

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, August 12, 2015/Sravana 21, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Setting up of 11 Spice Development Boards

2561. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up 11 Spice Development Boards for the purpose of promotion of exports of these commodities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether during 2014-15, export of spices added up to just below US 2 billion dollars in India's total exports basket of over US 310 billion dollars and if so, the details thereof?

of losing a dispute over poultry imports, against US;

(b) whether WTO dispute revolves around India calling for mandatory usage of domestically produced solar power panels in its 20,000 MW mega solar project under its National Solar Mission;

(c) whether US has charged India of violating GATT and TRIMS agreements on this count; and

(d) whether EU has also raised similar questions on mandatory usage of local components in solar power projects in India?

Dispute case at WTO over solar mission programme

2562. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is likely to face flak at WTO's dispute settlement body over its solar mission programme case filed by US which is in crucial stage with recent setback

Relaxation in FDI sectoral cap

2563. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has relaxed or proposes to relax Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) sectoral cap in Defence, Telecom, Civil Aviation, Petroleum and other sectors in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact on the Indian industries, including industries in Karnataka;

(c) whether Government has held consultations with the industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by Government to address their concerns; and

(e) the other concrete measures taken by Government to boost FDI inflow into the country and the quantum of funds expected to come after removing the FDI cap in various sectors?

Cancellation of approval of 22 SEZs

2564. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had cancelled the approval given to 22 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) recently;

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

(c) the reasons for their cancellation?

Fall in rubber procuring prices

2565. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government is aware of the devastating decline in the rubber procuring prices due to the import of rubber and rubber products from Indonesia, Malaysia, etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Validity of degree certificates issued by FDDI

2566. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the degree certificates of Foot wear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) issued till last year are valid as per UGC/AICTE norms;

(b) if not, the details of facts and whether any enquiry has been ordered for issuing invalid degrees and the outcome of the enquiry;

(c) what is the number of affected students, year-wise and course-wise and steps taken to protect their prospects;

(d) what kind of degree will be given to the students who are presently pursuing degree and post degree courses; and

(e) how the students who had been admitted for degree courses would be compensated and protected?

Expert body to expedite clearance for investment projects

2567. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted any expert body to expedite clearance for investment projects, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has given any recommendation to Government with regard to speedy clearance of such projects, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the clearances that this body has given to such projects; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Composite foreign investment cap

2568. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late Government has allowed composite foreign investement caps in certain sectors;

(b) if so, the details of the sectors likely to be benefited by such a decision;

(c) whether Banking and Defence Sectors have also been brought within the purview of the decisions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme to establishing industries in Madhya Pradesh

†2569. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed for any scheme to establish new industries in Madhya Pradesh during the last one year and current year; and

(b) if so, the industry-wise details thereof and the amount allocated for this work?

Decline in exports

2570. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's exports declined for the seventh successive month in June and key export sectors such as engineering, electronics, leather, textiles and petroleum posted negative growth, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether concerned over declining exports Government has decided to set up a Trade Facilitation Council comprising members of Centre and States to promote India's overseas shipments if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the main objective of the Council will be facilitating trade from States

in a bid to boost the country's exports, if so, the details thereof?

Impetus to industries/towns under 'Make in India' programme

2571. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government under 'Make in India' programme to give impetus to any/all industries based in various towns/cities including Kanpur and Agra in Uttar Pradesh; and

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

Setting up of State Trade Policy

2572. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked all the States to set up a State Trade Policy in order to streamline procedures and increase exports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government had asked the States to appoint commissioners and prepare export strategy; and

(c) whether as many as 21 States have appointed export commissioners, while 24 States have worked out strategies for outward shipments?

Flexible norms on routing of third country goods

2573. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

is looking for more flexible norms on routing of third country goods;

(b) whether till now India insisted that at least 30-35 per cent addition should take place in a country with which it has a pact;

(c) whether there has to be a change of heading, which means steel sheets should be a finished product; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that with Australia and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), Government is expected to move to a product specific approach covering each category separately and if so, the details thereof?

Export of grapes from Maharashtra

2574. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the year-wise and country-wise status of export of grapes from Maharashtra during the last two years;

(b) whether grapes export from the State is on decline, if so, the details thereof; and

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

FDDI affiliation with Mewar University

2575. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) is still claiming in its website to grant MBA degrees for 2015-16 session inspite of the fact that its affiliation with Mewar University is no more?

Introduction of e-Nivesh

2576. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced e-Nivesh, a national single-window online platform to facilitate potential investors planning to set up business in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the total number of clearances an investor is required to obtain for setting up a project;

(c) whether all the clearances have been digitized; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by when the remaining clearances are likely to be digitized?

Industrial Development Centres in Rajasthan

†2577. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Industrial Development Centres for development of industries in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the names of places in the State where such Centres have already been set up; and

(c) the funds allocated to the State Government of Rajasthan for this scheme?

Crisis in tobacco farming

2578. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the crisis in tobacco farming due to disincentives imposed on tobacco products;

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(b) how Government is going to reconcile the demands of the farmers with its trade restrictions; and

(c) whether any alternative uses have been found for tobacco produce?

Share of manufacturing sector in GDP

2579. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the year-wise share of manufacturing sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the period from 2010-11 to 2014-15;

(b) what major policy initiatives the Ministry has undertaken to increase this share during 2014-15; and

(c) what is their impact on increasing this share?

Opposition to FDI in retail sector by States

2580. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments are against allowing Foreign Direct Investment in retail sector;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to resolve this issue at the earliest?

Restructuring of Rubber Board

2581. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to

restructure the Rubber Board by amending the Indian Rubber Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the working of the Rubber Board is being adversely affected due to the inordinate delay in reconstituting the Rubber Board and due to the non-filling of the vacancies such as the important posts of Chairman, Rubber Production Commissioner, Secretary, etc.; and

(c) whether Government has already taken steps to reconstitute the Rubber Board and to fill the vacancies, if so, the details with the period of delay occurred in each case?

Investment centres

2582. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision had been taken some time back to build 50 new investment centres in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the decision has been rescinded/substituted by some other scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Steps to boost exports

2583. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade deficit has become a structural feature and Government has not been able to offer any out-of-box solution to bridge the gap between the exports and imports;

(b) if so, the measures Government

proposes to take to boost export performance and to narrow down imports;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revisit export promotion schemes to give more space to MSME sector; and

(d) the quantum of incense sticks exported during the last three years together with the details of countries to which incense sticks have been exported?

Direct purchase of land by SEZ promoters

2584. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government would consider the proposal that the promoters of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) should buy land through negotiations with farmers rather than expect it to be acquired by Government;

(b) whether Government will also consider determining the market value of the land as the minimum price;

(c) how many SEZ projects have been sanctioned by Government in the last six months, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) what criteria were adopted by Government in this regard?

Denial of entry to 2100 batches of Indian goods by US

2585. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI AHMED PATEL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 2100 batches

of Indian goods have recently failed to gain entry in the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons cited by US authorities for not allowing these goods in the US; and

(c) what action Government has taken/ proposes to take in the matter?

UNESCO's list of properties of outstanding universal value

2586. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has recently updated list of properties of outstanding universal value that are a part of planet's cultural and natural heritage;

(b) if so, what are the details of Indian sites added to this list; and

(c) what are the names of Indian sites that already find place on this list?

Withdrawal of Delhi's nomination for World Heritage City tag

2587. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the permanent delegation of India in United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has withdrawn Delhi's nomination for a UNESCO World Heritage City tag;

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

(c) the total expenditure incurred during

last ten years on preparation of preliminary and final dossier in this regard for submission to UNESCO; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in the matter?

Setting up of National Virtual Library of India

2588. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission recommended a National Mission on Libraries (NML) which includes the setting up of National Virtual Library of India and Model Libraries at State and District level under the Ministry that would provide knowledge network connectivity across India; and

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

Preservation of ethnic groups' culture of NE Region

2589. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any project of preservation, development and exposure of various ethnic groups' culture of North-Eastern Region; and

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

Two sister cultural parks in Beijing and Bengaluru

2590. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are

establishing two sister cultural parks in Beijing and Bengaluru to boost the soft power content in, and impart a holistic dimension to, a rapidly evolving relationship between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made and results achieved so far?

Amendments to the Ancient Monuments Act

2591. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has sought changes in the Ancient Monuments Act of 1958; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the ASI wanted Humayun's Tomb to be excluded from the purview of the law of 1958, if so, the reasons therefor?

Mobile SIM cards obtained on forged documents

2592. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1303 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 2012 and state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Ministry in coordination with Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, on the issue of mobile SIM cards illegally obtained on forged documents;

(b) whether Government would consider making Aadhaar Card compulsory for obtaining SIM card or making attestation of documents with follow up like in issuing caste certificates or similar innovative methods to ensure proper customer verification;

(c) the steps taken to verify the authenticity of already issued SIM cards; and

(d) the mobile company-wise and State-wise number of complaints/FIRs lodged regarding forged documents, during the last three years?

Policy regarding phone tapping

‡2593. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy with regard to phone tapping;

(b) whether it is a fact that there have been complaints against various Government agencies involved in phone tapping of various people illegally;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) whether Government would assure that nobody's phone calls will be tapped without permission?

Human trafficking in Assam

2594. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that human trafficking in Assam is still reported from various places, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the district-wise details of cases registered against human trafficking in Assam during the last five years; and

(c) the steps/measures taken by Government to curb human trafficking in the country?

Decongesting traffic on flyover at Rao Tula Ram Marg in Delhi

2595. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi High Court has taken strong exception to the Traffic Police and DDA for not complying with its order of decongesting traffic on the busy single lane flyover at Rao Tula Ram Marg, connecting the airport in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

Building a dedicated AIR wing of NDRF

2596. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures to build a dedicated air-wing of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in order to reduce the response time, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether permanent training centres have been created in order to provide Disaster Management training to the recruits of NDRF, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Disabled/mentally challenged persons as undertrials in jails

2597. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many disabled or differently abled people were in jails in the country during the last three years as convicts and undertrials;

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(b) what is the duration for which such undertrials are languishing in jail, less than three years, 3-5 years and more than 10 years and the number of those in each group;

(c) whether there are mentally challenged people also among them, if so, their number; and

(d) whether Government would take steps to expedite trial of their cases?

Measures taken to protect weaker sections of society

†2598. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the special measures taken to protect and secure people of weaker sections of the society from persecution and atrocity who are deprived of social, economic and political justice;

(b) the details of action plan to set up any special task force to check harassment and atrocity against women; and

(c) with reference to (a) and (b) above, the State-wise and year-wise details of cases of harassment and atrocity against the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and women in the country?

Amending Section 156 of Cr PC

2599. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether looking into the disturbing and alarming increase in the filing of frivolous and vexatious complaints under Section 156(3) of Cr PC, as has been reiterated by various courts in recent times as wastage of the precious time of judiciary,

Government proposes to amend the provisions of Section 156 making it mandatory to file an affidavit duly sworn along with such complaints, for more accountability and transparency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Killing of people from other States in Assam by ULFA

2600. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) killed people from other States in Assam recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up this issue with the State Government, if so, the details thereof?

Yuva Prahari Scheme of Delhi Police

2601. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police had announced to launch a 'Yuva Prahari' scheme in January, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in its implementation;

(c) the total number of youth volunteered for the scheme so far and the monthly remuneration to be paid to them; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the scheme as well as for imparting necessary training to the selected volunteers?

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**High quality satellite phones to
Uttarakhand to deal with
natural calamity**

2602. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttarakhand has requested the Union Government to approve and supply the State Government at least 100 high quality satellite phones in place of satellite phones already provided, to deal with natural calamities effectively, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has provided the desired number of high quality satellite phones, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up specialised NDMA force in
Himalayan States**

2603. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) study, the entire Himalayan region from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh falls under very High Seismic Zone and is also vulnerable to various forms of natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the risk assessment made along with the institutional framework and community preparedness chalked out for disaster risk mitigation in Uttarakhand and other areas; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to set up a specialised NDMA force to deal with such situation in the Himalayan States and if so, the details thereof?

Resident Identity Card Project

2604. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approved the Resident Identity Card Project;

(b) how it is different from Aadhaar Card; and

(c) what is the use of RIC when Election Identity Card is already issued to residents and linking of Aadhaar Card with Election Identity Card is already underway?

**Introduction/amendment of laws
relating to grant of bail**

2605. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government is considering introduction of and/or amendment to laws relating to grant of bail by reducing the area of judicial discretion and laying down definite and clearer provisions/procedures, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Stampedes during temple festivals

2606. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of stampede/ accidents that have occurred in temple festivals in various States during last five years;

(b) the State-wise details of compensation and *ex-gratia* aid for victims and their kith and kin announced by Central as well as State Government during last five years; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by

Government to prevent/avoid such stampede/accidents in future?

Toll free helpline for senior citizens

2607. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any advisory to the States for providing adequate security and safety to the elderly persons and if so, the details thereof along with the compliance report of such advisory by the States;

(b) whether Government has started or proposes to roll out toll free helpline for the elderly persons in the country;

(c) if so, the State/UT-wise total number of toll free senior citizen helplines set up in the country so far;

(d) the State/UT-wise total number of calls received on all such helplines and the action taken thereon so far; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure adequate security to the elderly persons in the country?

Phone tapping

2608. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many phones were tapped by the Central Government from 1 June, 2014 to 30 June, 2015;

(b) whether prior permission was taken in each and every case from the authorities concerned before tapping the phones; and

(c) in how many cases permission was not taken and the reasons therefor?

Purchase of surveillance equipment and technology

2609. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is purchasing/ planning to purchase surveillance equipment and technology from other countries;

(b) whether any communication has been sent to these companies or any understanding has been reached; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the specific purpose for which the equipment and technology will be used?

Security measures at Delhi Metro stations

2610. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some metro stations in Delhi and its NCR region are unsafe for women and prone to crimes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has worked out some action plan to ensure safety of women at such spots, and if so, the details thereof?

Visa-on-Arrival project

2611. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Visa-on-Arrival project;

(b) which are the countries whose citizens coming to India are provided with this required facility; and

(c) what is the action plan to ensure that unwanted and anti-national elements do not enjoy this facility?

Protection to family of an IPS officer of UP

2612. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any application from family of an IPS officer serving in Uttar Pradesh for providing security; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for the protection of the said family?

Extra CAPF to Chhattisgarh

2613. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has decided to provide extra Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) to Chhattisgarh to contain the Left Wing Extremist (LWE) terror activities;

(b) if so, will this not force the LWE to move towards the Odisha border; and

(c) if so, whether the Minister would consider deploying extra CAPF, at least two battalion to guard the long coast line area and keep vigil over the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border in order to counter the LWE attempting to cross the State border?

Cases of murder, loot and rape in the country

†2614. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murder, loot and rape cases, registered in the country in the year 2014-15;

(b) the names of top five States where maximum number of such cases have been registered;

(c) the names of those five States where the least number of such cases have been registered;

(d) whether Government has chalked out any plan to minimise such cases in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Officers posted in Chandigarh

2615. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of officers from Group A and B category posted in Chandigarh along with their respective cadre, namely, Punjab, Haryana and Union Territory, Chandigarh;

(b) whether Government is maintaining a fixed ratio of officers posted from different cadres as decided earlier at the time of creation of Haryana State and Union Territory; and

(c) whether it is a fact that recent actions of some of the officers of AGMUT cadre at Chandigarh, have led to increased centralized powers to the disadvantage to Punjab cadre officers?

Attacks against dalits

2616. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of

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attacks against dalits and Scheduled Castes occurred during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by the Centre to address this issue?

Report on joining of youths in anti-India militant groups

2617. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has report on joining of youths in anti-India militant groups;

(b) if so, the detail of reports thereon; and

(c) the action proposed by Government thereon?

Corridors of human trafficking in India

2618. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding corridors of human trafficking in India;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints received during the last one year; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon and the report of Interpol thereon?

Low priority to Odisha in deployment of CAPF

2619. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of battalions of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) deployed in Maoist affected States;

(b) the reasons, if any, for giving low priority to the State of Odisha in such deployments; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for not treating the Maoist problem as a national issue, as the Maoist movement is not State-specific?

Proposal for immigration check post at Gopalpur and Dhamara

2620. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Odisha has submitted proposals for creation of immigration check posts at Gopalpur port and Dhamara port on the Bay of Bengal;

(b) the action taken by the Ministry to declare the above ports as immigration points for the purpose of embarkation and disembarkation; and

(c) the reasons for delay in considering these proposals?

NCRB data on accidental deaths and suicides in India

2621. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the released National Crime Records Bureau's accidental deaths and suicides in India, shows that the number of suicides, which has declined since 2011 increased marginally to 1.3 lakh in 2014; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the southern States including Kerala and Tamil Nadu have twice the national suicide rate as apportion of their populations, if so, the details thereof?

Providing funds to States for state of the art technology

2622. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated funds for the development of state of the art technology in State police headquarters, city police commissioner offices and important HQ offices of police departments in all the metro cities in the country including Chennai;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and disbursed for the last five years;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for deployment and use of state of the art technological gadgets, wireless tools and security and surveillance to improve the efficiency of policing in the country; and

(d) if so, the city-wise details of the funds providing during the last five years?

Funds for electronic safety and surveillance projects

2623. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is adequately provided with both physical and electronic security and surveillance systems to timely predict, identify and curb terror attacks or sabotage to our strategically important vital installations and buildings of National importance;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to

strengthen electronic security and surveillance with appropriate software and hardware in major metropolitan cities and in sharing of intelligence with State intelligence and security agencies to facilitate timely action; and

(d) the total funds earmarked for implementing electronic safety and surveillance projects during Twelfth Plan?

Foreign backed NGOs involved in anti-industry campaigns

2624. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreign-backed NGOs are involved in anti-industry campaigns and negatively impacting economic development of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of those NGOs; and

(c) the action taken/being taken against those NGOs?

Attacks on journalists and media persons

2625. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late attacks on journalists and media persons have increased manifold in the country;

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

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Opening of canteen facility at Rohru, Shimla

2626. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any letter from Member of Parliament which was forwarded to the Home Minister in the month of May, 2015 regarding opening of canteen facility for serving/retired para-military personnel in Rohru, District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard and by when canteen facility may be provided to them, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Suicide by women in CPMFs

2627. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the force-wise details of the percentage of women in Central Para Military Forces;

(b) the year-wise and State-wise number of personnel of paramilitary forces committed suicide during last three years;

(c) whether 40 per cent suicides in these forces have been committed by women who constitute only 2 per cent of Central Para Military Forces;

(d) if so, the year-wise and State-wise details thereof during last two years;

(e) the reasons for high rate of suicide in women personnel; and

(f) the corrective steps Government would take in this regard?

Air facility and first AC class railway pass for freedom fighters

2628. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 and to provide air facility and first AC class railway pass for travel to freedom fighters in view of their old age, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons for denying the air and first class AC railway passes to those freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the independence of the country?

Debarring media persons from interacting with officers

2629. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Ministry of Home Affairs has issued any order on 23rd July, 2015 debarring media persons from interacting with officers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons and rationale of such an order by Government;

(c) whether media persons have registered strong protest against the above order which restricts freedom of Press, if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto; and

(d) whether above order was issued without consultation with Principal Director General, Media and

Communications in the Ministry and if so, the reasons therefor?

Increase in incidents of communal violence

2630. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the latest data of Union Ministry of Home Affairs, incidents of communal violence have increased by 24 per cent during January-May 2015 in comparison to the same period in 2014;

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

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

Impact of gender sensitization programme in training of police forces

2631. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have informed Government that introduction of gender sensitization programmes in training of police forces may not have desired impact on their attitude towards women;

(b) if so, reasons quoted by States in this regard;

(c) whether States have requested for larger systemic changes particularly in the education system and introduction of gender education at primary level;

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(e) the names of States who have agreed and not agreed to introduce gender sensitization programmes in the training module of fresh recruits; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Migration of Indians for settling abroad

†2632. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is increase in migration of Indians for settling abroad;

(b) if so, the details of migration for the last one decade;

(c) whether such citizens migrating from the country are given dual citizenship by Government; and

(d) whether mostly these are rich persons among the persons migrating from the country, if so, the details thereof?

Fake degrees of practicing advocates investigated by Delhi Police

2633. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to initial investigations by Delhi Police, about 2000 practicing advocates registered with Bar Council of Delhi have fake graduation

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degrees from Bundelkhand University and law degrees from Bhagalpur University;

(b) if so, the details of investigations; and

(c) whether in view of seriousness of charges of fake degree rackets, Delhi Police will hand over the cases to CBI for detailed investigations and if not, the reasons therefor?

Deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi and other metro cities

2634. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken note of the deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi and other metro cities including Mumbai;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of killing and molestation of girls reported during the last one year;

(c) the number of cases solved and number of cases registered against the culprits; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to ensure safety of life and property of the people?

Kidnapping of children by organised gangs for organ theft

2635. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media reports on the kidnapping of children by organized gangs for organ theft;

(b) if so, the States where such gangs are active; and

(c) what action has been taken to protect the children by the Centre and the concerned States?

Hiring of personnel on temporary basis

2636. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would allow the industry to hire personnel on temporary basis depending on their operational/production needs; and

(b) whether there are any demands from industry stalwarts for such a facility and if so, the details thereof?

Employment generation in West Bengal

2637. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 39 lakh employments have been generated in West Bengal in the last four years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) out of these employments how much have been generated through employment banks?

Nidhi Aapka Nikat programme of EPFO

2638. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether Government has unveiled Nidhi Aapka Nikat, a public outreach programme of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) the zone-wise number of customer grievances/complaints received by EPFO during 2014-15 so far and the number of them addressed and pendency as on date; and

(d) the extent to which the Nidhi Aapka Nikat programme will be able to check increasing number of customer grievances/complaints in various EPFO centres in the country?

Unclaimed provident funds

2639. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than ₹ 9000 crore provident funds are unclaimed from Government so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for unclaimed provident funds;

(c) whether Government is considering to put such unclaimed names on Government website for facilitation of the beneficiaries to track their accounts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employment opportunities for handicapped

2640. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and district-wise number of handicapped job-seekers from Andhra Pradesh during last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number is going up every year and placements have come down during the above period;

(c) if so, how Ministry is planning to bridge the gap and increase employment opportunities for handicapped;

(d) the details of targets set and achieved during the above period;

(e) whether it is also a fact that recently Supreme Court has directed Government to provide three per cent reservation to handicapped in the country; and

(f) if so, how Government is planning to implement this directive?

Paid maternity leave to women employed by private organisations and companies

2641. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to formulate any policy or guidelines laying down minimum specifications for the provisions of paid maternity leave to women employed by organisations and companies in the private sector; and

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

Incentivise by EPFO to its subscribers

2642. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) is looking for ways to keep subscribers in its fold;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO is worried it could lose subscribers to the National Pension System (NPS) which has been offering better returns in the last few years as much as 20 per cent in comparison to EPFO's 8.75 per cent return;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO is exploring various options to incentivise its subscribers to keep money in Provident Fund accounts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of houses for beedi workers in Chhattisgarh

†2643. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for construction of houses for beedi workers and for rehabilitation of bonded labourers of Raigarh district in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) whether the amount of assistance to be provided by the Centre for (a) above, has been provided, if not, by when it would be provided?

Non-deduction of PF by companies in Uttarakhand

†2644. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the companies in Uttarakhand which are running in loss and did not open the pool for the amount of provident fund deducted from the labourers for the last few years even after directions issued by Government; and

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to protect the provident fund of such labourers of the State?

Social security and facilities for workers

†2645. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labourers working in different industrial units in the country;

(b) the details of number of skilled and semi-skilled labourers out of the above and the kind of trade they are working in; and

(c) whether the provision for housing, education of children, medical facility, drinking water and toilets are made by industries for the above labourers, if so, the details of the industries which have provided the above facilities and the number of people to whom above facilities have been provided?

ILO's concern to restricting outsiders in trade unions

2646. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the labour wing of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) raised concern over the Centre's proposal to restrict outsiders in trade union;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether the ILO convention stands that it should be upto the trade unions to decide the structures and Government should play the role of a facilitator;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the proposal may hinder the entry of legitimate and elected members into the union, if so, the details thereof?

Workers shifting to manufacturing, construction and infrastructure sectors

2647. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of labour workforce has reportedly shifted or is shifting from agriculture sector to manufacturing/construction and other infrastructure sectors;

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

(c) the estimated number of workforce engaged in agriculture, manufacturing/construction and other infrastructure sectors during each of the last three years;

(d) whether social security benefits are given to the workers/labourers engaged in manufacturing/construction and other infrastructure sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to extend the benefits of social security to workers engaged in these sectors?

Establishment of new medical colleges by ESIC

†2648. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has proposed for establishment of new medical colleges in different parts of the country including rural/scheduled areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places identified State/UT-wise for the same; and

(c) the details of all the pending demands with Government received from each State and by when the action is likely to be taken in this regard?

Daily wages for unskilled physically challenged labourers

2649. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any separate law governing the provision for earning daily wages for the unskilled physically challenged labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry would consider bringing in such law for the benefit of the unskilled physically challenged labourers?

Indian Labour Conference

2650. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 46th Indian Labour Conference (ILC) was held in Delhi on July 20 and 21, 2015; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussion that took place and the outcome thereof?

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**Organised and unorganised workers
in MNCs**

2651. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of organised and unorganised workers registered in Multi-National Companies (MNCs) as on date;

(b) whether any study has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted by Government to assess the impact of establishment of the MNCs on the unemployment problems in the country;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome of the study thereof;

(d) the status of the unorganised workers working in the MNCs; and

(e) the details of the schemes implemented by Government for generation of more employment opportunities including identification of priority sectors for the same in the country?

Accidents in factories

2652. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many major accident hazards occurred in various factories in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many factories have been registered State-wise in the last three years;

(c) how many chemical factories are there in the country State-wise and how many times gas leakages occurred; and

(d) how many sponge iron factories are presently in operation, State-wise and what steps have been taken to control any dangerous occurrence?

**Consultations with States on reforms
of labour laws**

2653. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to initiate a process of simplifying, rationalizing and amalgamating age-old labour laws, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has sought views of the States on the proposed reforms of labour laws and issues of enforcement and implementation of labour laws; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Maternity leave and bonus payments
to employees**

2654. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that labour laws are proposed to be recast to add more leave to maternity from three months to six months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering virtually doubling bonus payments to employees and making gratuity portable between jobs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Consultations with trade unions on
reforms in labour sector**

2655. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government plans to bring reforms in labour sector of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the members of various trade unions have been consulted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of career centres

2656. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes a project envisioning a network of career centres for providing variety of employment related services and develop a national portal to facilitate registration of job seekers, job providers, intermediaries, etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would also provide information on training providers, guidance on self employment and entrepreneurship, etc., if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be part of restructuring 956 employment exchanges or it would be independent of the existing ones; and

(d) if so, by what time the project would be launched?

Child labour in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2657. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to place a total ban on child labour in hazardous industries in particular;

(b) whether employment of children in family enterprises and farms will be exempted from such a ban; and

(c) the present status of child labour in the country, particularly Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Workers in unorganised sector

2658. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of workers working in the unorganised sector in the country, as on date;

(b) the details of social security schemes covered under the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 together with the details of measures taken to ensure that the unorganised workers get benefit from all the said social security schemes; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to issue identity card to unorganised sector workers to enable them to avail the benefits of social security schemes covered under the unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008?

Revival of closed and sick mines

2659. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise number of mines in the country including Haryana and Rajasthan;

(b) the number of sick and closed mines in the country including Haryana and Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to revive the closed and sick mines in the country particularly in Haryana and Rajasthan; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for revival and restructuring of these sick mines including rehabilitation of affected workers in Haryana and Rajasthan?

Proposal to increase mining lease period

†2660. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 2015;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to increase the mining lease period from 20 years to 50 years; and

(c) if so, the details of the sectors in which mining lease period is to be increased from 20 years to 50 years?

Schemes to establish mineral based industries

†2661. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of schemes likely to be implemented to establish industries based on minerals in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh as on date; and

(b) the State-wise details of plants likely to be established?

Royalty rate of minerals

2662. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing royalty rates of various minerals along with the year in which the same were last revised;

(b) whether various mineral rich States have urged the Union Government to hike the royalty rates of various kinds of minerals, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any royalty issues of Jharkhand and Gujarat pending with the Centre, if so, the details and action taken on them;

(d) the action taken by Government thereon along with the details of the revised royalty rates for various minerals; and

(e) the time by when the revised rates are likely to come into effect?

Illegal mining

†2663. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of illegal mining are rising continuously in the country thereby causing huge loss of revenue to Government every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a more stringent legislation is required to be brought to stop illegal mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation of Karlapat bauxite in favour of OMC

2664. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state whether a proposal for reservation of Karlapat bauxite deposit in favour of Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) was sent by the State Government to Ministry of Mines on 28th March, 2012 and the clarification to the queries of the Ministry have been submitted on 10th October, 2013 and whether Ministry would consider approving the proposal?

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Establishment of DMF in Jharkhand

†2665. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in Jharkhand where District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been established;

(b) the total share from revenue to be given to DMF;

(c) whether any fund has been given to DMF so far; and

(d) whether people affected from mining have been given any compensation from DMF and if so, the details thereof?

Investment by GAIL plant at Auraiya on welfare of locals

2666. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per rule any industry that is established in a particular area invests 2 per cent of its annual profit on the welfare work of the people of that particular area, such as making health centre, etc.;

(b) if so, whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) plant in Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh in Patta village has invested its 2 per cent profit on the welfare of the people of that area; and

(c) if so, the scheme-wise details of the investments made by GAIL plant in Auraiya district in UP for last two years, if not, the reasons therefor and where have the money meant for the said purpose gone/ invested?

Agreement with foreign countries for import of petroleum products

2667. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) the details of agreements entered into by India with other countries for the import of oil and petroleum products for the year 2014-15;

(b) whether there is any proposal for buying oil and petroleum products on the spot market; and

(c) if so, the quantum of oil proposed to be purchased under that arrangement during the said period?

Increase in demand of natural gas

2668. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of natural gas during the Twelfth Plan is likely to grow by about 19.2 per cent to meet the incremental requirement of power, fertilizer and other industries;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to find out the percentage of growth of demand of natural gas in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any shortage of

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natural gas for power, fertilizer and other industries, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to meet the required demand?

Investigation into fire in ONGC oilwell at Olpad, Surat

†2669. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 270 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd July, 2015 and state:

(a) whether findings of the Oil Industry Safety Directorate to the effect that there was no culpability of anyone in the fire incidents in the ONGC oilwell at Olpad, Surat, are suspicious;

(b) whether the communications received in the Ministry from the Members of Parliament, wherein factual information of this incident is contained and it was suggested that by whom and where the negligence has taken place are included, have been included in this investigation, if so, the details of the ambit of the investigation; and

(c) the number of Members of Parliament/other persons related to it who have written the letters and the action taken on these letters?

Use of obsolete/expired cylinders in Maharashtra

2670. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints relating to expired/old/obsolete LPG cylinders in circulation particularly from the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(c) the total number of LPG cylinders of various companies which have been detected as obsolete and expired; and

(d) what Government has done to educate the people about the expired LPG gas cylinders and also about safety measures?

Survey to assess LPG/PNG coverage

2671. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey/studies have been undertaken to assess the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)/Piped Natural Gas (PNG) coverage;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the number of actual users/coverage of LPG/PNG in the country;

(c) the company-wise and State/UT-wise details of households having multiple LPG/PNG connections; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the multiple connections are surrendered?

Oil and gas discoveries

2672. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether substantial oil and gas

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discoveries have been made in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details of such discoveries in past three years;

(c) what percentage of the country's demand can be met by these new discoveries, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to promote oil and gas exploration in the country?

Petrol pumps allotted by OMCs in Maharashtra

†2673. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol pumps allotted by oil companies under various schemes in the country especially in the State of Maharashtra as on date;

(b) the names of districts especially in Maharashtra where oil companies are themselves operating the petrol pumps along with locations of these petrol pumps; and

(c) the names of such districts in backward and tribal areas in the country especially in Maharashtra where not a single petrol pump has been allotted to anyone?

Registration of steel manufacturers with BIS

2674. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the proposal to constitute an appropriate authority to crackdown on cheap and inferior quality of

steel dumped into the country;

(b) the details of steel manufacturers in the country and whether it is a fact that all the manufacturers of steel have not been registered with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); and

(c) if so, what mechanism the Ministry is planning to bring in so as to make it mandatory for all steel manufacturers to register with BIS?

Low per 1000 sq. km. wells of oil and gas in the country

2675. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of oil and gas in India at around 20 wells per 1000 sq. km. is among the lowest in the world; and

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

Revival of Oil Diplomacy Committee

2676. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revive the Oil Diplomacy Committee established in 2004 and wound up in 2006; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Resumption of negotiations with Iran for import of LNG

2677. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2005 an agreement had

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been initiated for the import of approximately 22 billion dollars worth of Liquefied Natural Gas from Iran at a price pegged at an international oil price of 36 dollar per barrel;

(b) whether that agreement was not eventually signed by the Iranian Government; and

(c) whether it is proposed to resume negotiations with Iran on long-term arrangements for the import of large quantities of LNG?

Required *vis-a-vis* operating petrol/diesel pumps in the country

†2678. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol and diesel pumps required in the country, as on date;

(b) the number of petrol and diesel pumps operating, as on date, against the required number thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan to operate the required number of petrol and diesel pumps throughout the country; and

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

Supply of piped cooking gas by IOC to Ranchi and Jamshedpur

2679. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil is establishing a system to supply cooking gas directly to the consumers in Ranchi and Jamshedpur;

(b) whether safety concerns of such

pipled gas supply has been taken care of, including insurance cover for the subscribers; and

(c) the names of cities of Jharkhand which will be connected through pipeline for gas supply during the next three years?

Plans to check rising prices of oil

†2680. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to check the rising prices of oil in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the prices of oil in India are dependent upon the prices of crude oil in the International market; and

(c) if so, whether Government has formulated any policy to stabilize the prices of oil in India?

MoU by GAIL with Paradip Port Trust

2681. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has entered into an MoU with Paradip Port Trust on 26th October, 2013 at Bhubaneswar to set up a Floating Storage and Re-gasification Unit/Floating Storage Unit with On shore Re-Gas facility, Off shore Jetty, Off shore Pipeline, On shore pipeline, Receiving and Metering facilities and all related equipment within Port Limits (LNG Re-gasification Terminal) in the East Coast of India at Paradip Port; and

(b) if so, what is the status of the said MoU as on date?

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Investment by ONGC in KG basin blocks

2682. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to invest in Krishna Godavari basin blocks, Eastern offshore, in the next five years, with details;

(b) what are the estimated reserves of oil and gas in place in various basins and what would be the phase-wise discoveries in the blocks in the next 15 years; and

(c) whether the field development plans have been approved by Government, if so, the details thereof?

Production of oil and gas

2683. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the sector and company-wise details of production of oil and gas by various companies during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed by Government for increasing the production of oil and gas in the country?

Quantum growth in natural gas usage

2684. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CNG and City Gas Sector is expected to see a quantum growth in natural gas use during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many cities are covered under

City Gas Distribution at present, State-wise; and

(c) how many cities are likely to be covered by the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

Monthly average selling versus crude oil price of petroleum products

2685. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have the data of average monthly selling price of petrol, diesel, LPG and other petroleum products for the last three years, if so, the details of each month for last three years;

(b) whether Government have information about the average monthly price of crude oil for the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Financial performance of public sector steel companies

2686. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial performance of public sector steel companies has improved during the last three years and the current year in Eastern India;

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

(c) the details of the companies which have registered profit and those which are running in losses in Eastern India;

(d) whether there has been any increase

in the operating cost and input cost of the steel companies during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by Government to reduce the operating costs?

Acquisition of IDCOL Kalinga Iron Works Ltd. by SAIL

2687. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of acquisition of IDCOL Kalinga Iron Works Ltd., Keonjhar, Odisha by SAIL is pending with the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what is its present status?

Encouraging tourism in various States

2688. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the places identified and developed and schemes formulated by Government for encouraging tourism in various States of the country including Maharashtra and Haryana during the last two years?

Strategy to attract foreign tourists

2689. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned any strategy to attract more foreign tourists in the country in future;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of funds sanctioned for the development of

infrastructural changes made in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that State of West Bengal has received zero compensation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Cleanliness around important tourist places

2690. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many important tourist places in the country are not maintained up to the mark especially cleanliness in and around the tourist places;

(b) whether Government in consultation with the State Governments proposes to put a unified effort to maintain these tourist places in the country; and

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

Funds for tourism development projects of States

†2691. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States have requested the Ministry to provide funds for the tourism development projects;

(b) if so, the names of the projects receiving from the States;

(c) whether the States have been provided funds according to their requirement;

(d) if so, the names of the projects for which funds have been provided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Proposal of Madhya Pradesh for Food Craft Institute

‡2692. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a proposal related to Food Craft Institute to Government for approval, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the said proposal is expected to be approved soon and the proposed amount is to be released and if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to States for rural tourism

2693. PROF M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to provide financial assistance for the rural tourism schemes to States like Karnataka and Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry intends to provide special subsidies and travel packages to boost the rural schemes in States like Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Attracting foreign Buddhist tourists into the country

2694. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Buddhist population in India and Buddhist population living in different countries of the world;

(b) the number of foreign Buddhist

tourists visiting Sarnath, Varanasi and Bodhgaya during the last five years;

(c) the quantum of the revenue being earned on this account during the last five years; and

(d) the proposal/strategy to publicise Buddhist culture through Indian Embassies and High Commissions to attract more foreign Buddhist tourists into the country?

Adoption of tourist destinations by corporates

2695. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drafted a policy whereby corporates can adopt tourist destinations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any deals have been signed between Government and corporates regarding the same and if so, the details thereof?

Declining tourist traffic in Punjab

2696. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourist traffic to Punjab has declined during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of tourist arrivals in Punjab during the last one year with the reasons for decline in tourist traffic; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to market places of tourist attraction in Punjab through its tourist offices located in various countries?

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Roadmap to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh

‡2697. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state whether Government has drawn up a roadmap to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and how Government intends to implement the same?

Promotion of religious tourist places in Maharashtra

2698. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to promote religious tourist places specially in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Central Government has received any proposals for development of Pandharpur, Shirdi, Akkalkot and Tuljapur in Maharashtra from the Government of Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Malnutrition deaths of tribal children

2699. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether malnutrition deaths of children below the age of five have been reported from the tribal areas in various parts of the country including Maharashtra and Karnataka last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any inquiry regarding the reported deaths

of children due to malnutrition in such areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry proposes to send a team to have an on-the-spot assessment of the situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other measures being proposed in this regard?

Diversion of funds allotted under TSP

2700. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that funds allotted under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) remain under-utilized or are diverted for other purposes, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the State-wise amount of funds allocated to Tribal Sub Plan in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) the State-wise amount of funds allocated to Tribal Sub Plan in the year 2014-15 that have not been fully used; and

(d) the State-wise amount of funds allocated to Tribal Sub Plan in the year 2014-15 that have been diverted for other purposes and the details of purposes also?

Procedure for issuing ST certificate

‡2701. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any uniform procedure all over the country for issuing Scheduled Tribes (ST) certificate;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the State-wise details of the

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procedures being adopted in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to adopt uniform procedure in this regard?

Literacy rate amount STs

2702. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is aware that the tribals living in remote areas of the country do not have easy access to educational and employment opportunities; and

(c) if so, the State-wise corrective measures taken by Government in this regard, including Himachal Pradesh?

States lagging in implementing FRA, 2006

2703. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the major States lagging behind in implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, which was enacted to recognise and record the rights of forest dwellers, mainly tribal people;

(b) the State-wise details of claim settlements and distribution of title deeds to tribal people and other forest dwellers till 2014 including Kerala, West Bengal and Gujarat along with percentage of settled claims till date; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to empower tribal people and their community institutions as statutory authorities with the power to protect and manage forests?

Funds for development programmes for tribal women

2704. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development programmes for tribal women;

(b) the funds allocated by the Central Government for implementation of these programmes during the last one year; and

(c) the State-wise un-utilized funds, during the above period?

Water sports complex for canoeing and kayaking training facility

2705. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made provisions and water sports complex for canoeing and kayaking training facility to the youth;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such training centres;

(c) whether the Ministry has abandoned the construction of the proposed Regional Water Sports Complex at Takmu hill in Manipur;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Ministry intends to seek financial assistance from the Ministry of Finance to complete the construction of the Regional Water Sports Complex and if so, the details thereof?

Opening of new sports coaching and training centres

2706. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open new sports coaching and training centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified along with the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) the time by when these centres are likely to be opened; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to improve coaching standards in the country?

(a) whether Government intends to get constructed 'A' level pavilions in all the seven divisional headquarters in Rajasthan to refine sports talents and to handle them, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any Central assistance is being provided or any scheme framed in order to promote and get the rural sports being played for decades in Rajasthan identified nationally and internationally, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any sportsperson from Rajasthan has won any medal at international level, if so, the details of the sports and the occasions thereof?

Funds for training of participating athletes in Rio Olympics

2707. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated for the training, accommodation and travel of athletes participating in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games;

(b) the facilities and incentives provided to such athletes; and

(c) whether Government has taken care of the equipment needed by the athletes and the details thereof?

Construction of sports pavilions in Rajasthan

†2708. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

Funds for development of sports

†2709. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise quantum of funds allotted and spent by Government during the last two years and current financial year for development of sports on infrastructure facilities and training of sports persons, especially in rural areas;

(b) whether Government is aware that there are no infrastructural facilities for sports for rural youth;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the State-wise details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to encourage sports and development and upgradation of facilities as also to provide training to sportspersons?

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**Financial support to NGOs in
Karnataka**

2710. SHRIBASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific programmes under the Ministry;

(b) whether any private NGOs will get financial aids to arrange such programme, if so, which are those organizations in Karnataka; and

(c) how much financial support the NGOs have got?

**Indigent condition of
ex-sportspersons**

2711. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some of the outstanding/meritorious national and international level sportspersons of yesteryears are living in indigent circumstances;

(b) if so, whether Government will prepare a database of such players or the players who have won medals or participated in international events;

(c) whether Government will create a placement cell in the Ministry to help the players get jobs in various PSUs, banks and other Government organizations and also coordinate with such organizations for placements; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Ratio of trainee sportspersons
vis-a-vis coaches**

†2712. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and game-wise details of total number of trainee sportspersons in the country and the ratio of coach as per number of trainees; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of coaches in State Coaching Centres (SCC) of States, if so, the details of permanent and temporary measures taken by Government?

**Introduction of 'Marks for Sports' in
school curriculum**

2713. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received suggestions about introducing provisions for 'Marks for Sports' in school curriculum; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has taken up this matter with the Ministry of Human Resource Development for fostering sporting culture in the country?

**Identification of sports talent from
rural areas**

2714. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise particularly in Punjab efforts made by Government to identify sports talent from rural areas of the country along with the achievements thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

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(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by Government to develop sports infrastructure in rural areas of the country; and

(c) the funds provided under the said schemes/programmes along with its utilization reported by the States/UTs during the said period?

(c) the category-wise details of funds allocated and spent on this account during the last five years; and

(d) whether Government is considering any exchange programme with foreign countries to boost quality of sports in India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for construction of sports complexes in 36 talukas of Karnataka

2715. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to construct 36 Sports complexes one in each taluka of Karnataka State at a cost of ₹ 2762.48 lakhs was submitted to the Ministry on 2nd August, 2014 and the same was approved by the Ministry in September, 2014;

(b) whether it is a fact that till now sanction letter has not been issued by the Department of Sports and no funds have been released for the purpose; and

(c) when will the Ministry issue the requisite sanction and release funds to the State Government?

Policy for selection of sportspersons for training abroad

2716. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to select sportspersons to send abroad for training;

(b) the category-wise number of sports youths delegates sent abroad to familiarize and adapt to foreign climatic conditions, during the last five years;

Restructuring of RGKA

2717. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) launched in February, 2014 is still in the model stage, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to restructure the scheme;

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

(d) the time by when the RGKA is likely to be implemented?

Promotion of sports by private and corporate sector

†2718. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private and the corporate sectors are coming forward to promote sports in the country;

(b) to what extent the private sector is co-operating in promotion of sports;

(c) the prospective plan of Government to provide better sports infrastructure to the youth in the rural areas;

(d) whether merely including the sports in school curriculum will improve the

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condition of games and sports in the country; and

(e) the details of number of schools in the country wherein the sports' resources are available at present?

(c) whether Government has a proposal to remove this disparity; and

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

Gender pay disparity among national squash players

2719. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that female national players of squash gets lesser amount than male players in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons for disparity on gender basis;

Policies to reap benefits of demographic dividend

2720. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what major policies were undertaken in the year 2014-15 to reap the benefits of demographic dividend;

(b) what was the impact of these initiatives; and

(c) what policies are proposed to adopt during the year 2015-16?

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