

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 12, 2018/Agrahayana 21, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 160

Permission to Kannur airport to operate flights to Gulf countries

161. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kannur airport in Kerala has been given permission to operate flights of Air India Express to Gulf countries.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Madurai airport has been neglected even though it has better infrastructure and international operations;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is any new domestic/international flight service to and from Madurai airport?

International flights from Vijayawada and Tirupati

162. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of handing over of 698 acres of land at Vijayawada and 732 acres of land at Tirupati by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to Airports Authority of

India (AAI), no step has been taken by the Central Government so far to operate international flights from Vijayawada and Tirupati airports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has fixed any tentative day to operate international flights from Vijayawada and Tirupati airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact assessment study of UDAN Scheme

163. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken an impact assessment study of the Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) Scheme since its inception;

(b) if so, when was it undertaken; and

(c) if not, why has the assessment not been undertaken and what has been the result of this exercise and whether there was any modification in the scheme thereafter?

Delay in expansion works of airports in Andhra Pradesh

164. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay in completion of expansion works being undertaken at various airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Land for expansion of Tuticorin airport

165. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has obtained/received required land for the expansion/modernisation of Tuticorin airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of airports through PPP model

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken recently by Government to develop, operate and manage some airports through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether approval was given for

investments for expansion and upgradation of integrated terminals at Chennai, Guwahati and Lucknow airports;

(d) if so, the details of the amount to be invested for each airport and schedule of completion; and

(e) the authority that would oversee and monitor these projects?

Study on passenger handling capacity of airports

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exercise is being carried out to study the growing passengers handling capacity of various airports and the need to have second airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) steps taken by Government to meet the increased number of aircrafts with scheduled airlines in India and the increased passengers capacity at major airports, especially in Mumbai, Delhi, Goa, Jaipur, Kolkata, Bengaluru, etc. over a period of next 10 years; and

(d) whether State Governments have been advised for identifying the land for new airports well in advance, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Chaudhary Charan Singh airport, Lucknow

168. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to develop and upgrade the Chaudhary Charan Singh airport in the city of Lucknow;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the size of airstrips and develop the terminal building of the airport; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be completed?

Regular flights from airport in Ratnagiri

†169. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic airport in Ratnagiri in Konkan region is located in district headquarter itself and this terminal is only used occasionally;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to start regular flights from domestic airports located in Ratnagiri; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New embarkation point at Gannavaram airport for Haj pilgrims

170. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for allotment of new embarkation point at Gannavaram airport for Haj pilgrims;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry in this regard?

Airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme

171. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many airports have been

established under the UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme, details of the airports that are established but presently non-functional;

(b) what is the proportion of funds that have been allocated to each airport under the Regional Connectivity Scheme;

(c) whether there is any involvement of private companies in construction, maintenance or supervision of these airports, if so, the type and details of contract and agreements signed with private agencies under the UDAN Scheme; and

(d) what is the average number of flights and passengers flying from these airports, the details thereof?

Finalisation of Regional Connectivity Scheme

172. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to Assam and other North-Eastern States and financial allocation made for the scheme;

(c) whether some helicopter operators have been associated for proper implementation of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of Air India

173. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidiaries of Air India together with their functions;

(b) the details of their physical and

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financial performance during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken a decision to sell total stakes in Air India, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether disinvestment of Air India would also include disinvestment of all its subsidiaries, if so, the details thereof?

Water aerodromes in the country

174. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of water aerodromes to be set up across the country;

(b) the details of criteria for choosing places for water aerodromes to be set up across the country; and

(c) whether Government plans to include seaplane operations under the Phase III of UDAN scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Sanctioning of second airport in major cities

175. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering for sanctioning second airport in the major cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the cities wherein second airport is planned for; and

(c) the time by when the second airport in these cities will be established?

Issues in UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme

176. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the UDAN Scheme licenses for regional connectivity were given to private operators, for example Mumbai - Kolhapur - Mumbai sector was given to M/s Air Deccan, and Air Deccan could not successfully operate flights on the sector apparently due to many technical issues such as services and support; and

(b) whether Government is taking adequate steps to address these issues in order to ensure regional connectivity under UDAN scheme remains successful?

Recovery of outstanding amount of DIAL

177. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has to recover any outstanding amount from DIAL for security services provided at Delhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details regarding action taken for recovery of the said amount;

(d) whether there has been any delay in deputing more security personnel at Delhi International Airport due to monetary reasons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pressure on financials of airlines

178. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite growth momentum, the airlines financials continue to remain under pressure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that yields have been flat for all carriers;

(c) whether rising fuel costs and rupee depreciation has increased input costs for carriers;

(d) whether it has not been passed on to customers entirely; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Inspection of AAI's ATCO certification process

179. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regulator inspecting AAI's ATCO certification process and issuance of fresh licenses to the 3,100 air traffic controllers will be concluded by March, 2019 when the ICAO has been invited again to validate India's effective implementation of the licensing parameters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the global watchdog raised the ATCO licensing suggesting that there was a conflict of interest in AAI being a service provider as well as the regulator of air traffic controller; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in airlines passengers

180. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for air travel continues to be high as airlines reported over 18 per cent jump in passengers traffic in June, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether it is also a fact that domestic passengers increased to 11.32 million in June, 2018 as compared with 9.56 million in June, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for clearance of new airport terminal at Vijayawada

181. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when was the proposal submitted for the Environment, Forest and Climate Change clearance of new terminal at Vijayawada with an estimated cost of ₹ 500 crores;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in getting approval from the Expert Appraisal Committee of that Ministry; and

(c) by when the approval of AAI is going to be acquired and by when the project would be completed?

Shortage of pilots/air traffic controllers

†182. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of trained pilots and air traffic controllers is being felt for safe aviation service in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating on taking any step to address such shortcomings; and

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

Operation of flights under UDAN scheme

183. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether flight from Mysore to Chennai by Air Odisha was to be operated under UDAN scheme;

(b) whether flight from Baldota/Koppal

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to Goa, and Hyderabad has to be commenced under the UDAN scheme;

(c) whether flight from Hubli to Chennai, Hindon, Hyderabad, Kannur, Pune and Ahmedabad were to start under the UDAN scheme;

(d) if so, reasons for delay in operation of the above destinations under the UDAN scheme; and

(e) by when they are going to start their operations to above destinations?

Help to ailing airline industry

184. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the airline industry to resolve the crisis of heavy losses by helping them secure credit from other sources and if so, details thereof;

(b) the action plan by Government in helping the ailing airline industry; and

(c) whether Government has sought help from private players for haircuts to help certain ailing airlines and if so, details thereof?

Non-operation of Air India flights

†185. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of aircrafts with Air India and number of aircrafts out of them which have been grounded due to want of machine parts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 19 more aircrafts of Air India have also been grounded due to want of machine parts, recently;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on purchase of these parts and reasons for not making any arrangement to purchase the same; and

(d) the per day loss accruing to Air India due to non-operationlization of these aircrafts?

Concession sought by FIA

186. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) has sought concessions from the Ministry, including additional time to pay oil companies and airport operators;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the airlines industry has been pitching for bringing aviation fuel under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bail-out airline industry facing challenging times and substantial losses in the domestic environment?

Use of National Emblem on visiting cards

187. SARDAR BALWINIDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of National Emblem on visiting cards by Executives of private commercial organizations is an offence under the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with penalties etc. for violation of above act;

(c) whether Members of Parliament/ MLAs who are also Directors/Executives

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of listed private companies are permitted to use the Emblem on their visiting cards; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Provision of old airport terminals on rental basis

188. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to provide old airport terminals for events on rental basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this will fetch for Government a good amount of revenue from many parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Need for comprehensive aviation infrastructure plans

189. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India needs a comprehensive aviation infrastructure plans as air traffic is booming;

(b) whether it is also a fact that developing airports like real estate business is doomed to fail;

(c) whether the airports need to be developed first and foremost as a catalyst for economic development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Retrofitting of Boeing 777

190. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India had to send two brand new Boeing 777 to the US for being retrofitted with the least

security and communication systems so that they can replace 25 year old jumbo jets used by the President, Vice President and the Prime Minister for long international flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said aircraft will be back to India after two years as retrofitting will take a minimum of two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fall in safety audit score

191. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has decided to regulate air traffic controllers as demanded by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's safety audit score has fallen to 57.44 per cent from previous 65.82 per cent; and

(d) whether there was no safety concern red flagged by ICAO during their audit?

Policy for e-commerce regulatory body

192. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken to regulate e-commerce platforms by Government, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to set up any e-commerce regulatory body;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) details of the complaints received since 1st January, 2014 by Government regarding e-commerce platforms and details of the action taken on the same; and

(f) what steps have been taken by Government for 'quality assurance mechanism' in e-commerce platforms?

Trade with Pakistan

†193. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

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

(a) the quantity-wise details of commodities imported from Pakistan and exported to Pakistan during the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the current year so far;

(b) the details of revenue earned by India from above exports, item-wise and year-wise, since 2014, till date; and

(c) the amount of Indian currency spent on the commodities imported from Pakistan, item-wise and year-wise, since 2014, till date?

Increase in export of agricultural products

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

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

(a) the details of increase in quantum of export of agricultural products due to increase in import duty by US and China on each others products and whether Government proposes to encourage more export of agricultural products for the benefit of farmers;

(b) the year-wise details of increase in export of agricultural products during the last three years; and

(c) the action plan of Government to boost the export of agricultural products in view of increasing agriculture production in the country?

Companies registered under 'Make in India' programme

195. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) State/UT/sector-wise details of the companies which have been registered under the 'Make in India' scheme since 2014, till today;

(b) whether it is a fact that some companies have been deregistered, if so, State/UT/sector-wise details thereof with reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any guideline for the registration of a company under this scheme, if so, the details thereof and whether there has been an amendment in the guidelines, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Revival of exports

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

(a) whether there are any signs of revival of exports that had been adversely affected by the financial crisis and economic slowdown noticed by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government during the last three years to boost the dwindling exports and the results achieved therefrom?

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**Development of Industrial Corridors
in Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has embarked on the establishment of Industrial Corridors in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of funds allocated and released/being released in the present financial year, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these projects are being taken up in the coming financial year, the details thereof?

Import and export of farm produce

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has come out with a well laid policy for import and export of farm produce, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the plans of Government to protect the farmers from ups and downs in global food grains market; and

(c) whether these plans are a part of the farm produce import and export policy?

**National Mission on Government
e-Market (GeM) portal**

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

(a) the details of the National Mission on Government e-Market (GeM) portal;

(b) the details of transactions in terms of volume and value through the Government e-Market platform during the last three years; and

(c) whether the portal has had any impact on the annual procurement costs of Government, if so, the details thereof?

**India's objections regarding proposal
made by Singapore at WTO**

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

(a) whether India has objected to a proposal made by Singapore at the WTO to exempt food purchases made for humanitarian purposes from export restriction arguing that such a move could limit its policy space;

(b) whether other nations like Jamaica representing the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and Egypt on behalf of the African group joined India in chorus;

(c) whether India contended that export restrictions were a vital policy for handling sudden fluctuations in domestic food supply chain; and

(d) whether the issue is likely to be resolved before the June-2020 Astana Ministerial Conference?

**WTO objections on assistance to
domestic sugar industry**

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

(a) whether any member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has objected to Government move to provide assistance to domestic sugar industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding action taken by Government to counter such objections at the WTO;

(d) whether such objections are likely to scuttle Government initiatives to support domestic sugar industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

202. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) will place India at a disadvantageous position as compared to other signatories, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) since the deal focuses on tariff cuts on tradeable goods, thus, whether the lack of market access to Indian companies for services is hindering the signing of the deal?

Initiatives taken to boost exports

203. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest initiatives that have been taken by Government for revival and boosting of exports of the country as well as to generate employment through export industries of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievement made by Government in this regard, till date?

Royalty payments on technology transfer and trademark usages

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

(a) whether Government is planning to

cap the royalty payments on sales and exports with regard to technology transfer and to usage of trademarks and brand names, if so, what is the rationale behind such a strategy and the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government after setting up an inter-ministerial group to analyse the same last year?

Agricultural imports in the country

205. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural crops imported in the country during 2014-18 and at what rate; and

(b) names of the importers and quantum of imports, country-wise?

Policy of FDI in e-commerce sector

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

(a) whether the policy of Government on the FDI in e-commerce sector is hampering the lives of small businessmen in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are large scale protests in the country on the Walmart-Flipkart deal; and

(c) how Government is planning to protect the interests of small traders losing their livelihood due to invasion of international e-commerce companies into domestic market?

Opening of new industries in the country

207. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many new industries have been opened in the country since 2014;

(b) in which sector maximum number of new industries were opened in this period;

(c) how many industries have been shut down in the country since 2014, the year-wise details thereof;

(d) how many employees have lost their jobs because of the shut down of the industries during this period; and

(e) whether Government has taken any action for rehabilitation of employees who lost their jobs due to the shut down of the industries?

SEZ Policy Review Committee Report

208. DR. BANDAPRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SEZ Policy Review Committee, headed by Baba Kalyani constituted to evaluate the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy and suggest measures to make the policy WTO compatible has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mini-ministerial conference of WTO member nations

209. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India hosted the mini-ministerial conference of WTO member nations in 2018;

(b) if so, what was the action agenda of this conference;

(c) what were the decisions taken in this conference with respect to global trade and

India's part in the same; and

(d) the details of implementation of all the resolutions passed, if any?

Terrorist violence and infiltration in J&K

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is spurt in the incidents of terrorist violence and infiltration during the last four years in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware of growing attempts to radicalize the youth through social media and internet;

(d) if so, what social welfare measures and awareness programmes are being taken to win the confidence of the people of the State, especially the younger generation; and

(e) the series of measures being taken by Government to contain violence in the State and to bring normalcy?

Coastal Security Scheme

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

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of financial and physical targets set and achieved under Phase-I and Phase-II of Coastal Security Scheme;

(b) whether some targets are yet to be achieved, if so, the reasons for delay;

(c) the number of coastal police stations established and manpower deployed in each coastal State and UT and details of

percentage shortage of manpower in coastal police in each State and UT;

(d) details of functional and non-functional Coastal Patrolling Boats in each coastal State and UT; and

(e) details of other measures taken to strengthen coastal security in Maharashtra and other coastal States and UTs?

Measures to reduce cyber crimes

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

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to reduce cyber crimes;

(b) how many cases of child pornography has been registered so far, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to start a cyber crime institute in Kerala?

Raising more battalions of BSF for borders

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the proposal to raise more battalions of Border Security Force for Pakistan and Bangladesh borders;

(b) what is the total amount involved therein;

(c) the time by when these new battalions will be ready for action, especially on the Punjab borders;

(d) whether more battalions of Indo-

Tibetan Border Police are also to be raised; and

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

Paramilitary personnel martyred in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 400 paramilitary personnel were killed due to firing from across the Indo-Pak border, terrorist and insurgency violence in the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the number of personnel of BSF, SSB, CRPF, and ITBP martyred during the last three years?

Relief fund for victims of cyclone Gaja

215. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA
RAMASWAMY:
DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a central team which visited Tamil Nadu for three days from 24th November, 2018 has submitted its report with suggestion, if any, to release amount for relief and rehabilitation measures for Gaja cyclone victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has released any amount to State Government of Tamil Nadu pursuant to meeting of Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with the Prime Minister of India to release immediate relief fund of ₹ 1,500 crore;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

Electricity fixed charges in NDMC area of Delhi

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the NDMC area of Delhi, per-kilowatt meter load fixed charge has been increased exorbitantly, causing consumers to pay more without consuming any units;

(b) the rate of the same in January, 2018 and percentage increase effected after April, 2018;

(c) whether it is a fact that to show less charges or power units, so much increase has been effected on meter load fixed charges; and

(d) the aspects which have been examined before effecting so much increase on meter load fixed charge at once?

Heavy rains and floods in Kerala

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

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy rains and floods during the recent monsoon have devastated the State of Kerala resulting in heavy loss of lives, properties and infrastructure;

(c) what relief and rehabilitation measures have been extended by the Centre to the State Government of Kerala; and

(d) what action Government proposes to take to bring back the economy of the State on track?

Fencing on border

†218. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of border in kilometer on which fencing had been installed in the States of Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir located at western border of the country before 2014;

(b) the length of border in kilometer on which fencing has been installed during last three years till date, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money spent on this work during the last three years?

Financial package for flood relief in Kerala

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

(a) whether Government of Kerala had sought financial package from the Union Government for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas destroyed by the recent unprecedented flood in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government has made arrangement to disburse the package, if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to allow the financial assistance from foreign countries including UAE for the relief and reconstruction of flood affected areas; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Contractor selection under CIBMS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the tender for the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) included a proposal where contractors were asked to submit their own vision and solutions for the project;

(b) if so, the reasons as to why the BSF could not provide the same for the CIBMS;

(c) how was the final contractor selected, in terms of criteria, cost and the selection committee involved;

(d) whether there will be regular effectiveness reviews of contractors selected under the CIBMS; and

(e) if so, the details of the timeline for review?

Review of gun licence policy

221. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to review gun licence policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons holding gun licence in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether many of these guns are

procured from illegal gun factories in the country; and

(e) the action taken against illegal gun factories in the country?

Improving conviction rate in crimes against children

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

(a) whether it is a fact that National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) that regularly monitors and tracks crimes against children does not report all incidents of violence against children;

(b) whether, despite the increase in the number of reported cases of child rape, conviction and disposal rate remains low;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to include all incidents of violence against children in National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and to improve conviction rate in reported cases of crimes against children; and

(d) the details thereof?

Greyhounds training centre in AP

223. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that inspite of explicit provision of Section 9 (3) G of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014, Government had not yet extended any financial assistance to the State of Andhra Pradesh for setting up Greyhounds training centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is also aware of the fact that the existing training

centre at Hyderabad had become an exclusive training centre for the State of Telangana since July 2, 2017 thereby depriving the State of Andhra Pradesh of its legitimate entitlement of having exclusive Greyhounds training centre?

Measures to stop violence against women

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of reported crimes against women have risen during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the measures taken to stop violence against women;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish exclusive forensic laboratories for investigation of cases related to rape so as to speed up the large number of pending rape cases;

(d) the number of foreign tourists raped in the country during the last three years; and

(e) the steps being taken to strengthen security of foreign tourists?

Low conviction in rape cases due to non-availability of DNA tests

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

(a) whether conviction in rape cases is getting delayed due to non-availability of DNA tests from the Central Forensic Labs; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking to augment the staff strength in the Central Forensic Labs so that conviction cases could be expedited?

Implementation of New Prison Manual, 2016

226 SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the policies that Ministry had undertaken in the past to overcome the problem of overcrowding, delay in trial, inadequate food and clothing and deficiency in communication of prisoners;

(b) how many legal aid clinics had been established and advocates been appointed as proposed in the New Prison Manual of 2016, the State-wise details of prison and legal aid clinics;

(c) how many cases have been settled using the provision of CrPC 436 and 436A to rectify the issue of undertrials in prison; and

(d) whether Government has any provision to facilitate the voting rights of prisoners?

Suicide deaths in India

227. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the 'Gender differentials and State variations in suicide deaths in India' the Global Burden of Disease Study 1990-2016, indicates Andhra Pradesh is one of the top five States where there is more number of suicides at 20 per cent between 1990 and 2016;

(b) if so, other findings of the Report, particularly relating to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(c) whether 24 per cent of men committed suicide all over the world are from India;

(d) if so, the details thereof, with reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Ministry to reverse this trend?

Crimes against women in Andhra Pradesh

228. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the NCRB data of 2015 and 2016, the number of cases of rape, assault/molestation and murder of women in Andhra Pradesh have gone up from about 6,100 in 2015 to about 6,500 in 2016 and have further gone in subsequent years;

(b) if so, the reasons for such unacceptable increase in the number of cases of rape, assault and murder of women in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to contain this onslaught on women in Andhra Pradesh?

Cyber cases reported in the capital

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

(a) the number of cyber cases registered in the capital during the last two years and in how many cases, investigation have been completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of qualified officers with technical qualification like MCA and B. Tech in Computer Science and as a result thereof a large number of cases are pending; and

(c) by when the qualified persons are likely to be inducted in Delhi Police?

Rohingyas settled in various parts of the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Rohingyas have settled in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that many of them have managed to obtain Voter ID cards, Aadhaar card and PAN number and Indian Passports also and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Terror incidents in J&K

†231. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir have increased as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check these incidents?

Enhancement of SDRF allocation

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

(a) whether States, including Karnataka, have requested for enhancement of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) allocation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken action for enhanced SDRF allocation to States; and

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

Inquiry into police encounters

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

(a) the total number of inquiries initiated *suo motu* by the National Human Rights Commission into deaths in police encounters in the last three years, State and district-wise;

(b) whether every State Government is required to appoint officers to investigate cases of police encounters;

(c) if so, the State-wise list of districts which have appointed nodal officers, and State-wise list of districts where nodal officers have not been appointed so far and the reasons for the same; and

(d) the State-wise list of number of cases where *suo motu* inquiries were initiated by NHRC before the case was reported by Superintendent of Police?

Review of implementation of AP Reorganisation Act

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

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed the implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that several provisions of the Act are still to be implemented;

(c) what is the current status of implementation of Act; and

(d) funds released to successor States

as per the provisions made in the Act during last four years?

Punchhi Commission recommendations

235. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punchhi Commission set up by Government on Centre-State relations had submitted its recommendations in year, 2010;

(b) if so, whether Government has received comments from all States;

(c) whether it was decided by Inter-State Council (ISC) on 16th July, 2016 to consider said recommendation of Punchhi Commission first in the standing committee of ISC and then to place before ISC for finalising the recommendations;

(d) if so, whether the process decided upon by ISC on 16th July, 2016 has been completed;

(e) if not, the detailed reasons therefor; and

(f) how soon Government will finalise the recommendation which was submitted eight years back?

Terrorist attacks

236. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many terrorist attacks were reported in the country during 2015, 2016, 2017 and upto June, 2018, year-wise break-up thereof;

(b) how many civilians, security forces personnel and terrorists were killed during the aforesaid period, year-wise details thereof; and

(c) how much amount of compensation

has been paid by Government to the next of kin of the civilians and security forces killed in terrorist attacks during the aforesaid period, the year-wise details thereof?

Convicts in correctional homes

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

(a) whether Government is aware that after serving 14 years of life term, a number of convicts are still in different correction homes of the country;

(b) if so, the details of imprisoned convicts completed 14 years of life term in correction homes therein, State-wise;

(c) the proposal and decision of Government to release them upon remission of their punishment thereof; and

(d) report on the prisoners whether they are ready to be assimilated in the society therefor?

Cases of theft in Delhi

238. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 856 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of cases of theft reported in Delhi during 2018 till date month-wise;

(b) the details of the cases of theft in which recovery has been made by Delhi Police month-wise, during 2018 till date;

(c) the details of recoveries made in FIR No. 04/2018 registered at Barakhamba Road Police Station so far;

(d) whether connivance of police officials with thieves is the main reasons for non-recovery in most of the cases; and

(e) if so, the action Government would take to identify and penalise those officials?

Collection of data on OBCs in Census, 2021

239. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to collect data on OBCs for the first time in Census, 2021;

(b) the measures taken/will be taken to ensure that the parameters which will be used for collecting OBC data will give an accurate picture of the status of OBCs in the country;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the Census data is finalised and released sooner, given that currently it takes 7-8 years for the data to be released after Census completion; and

(d) whether the Census, 2021 data will be stored electronically, and if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of new IRB in Karnataka

240. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the constraints that Government is facing to establish two new India Reserve Battalions (IRBs) at Tumkur and Davanagere districts in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government is aware that due to insufficient battalions, the State is finding it difficult to control law and order, naxalism and terrorist activities; and

(c) by what time Government would approve the above proposal?

Services of retired BSF and CISF personnel for strengthening borders

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

(a) whether Government proposes to take the services of retired BSF and CISF personnel to further strengthen the borders touching Pakistan especially on Indo-Pak border in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancy of posts in forensic labs

242. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancy of posts in forensic labs of the country, vacancy-wise details in Central and State forensic labs;

(b) whether any study has been made with regard to relation of acquittal rate with lack of forensic evidences or shoddy forensic investigation;

(c) if so, steps taken for proper investigation and whether Government proposes to make forensic investigation in crimes mandatory by involving private sector participation; and

(d) whether there is any action plan to fill up all vacancies in forensic labs, if so, details thereof and steps taken to ensure implementation of action plan in an efficient and proper way?

Red Corner Notice issued by INTERPOL

†243. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians against whom

Red Corner Notice have been issued by INTERPOL in the last three years;

(b) the number of Indians in India and abroad against whom Red Corner Notice have been issued by INTERPOL;

(c) the person-wise, State-wise and country-wise details of action taken in respect of Red Corner Notice issued by INTERPOL during the last three years; and

(d) the person-wise details of property seized through the above action?

Decline in naxal violence

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the claim about decline in naxal violence, naxalites are still being considered a threat to security of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete step to eradicate it; and

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

Modernisation of jails in the country

245. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to modernise the jails in the country especially in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for foreign nationals/refugees

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

(a) Government's policy with regard to

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

foreign nationals/refugees illegally staying in the country;

(b) the number of Rohingyas who have illegally migrated to Ladakh till the end of November, 2018 and the impact of it on country's security;

(c) whether displaced Rohingyas from Myanmar are also staying in other States of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to deport them back to Myanmar?

Permanent Residency Status Scheme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that two years after it was launched by Government, the Permanent Residency Status Scheme providing a host of facilities for foreigners who invest at least ₹ 10 crore under the Foreign Direct Investment route is yet to find a single applicant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no foreigner had applied under the said scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there will be no requirement of registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fast tracking of projects on Bangladesh and Nepal borders

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has put Bangladesh and Nepal border projects on fast track;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also expediting fencing of Bangladesh border due to increase in the number of illegal migrants crossing over to India in recent times; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Crimes committed against persons belonging to SCs, STs and OBCs

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

(a) the total crimes committed against persons belonging to SCs, STs and OBCs, State-wise during the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;

(b) the crime rate against persons belonging to SCs, STs and OBCs, State-wise in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;

(c) whether it is a fact that crime rate against SC and ST communities has increased during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure protection of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last three years and the current year?

Infiltration along India-Bangladesh border

250. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether series of measures taken by Government to curb the problem of infiltration into India from Bangladesh such as construction of border roads, border fencing, raising of additional battalions of BSF, reduction of gaps between Border Outposts, intensification of patrolling booth on land and riverine

border, increase in number of outposts towers, provision of surveillance equipment including night vision devices, etc. has helped in reducing infiltration;

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

(c) the expenses incurred by Government in constructions and such other measures taken to stop infiltration along India-Bangladesh Border during last three years?

Anti Human Trafficking Units

251. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided financial assistance to States for setting up Anti Human Trafficking Units in various districts of the States;

(b) if so, the details and mechanism under which such financial assistance has been provided;

(c) the details of Anti Human Trafficking Units set up by such financial assistance from Government along with the list thereof; and

(d) whether Government keeps records of the activities and functionalities of these Anti Human Trafficking Units set up with financial assistance from Government?

Unemployment in the country

252. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether as per the State of Working India 2018 report, the rate of

unemployment in the country is highest ever in last 20 years;

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

(c) the reasons for such a massive failure on the part of Government;

(d) the details of measures Government would take to ameliorate the condition of unemployment in the country during last few months of its tenure in view of alarming level of unemployment and resultant large scale depression among youths?

Measures to contain unemployment

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about 12 million people enter the labour market on an annual basis;

(b) whether the mismatch between the job seekers and the jobs created is due to the subdued performance of the core sectors like the power and the infrastructure in the country; and

(c) what measures Government would take to boost the core sectors like the power and the infrastructure so that the mismatch between the job seekers and the jobs created is minimised and unemployment is contained to some extent?

Educated and trained unemployed youths

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the number of educated and trained unemployed youths in the country;

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(b) whether efforts are being made by Government to provide employment to unemployed persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Drop-out of women labour

255. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a significant drop-out of women labours and/or senior workers during the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the proposal of Government in this regard, if any?

Discussion with trade unions regarding ease of doing business

256. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether initiatives have been taken by Government regarding the ease of doing business, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any discussion has been taken with trade unions and other stakeholders regarding ease of doing business, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amendments including in the relevant labour laws regarding ease of doing business, if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation and crimes against domestic workers

257. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step in order to enhance condition of work

and provide social security to the domestic workers;

(b) if so, the details of initiatives taken by Government during the last three years; and

(c) whether any mechanism has been introduced by Government to check involvement of placement agencies, employer and individual in human trafficking, child labour and forced labour in the name of providing services related to domestic work, if so, the details thereof?

Social security for unorganised workers

258. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended Schedule-I of the Unorganised Worker's Social Security Act, 2008 in order to add more social security schemes to the unorganised workers as per the Act; and

(b) if so, the details of newly introduced schemes thereof?

Standard Operating Procedure for bonded labour cases

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

(a) whether Government has a Standard Operating Procedure to take uniform measures towards identification, rescue, release, rehabilitation and prosecution in bonded labour cases;

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

(c) whether measures have been taken by Government to inform and educate

State officials of such Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in bonded labour cases; and

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

Employment creation rate

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment creation rate during the last four years has drastically come down resulting in growth of unemployment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of jobs created during the last four years, age-group wise with urban-rural and formal-informal sector breakup, State-wise against the actual number of employment seekers?

Jobs to educated youth and skilled labour force

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

(a) the figures of the educated youth and skilled labour force got jobs in different fields during the last three years and steps taken by Government to generate more jobs, the details thereof; and

(b) how many skilled labour force left the country and got job in different parts of the world specially Gulf countries, the details thereof?

Review of existing labour laws

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the

labour laws in the country have become archaic, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to constitute a high level committee consisting of eminent trade union leaders, labour leaders and other stakeholders who have expertise in labour interest to review the existing labour laws in a time-bound manner, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployment of engineers

263. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to skill shortage, B.Tech. graduates from India are not considered fit for hiring by IT firms;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any report on the issue therefor;

(c) whether Government has received any complaint of learn ability and/or skill development deficiency therein; and

(d) if so, proposal of Government to tackle the problems of unemployment of the engineers of the country thereof?

National Career Service portal

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

(a) the number of job postings advertised on the National Career Service (NCS) portal during the past three years, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) the total number of registered job seekers on the National Career Service portal during the past three years, year-wise details thereof; and

(c) percentage of job seekers who have secured a job successfully from the

National Career Service portal during the past three years?

Protection of rights of gig economy workers

265. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rights of gig economy workers like minimum wages and health insurance are protected under any law, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, what measures have been taken by Government for the protection of their rights?

Female workforce at risk of job displacement

266. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that a disproportionately large share of the female workforce is at risk of job displacement due to automation;

(b) whether Government is planning to undertake steps to equip women with required skills to bridge the digital divide and ease the transition for female workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for benefit of migrant labourers

267. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any schemes for the benefit of labourers who have migrated to other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce any policy measure to remove the requirement of domicile status for certain jobs to avoid discrimination of migrant labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loss of jobs in formal sector

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

(a) whether about 10 million people have lost jobs in the formal sector in the country between September, 2017 and August, 2018;

(b) whether these figures are way higher than the corresponding figures for previous ten years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for large population leaving the formal workforce;

(d) whether Government has conducted or is aware of any studies on the quality of jobs and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to uplift the quality of jobs?

Employees contribution to ESI

269. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total accumulated and the last three years' year-wise employees contribution to the ESI;

(b) what is the year-wise expense of ESI on health coverage to employees; and

(c) what is the accumulated, fund-surplus over expenses of ESI during the above period and till date?

Increase in number of unemployed youth

270. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of unemployed youth in the past three years, as per the data available with the employment exchanges all over the country;

(b) the number of unemployed youth in the country as on date and how many jobs have been facilitated for the youth registered with the employment exchanges; and

(c) the steps, if any, Government is contemplating for ensuring/facilitating employment to the educated unemployed youth, especially in rural areas?

Implementation of PMRPY

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

(a) whether Central Government is operating a scheme called Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) aimed at encouraging employers to provide employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said yojana is being implemented smoothly and whether the outcomes of the yojana till now, have been positive and as expected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cess fund for welfare of building and other construction workers

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

(a) whether any cess fund has been

created in States for welfare of labourers engaged in building and other construction works;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above cess fund is being fully utilised in States and whether cent per cent registration of labourers engaged in building and other construction works is being done by States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any concern has been expressed in this regard by Supreme Court recently?

Plan to overhaul EPFO

273. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to overhaul the EPFO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in this move, a cadre is being created to manage social security schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Poor working condition of workforce

274. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor working condition of the workforce in the country;

(b) whether Government is considering reforms in labour laws in the wake of the changing employment scenario in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Schemes for Beedi workers

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

(a) the status of employed women Beedi workers in the country, State-wise, district-wise, in 2018;

(b) the steps Government has undertaken to provide alternate sources of livelihood to people engaged in Beedi manufacturing, gender-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any analysis to evaluate their incomes after shifting to other means of livelihood;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) in case of rehabilitated Beedi workers, how the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme of Government will be implemented, as the workers will lose their categorical identification provided under the scheme?

Connections and subsidies provided under PMUY

276. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) number of new LPG connections provided under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), State-wise, since the launch of scheme;

(b) number of LPG refills bought since launch of the scheme, State-wise, year-wise details thereof;

(c) total quantum of subsidy provided to oil and natural gas companies for establishing new connections;

(d) total quantum of subsidy provided to oil and natural gas companies for providing regular refills of LPG;

(e) State-wise annual average number of cylinders used per household, during 2015-18; and

(f) whether Government has taken concrete steps to ensure repeat usage of LPG in first-time household connection, if so, the details thereof?

Composite scheme for GST

277. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that small scale ice-cream manufacturers with annual turnover of ₹ 30-40 lakhs have not been included in composite scheme for GST;

(b) whether Government is also aware that because of exclusion of these manufacturers from composite scheme, they are required to pay taxes at 18 per cent GST as opposed to 1 per cent VAT earlier;

(c) if so, whether Government has made any petition to Ministry of Finance to include these manufacturers in composite GST scheme;

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

(e) details of steps Government will take to provide relief to these manufacturers?

Concerns of MSME sector due to GST and demonetisation

278. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industry bodies representing the small and medium sector have expressed concerns of falling industrial production, lay-off and related issues caused by uncertainty on economic front, improper implementation of GST and after-effects of demonetisation;

(b) whether there have been inordinate

delays in the release of refunds under GST despite being run on an online system; and

(c) whether this recession has gripped all sectors including textiles, plastics, engineering, chemicals and dyes and the steps being taken to put back the MSME sector back on track?

Beneficiaries under PMEGP

279. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries assisted under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) since its inception, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) total number of applications received under PMEGP for assistance in the last three years, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of pending applications, rejected applications and sanctioned projects in the past three years, the year-wise details thereof?

Decline in performance of MSME sector after demonetisation

280. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of MSME sector has declined after the demonetisation and introduction of GST; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Skill training centres in Unnao, UP

281. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skill development/training centres present and functional in the district of Unnao, Uttar Pradesh under various skill development schemes;

(b) the statistics of the total number of students trained and placed by these institutions in Unnao, UP;

(c) whether any of the skill development programmes envisage short training camps in collaboration with local colleges and inter colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Closure of MSMEs

282. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many MSMEs were closed in the country during last three years, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that demonetisation and GST have affected the MSMEs adversely and led to the closure of them; and

(c) whether Government is ready to bear the loss of income and jobs in this sector due to the policies of Government?

Natural gas connections to households

283. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan by Government to provide households natural gas connection in all the major cities of the country;

(b) if so, the time limit and expenditure of the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons for cosmopolitan cities not been provided with gas line?

Impact of US sanctions on oil imports from Iran

284. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) quantum of crude oil imported from Iran during last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon as compared to other Middle-Eastern countries;

(b) whether Government has asked refiners to prepare for a drastic reduction or zero imports of oil from Iran on the call by the US for curtailing trade ties/stop crude oil import from Iran and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has asked refiners to find out alternative to oil from Iran and ensure energy security and also initiated negotiation with other countries for import of crude oil and if so, the details thereof?

Differences in price of petrol/diesel sold to other countries

285. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

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

(a) whether Government/Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are selling petrol and diesel at the rate less than half of the retail price in India to various countries, as per the RTI information;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the rate thereof for the last three years and current year, so far, country-wise; and

(c) the reasons for huge difference between the price of petrol and diesel sold to other countries by OMCs and sold to common citizens of the country?

Entrusting ONGC oilfields to private sector

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of entrusting some oilfields of ONGC to private sector has been started by Government;

(b) if so, the names of those oilfields and the circumstances due to which those are being entrusted to the private sector;

(c) the details of losses and profits of those ONGC oilfields which are proposed to be entrusted to private sector during the last three years; and

(d) the effects of entrusting ONGC oilfields to private sector and whether this agreement will not dampen its encouraging performance?

Gas pipeline in Bihar

†287. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE
KARIM: Will the Minister of
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be
pleased to state:

(a) the cities and villages in Bihar where gas pipeline for cooking has been provided by the Ministry till now;

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

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(c) the future plan thereof in case it has not been done so far?

Non-passing of benefits of dip in crude oil to consumers

288. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Brent Crude has nosedived 23 per cent from its peak on 23rd October, 2018 this year but the benefit was not passed onto the consumers of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the details of the crude price, petrol and diesel on 23rd October, 2018 and as on date; and

(c) the reason for not passing on the benefit to the consumers?

Hiring of international firms by ONGC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will hire international oil service firms for the first time to raise output from mature oilfields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC has invited any offer from these firms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ONGC's acquisitions and losses

290. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government laid low the ONGC by compelling it to bail out the Gujarat State Petroleum

Corporation (GSPC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL);

(b) the estimated losses of ONGC in the year 2017-2018; and

(c) whether Government plans to bring ONGC to its previous glory or it would be disinvested in the near future?

Arbitrary imposition of taxes by States on petroleum products

†291. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) State Governments arbitrarily imposed various types of taxes on the price of petrol and diesel thereby raising their percentage ceiling for *e.g.* in Maharashtra upto 39.69 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Central Government would make any monitoring mechanism towards it so that price of petrol and diesel remain uniform in each State; and

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

Augmenting crude oil storage capacity

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

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete and comprehensive step to augment the storage capacity of crude oil, which is largely imported;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is facing any environmental concern due to storage of crude oil in huge quantity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Leasing out medium and small oil-fields in the country

293. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to lease out medium and small oilfields in the country to private players;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this step will be beneficial to the country?

Auctioning ONGC oil/gas fields to private firms

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

(a) whether Government is planning to sell number of ONGC's small and marginal oil and gas fields to private firms;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith total reserves lying in these fields;

(c) total money likely to be received by Government as a result of sale of these fields;

(d) time by when these fields are proposed to be auctioned and steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Government proposes to ask successful bidders to offer/sell maximum share of output to Government, if so, the details thereof and purpose therefor?

Exemptions from the US sanctions on oil imports from Iran

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

(a) whether the US sanctions on Iran

has affected the energy requirements and growth of the country adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has been granted exemption from the US sanctions for purchase of crude oil from Iran, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the average annual import of crude from Iran made by Government during the last three years and total amount spent thereon in rupee during the above period, year-wise/details thereof?

Outstanding oil bonds

296. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has paid off ₹ 1.3 lakh crores of oil bonds;

(b) if not, how much has the present Government paid towards the redemption of the country's outstanding oil bonds;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has paid ₹ 10,000 crores towards the interest of the country's outstanding oil bonds annually;

(d) if not, how much has the present Government paid towards the interest of the country's oil bonds every year in the last three years; and

(e) the amount present Government has set aside to repay the country's oil bonds maturing from 2021 onwards?

Daily revision of fuel prices

297. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of petroleum

products is increasing day-by-day across the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to stabilize these prices; and

(b) the fresh measures taken by Government to curtail increasing prices of petroleum products including petrol and diesel in view of the problems being faced by common man in the country due to daily hike in prices of petrol and diesel?

Complaints regarding blending of ethanol with petrol

298. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the matter of blending of ethanol with petrol which is causing great damage to the vehicle engine and is leading to break down of engine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proportion of the ethanol and petrol blending; and

(d) whether Government has any plan of making any revision in blending ethanol and petrol in view of the possible damage to the engine, the details thereof?

Import of oil to stabilise petrol prices

299. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to import oil to meet the domestic demand and stabilise petrol prices; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

Taxes levied on petroleum products by States

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

(a) whether it is a fact that State

Governments are taxing the sale of petroleum and petroleum products apart from the Central Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the percentage of tax being collected by the States and the percentage of tax being collected by the Central Government on petrol and other products; and

(c) revenue obtained by the Central Government and various States on the sale of petroleum and their products during the last three years?

Decline in crude oil production

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

(a) whether the production of domestic crude oil has constantly been decreasing over the last seven years, thereby increasing country's dependence on crude oil imports;

(b) if so, the details of the decrease thereof;

(c) the percentage of imports in crude oil consumed in India as per latest data; and

(d) the steps being taken to boost domestic production, if any?

Policy for production of unconventional hydrocarbons

302. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved policy to permit exploration and exploitation of unconventional hydrocarbons such as Shale oil/ gas, Coal Ben Methane (CBM) etc., under Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs), CBM contracts and nomination fields to encourage the existing contractors in the

licensed/ leased area to unlock the potential of unconventional hydrocarbons in the existing acreages;

(b) whether Government has also approved the policy framework to promote and incentivise Enhanced Recovery (ER)/ Improved Recovery (IR)/ Unconventional Hydrocarbon (UHC) production methods/ techniques to improve recovery factor of existing hydrocarbon reserves for augmenting domestic production of oil and gas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidies provided under Pahal Yojana

†303. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the consumers could not get cash benefit transfer under Pahal Yojana, if so, the State-wise details of numbers of such consumers;

(b) details of domestic LPG price along with Government subsidy given every year from 2014 to 2018; and

(c) total amount of revenue saved from fall in the international price of crude oil from 2014 to 2018 and subsidies given on domestic LPG and through campaign 'give it up' from 2014 to 2018, the details thereof?

PMKVY implementation issues

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

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various

centres running under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) are claiming money by merely showing excess number of enrollments whereas the actual number of trainees present in these centres is less;

(b) amount of money spent so far under Kaushal Vikas Yojana and number of beneficiaries who have availed the benefit of this scheme along with number of beneficiaries employed after training; and

(c) whether it is a fact that beneficiaries get incomplete training under this scheme due to which they are unsuccessful in getting employment?

Skill development in Tamil Nadu

305. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete step to provide adequate support to Tamil Nadu in providing skill training under PMKVY and NSDA;

(b) if so, the year-wise details thereof and the total amount allocated to Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken any serious efforts with regard to the issues related to quality of training, job assurances and entrepreneurship development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on it?

Decline of 'Skill India' industry

306. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Skill India'

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industry in several States including Punjab has been ailing for the last one year or so;

(b) whether it is a fact that vision for vocational training lacks initiative to develop the industry, if so, the concrete steps taken to improve the skill development industry especially in militant affected States; and

(c) the State-wise funds allocated to each State for development of skill industry and utilisation of such funds by the States?

Unskilled workers in the country

307. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of unskilled workers in the country; and

(b) people trained in different skills during the last three years, skill-wise details thereof?

Achievements of 'Skill India' scheme

308. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) achievements made by Government through 'Skill India' scheme in various districts of the country including Uttar Pradesh so far;

(b) the number of persons who have benefited from the said scheme, in various States; and

(c) in spite of efforts made by Government to achieve hundred per cent target in this field, whether there are

complaints among youth about this scheme?

Employability of youth trained under PMKVY

309. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the employability and entrepreneurship rate of youth trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) at all India level;

(b) the employability and entrepreneurship rate of youth trained under the PMKVY in West Bengal; and

(c) what steps the Ministry has taken to ensure that the persons trained under PMKVY get employed or start their own venture, and details of the same for the State of West Bengal?

Steps for safety in steel plants

†310. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent gas pipeline explosion which occurred in Bhilai Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited has affected employees and claimed the lives of many employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this case;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government towards safety in steel plants?

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Relaxation of affordability clause for steel PSUs

311. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAIL was in profit from 2003-04 to 2014-15, but loss during 2015-16 deprived it from Pay revision for next ten years w.e.f. 01.01.17 due to limitations in affordability clause of DPE OM dated 3rd August, 2017;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has requested DPE to relax affordability clause for steel PSUs, to the extent of considering best three of previous five years, because loss is due to cyclic nature of steel industry, affected by policies of global players;

(c) whether, DPE has allowed Ministry to seek cabinet approval for affordability clause relaxation; and

(d) whether Ministry has initiated actions for cabinet approval?

Revival of RINL

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

(a) whether Government has constituted a committee for the revival of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its composition and the objectives thereof and status of the implementation of revival plan;

(c) whether the plant is suffering from loss or has been earning profit and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase operational efficiency and profitability of the plant?

Package for garment manufacturing units in North-Eastern States

313. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Textiles has announced ₹ 690 crores for setting up 21 readymade garment manufacturing units in the seven North-Eastern States for development and modernisation of Indian textile sector;

(b) what is the status of the manufacturing units proposed as of now;

(c) whether it is also a fact that we are losing the Indian silk market to China in recent times; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Low rate of silk cocoons

314. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether silk farmers are getting low rates for their silk cocoons particularly in Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to provide subsidy, technical and technological support to the silk farmers so that they can get reasonable price for their produce?

Textile mills under NTC

315. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills are there at present in the country in Government and private sector;

(b) details of the textile mills under the National Textile Corporation (NTC) working and closed during last ten years;

(c) revenue earned by these mills during last ten years; and

(d) what are the factors responsible for closure of those mills?

Setting up of CETPs

316. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up adequate number of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) in all the textile clusters that have been set up in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Subsidy on cotton plucking machines

317. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cotton Corporation of India gave 100 per cent subsidy on 300 plucking machines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Corporation plans to support the sale of 10,000 machines under the proposed Technology Mission on Cotton; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems faced by spinning mills in Andhra Pradesh

318. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of

problems being faced by spinning (yarn) mills in Andhra Pradesh due to depleted domestic demand, fallen exports particularly to China and increased prices of cotton;

(b) whether Government is also aware that 10 per cent of mills in Andhra Pradesh are already closed down;

(c) how Government is planning to address this issue;

(d) how much amount is still pending to be given to Andhra Pradesh under TUFs and by when dues would be cleared; and

(e) whether Government would restore 3.35 per cent duty drawback which helps to push exports, if not, reasons therefor?

Integrated Skill Development Scheme

319. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trainers' pool proposed to be created by conducting the advance training programme at the cluster level under the Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) is implemented and functioning;

(b) the percentage break-up of students enrolled under the said scheme, segment-wise, such as textiles and apparel, handicrafts, handlooms, jute, etc.; and

(c) the progress made so far by the scheme in reaching its target to train fifteen lakh persons?

World class infrastructure under SITP

320. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

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| <p>(a) whether Government provides world class common infrastructure under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(b) whether the world class common</p> | <p>infrastructure provided under SITP can be used commonly by other non-textile industries inside the park and if so, the details thereof; and</p> <p>(c) if not, the reasons therefor?</p> |
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