.e.* 2013-14 to 2015-16; and

(d) whether Government would develop infrastructure for attracting tourists to the world famous tourist spots of Bihar and would promote the same before world community?

Funds for promotion of tourism

4618. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides economic assistance to States to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details of the amount allocated to States to promote tourism during the last two years;

(c) whether there has been an increase in the allocation of funds to tourism sector in the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Effect of demonetisation on tourism industry

4619. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism industry has been badly affected due to demonetisation from November, 2016 to February, 2017;

(b) the total number of tourists from abroad who visited during this year and the corresponding period in the previous year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has taken several measures to address the adverse impact of demonetisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Wine tourism in the country

4620. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wine tourism is catching fancy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to promote wine tourism in Maharashtra in view of large number of vineyards in the State; and

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

Development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh

4621. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on development of

tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the places identified for this purpose;

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the State Government to this effect, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these tourism projects are being taken up solely by Government of India or on cost sharing basis, the details thereof?

Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes

†4622. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether tourist circuits are being developed on priority basis under these Schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of tourist circuits being developed in Madhya Pradesh under these Schemes?

Impetus for Sustainable, Rural, Pilgrim, Medical and Agri-tourism

4623. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to introduce/give impetus to new tourism projects such as Sustainable, Rural, Pilgrim, Medical and Agri-Tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Vocational training to youths in
Madhya Pradesh**

†4624. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering to approve a proposal received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for providing vocational training to the tribal youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is soon going to take a decision on the said proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Budget expenditure for Scheduled
Tribes**

4625. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Jadhav guidelines, 2.30 per cent of the total budget expenditure is to be allotted for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether allocation for STs in the Budget of 2017-18 is ₹ 31,920.51 crores which is less by ₹ 19,387.45 crores; and

(c) whether Government has changed its policy on Jadhav guidelines?

**Funds released under Pre-Matric/
Post-Matric Scholarship in
Chhattisgarh**

†4626. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by Government towards facilitating education for tribal students

including the Post-Matric Scholarship in the entire country including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of funds released and utilised by the State of Chhattisgarh duly sanctioned under the same during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has received proposals from the State Government of Chhattisgarh regarding release of funds under Pre-Matric/Post-Matric Scholarship, if so, the details thereof?

**National Fellowship and Scholarship
for ST students**

4627. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many students from the Scheduled Tribe category have been awarded the National Fellowship and Scholarship for higher education in the past three years;

(b) how many girl students from the Scheduled Tribe category have been given the National Fellowship and Scholarship award for higher education ever since this award came into effect; and

(c) the year-wise detailed list of such girl students?

**Constitution of Tribal Advisory
Councils by States**

4628. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of States that have Scheduled Areas in the country;

(b) details of States that have constituted Tribal Advisory Council as mandated under Para 4(1) of Fifth Schedule to the Constitution;

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(c) details of States that have not constituted TACs and reasons for non-constitution of TACs by such States, State-wise;

(d) what efforts Ministry is making to pressurise States to constitute TAC;

(e) whether even after three years in office, Government of Andhra Pradesh has not constituted TAC; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and what efforts the Ministry has made to constitute TAC in Andhra Pradesh?

Changes in procedure for according ST status

†4629. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from various States for according Scheduled Tribes status to various communities, if so, the State-wise details of the pending proposals;

(b) whether Government proposes to make any changes in the procedure of according Scheduled Tribe status, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has held in abeyance the scheme to change the norms and procedures for inclusion of various communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes, if so, the reasons therefor and by when the final decision is likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

Mechanism for quality management of Ashram Shalas

4630. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Tribal Welfare runs/funds the running of hostels for ST students, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Department has put any mechanism in place, for ensuring quality management of Ashram Shalas run by various State Governments and partly funded by the Central Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Overseas Scholarships for ST students

4631. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the number of meritorious students who get financial assistance every year under the 'National Overseas Scholarships for Scheduled Tribe Students' from 15 to 30 students;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not being able to support more meritorious students from Scheduled Tribe community?

Inadequate allocation of funds to tribals

†4632. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts put for the development of Scheduled Tribes have been badly affected because of inadequate allocation of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto and the percentage and total number of people

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belonging to Scheduled Tribes in the country;

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

(d) the steps being taken to ensure adequate allocation of funds for the development of people belonging to the Scheduled Tribes in Bihar and Jharkhand?

Implementation of Forest Dwellers Rights Act

4633. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is being implemented in Goa;

(b) since when the Act is being enforced in the State of Goa;

(c) what steps are being implemented in this regard, till date;

(d) the areas where the act is being implemented;

(e) the details of the rights given to forest dwellers, area-wise and the nature of rights;

(f) whether Kumeri cultivators' cases in the State have been disposed of; and

(g) whether area under Kumeri cultivation has been considered for settlement of rights?

Marketing and promotion of tribal products and services

4634. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that no purchases or sales have been made by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) in West Bengal during the last three years;

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

(c) the country-wise and year-wise details of products sold, revenues, generated and profits earned on e-portal, www.tribesindia.com during the last three years; and

(d) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized, beneficiaries reached and capacity building undertaken under the scheme 'Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce' during the last three years?

Functioning of National Commission on Scheduled Tribes

4635. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for National Commission on Scheduled Tribes separately showing the expenditure incurred for each centre during the last three years;

(b) the details of assigned strength and vacant positions across various centres or offices of the Commission; and

(c) the State-wise details of cases dealt with by the National Commission during each of the last three years with current status of such cases?

**Impact of scrapping of Five Year
Plans on welfare of tribals**

4636. SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of
TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scrapping
of Five Year Plans (FYPs) by Government
would pose an existential threat to
mandatory budgetary allocation to feed

schemes for the welfare of Scheduled
Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during
the last three years there has been no
improvement in the earmarking and actual
expenditure under sub-plans for the welfare
of tribal community; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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