

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

#### Impact of rise in cement prices on housing industry

3041. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption trend of cement and the steady rise in cement prices have already affected the housing industry in last three years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tackle this problem?

(b) if so, the details thereof, from 2013 to 2016;

(c) what steps are proposed by Government to improve the domestic production of cement or to reduce the price per bag;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed for production for the next three years; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the targets fixed in the coming years?

#### Need for import of cement

3042. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is need to import huge quantity of cement from abroad for the country;

#### Increase in fee for H-1B Visa

3043. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian service companies are facing many difficulties including increase in Visa processing fee and high rejection rates in obtaining H-1B Visa;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government took any appropriate steps to remove the difficulties in getting H-1B Visa; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Export of meat**

3044. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quantity of sheep meat exported from the country each year during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the livestock of sheep exported from the country each year during the last three years;
- (c) whether the sheep meat export industry in the country is facing any kind of difficulty, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by Government to solve such difficulties as well as to promote the livestock sheep export and sheep meat export industry in the country?

#### **Funds spent by companies under CSR**

†3045. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of funds spent by various companies under the head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the total number of such companies;
- (b) whether the Central Government has got audited the amount spent by those

companies under CSR, if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) the quantum of funds out of the above spent on locals?

#### **Release and development of salt pan lands around Mumbai**

3046. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in and around Mumbai city there are large tracts of salt pan lands owned by Government;
- (b) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra or the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai regarding release and development of these lands; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Target set for new Startups**

3047. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report by Nasscom-Zinnov, India has emerged as the third largest Startup base;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the cities and States where the Startups have registered a robust growth along with the number of new Startups that have emerged during 2016 so far; and
- (d) the target set for new Startups by 2020 and the steps taken to achieve the said target?

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**Third instalment of IIUS, Chanderi Project**

†3048. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the amount of third instalment of Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), Chanderi Project and by when it will be released, the details of the action taken so far regarding this project?

**Demand of salt**

3049. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present demand of salt in the country;

(b) what is the domestic production of salt; and

(c) whether there is any shortage in demand and supply of salt?

**Balance of trade with China**

3050. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to recent data, Indian exports to China have registered negative growth for August 2016, the measures being taken at the domestic and international level to balance the Indo-Chinese trade, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Indian exports to China, product-wise, year-wise for last three years;

(c) the details of imports from China, product-wise, year-wise for last three years;

(d) the specific sectors identified, if any,

for increased Indian exports to China, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of measures taken/suggested to increase global competitiveness of Indian export industry in terms of cost and quality?

**India's position in Global Manufacturing Competitive Index, 2016**

3051. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the recently released 2016 Global Manufacturing Competitive Index, India is going to be among the top five manufacturing hubs of the world;

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

(c) the efforts being made to capitalize on this positive aspect to make India a manufacturing and services' hub of the world?

**Safeguards for Indian drugs from trade related disputes**

3052. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several developed countries have joined Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) led by the US which *inter-alia* promotes intellectual property norms not consistent with Doha Declaration on TRIPS related to affordable drugs;

(b) whether Government is also aware that provisions of the TPP promote the interests of the US businesses across the globe and thus creating an alternative

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platform of settlement of trade related disputes outside the WTO framework; and

(c) if so, what steps are/have been taken by Government to safeguard Indian drugs from trade related disputes relating to IPR?

#### **Target for cement production**

‡3053. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any target for production of cement in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the targets set including for Madhya Pradesh and the targets achieved by different companies; and

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a body to decide the prices of cement, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Export clause for upgradation of tea quality**

3054. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 20 per cent export clause in a scheme during Twelfth Five Year Plan for upgrading tea quality is proving to be a dampener for the tea industry as the clause is restrictive;

(b) whether the 20 per cent export obligation would make it difficult for tea companies to avail the scheme;

(c) whether a similar scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan was very successful as it did not have the export clause; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dumping of rubber**

‡3055. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that rubber is being dumped by China, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Iran and Singapore in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the protection of interests of Indian industry?

#### **Meeting of 11th India-UK JETCO**

3056. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deliberations of 11th India-UK Joint Economic Trade Committee (JETCO) meeting were successful;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether review on the existing Joint Working Groups was positive; and

(d) what are the decisions of the JETCO meeting?

#### **Recognition of products under GI classification**

3057. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many products have been recognized under the Geographical Indication (GI) classification since 2003;

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(b) whether under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, GIs are covered as an element of Intellectual Property Rights and whether these are also covered under the WTO's TRIPS; and

(c) whether the unique Bhut Jolokia green chillies are covered under GI and how many other products from North Eastern States have been included in the GI list so far?

#### **Reduction in workforce by companies**

3058. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that various industrial companies are substantially reducing work force during current year as well as following receding chances of exports;

(b) whether developments in the wake of demonetisation are strengthening this trend; and

(c) the remedial measures Government has undertaken/intends to adopt to arrest this trend?

#### **Post auction settlement module for tea put on hold**

3059. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to keep on hold the post auction settlement module for some time;

(b) whether the magnitude of problem was such that the tea industry had problems in making bonus payments, while companies could not close their second

quarter results due to payment reconciliation issues through the four sales since mid September, 2016;

(c) whether Government has authorized banks for the settlement of payments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up of Industrial Growth Centres in tea gardens of Assam**

3060. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Assam there is lack of Industrial Growth Centres in tea garden areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan for setting up of Industrial Growth Centres in Assam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Poor condition of internal roads of tea gardens in Assam**

3061. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tea gardens in Assam do not have proper internal road connectivity and drinking water facilities;

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

(c) whether Government implements any such schemes or any order has been passed to the tea garden management to make well connected roads and provide proper drinking water in the tea gardens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Fall in merchandise goods and services exports**

3062. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for merchandise exports coming down from US 314 billion dollars in 2013-14 to US 262 billion dollars in 2015-16;

(b) whether even service exports have registered a negative growth of 2.5 per cent in 2015-16 as compared to 2014-15;

(c) whether the country is slowly losing grip over supremacy on service exports;

(d) whether any assessment has been made to find out reasons behind the same; and

(e) if so, the findings of such assessment and steps taken/proposed to be taken to arrest declining trends in services and merchandise goods exports?

**Impact of demonetisation on working capital and goods**

3063. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

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

(a) whether consequent upon demonetisation, Indian exporters have expressed apprehension over its impact on working capital and production of goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had called meeting of Export Promotion Councils and other sector representatives to discuss the impact of demonetisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent, the exports would be affected in the current year, and remedial measures taken by Government to boost export, with details thereof?

**New schemes to promote exports**

3064. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government had introduced new schemes to promote export performance during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any monitoring mechanism in place to evaluate the performance of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred on export promotion schemes during the said period and the objectives achieved so far?

**Implementation of 'Make in India' programme**

3065. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:  
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether Government has implemented 'Make in India' programme all over the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that 'Make in India' programme has not taken its stride on electronics sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to bring a great momentum in electronics sector also through 'Make in India' programme?

**Allocation of funds for cultural projects in Kerala**

3066. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government and utilised for various cultural assistance and cultural projects in Kerala for the last two years;

(b) the details of ongoing cultural works and projects in Kerala;

(c) the projects which are likely to be completed on time and those running behind original schedule; and

(d) the details, thereof?

**Historical monuments/temples in Odisha**

3067. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Archaeological Survey of India protected historical monuments/temples and other sites in the country, particularly in Odisha;

(b) the total budgetary allocations made and funds utilised thereon during the last three years and the current year, so far, year-wise;

(c) the revenue earned through sale of tickets;

(d) whether Government has declared all monuments and sites as Polythene Free Zones; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Allocation of funds to artistes' welfare schemes**

3068. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for National Artistes Welfare Fund (NAWF) and Artistes Pension Scheme and Welfare Fund (APSWF) for last three years;

(b) the details of funds utilized under these schemes;

(c) whether Government has an estimation on the number of expected beneficiaries under these schemes; and

(d) the State/Union Territory-wise beneficiaries of these schemes during last three years?

**Blueprint for maintenance of forts in Maharashtra**

3069. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a blueprint exists for maintenance of forts in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial allocations made for the renovation and upkeep of these forts during the last three years; and

(d) the details of contribution of the State Government in this regard?

**World Heritage Site status for  
Andaman Cellular Jail**

3070. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to apply for World Heritage Site status for Andaman Cellular Jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Portrait of revolutionaries in Andaman  
Cellular Jail**

3071. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman Cellular Jail does not portray all the pictures of the revolutionaries who were jailed there in connection with the Chittagong Youth Rebellion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Buddhist sculptures at Venampalli,  
Andhra Pradesh**

3072. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India is aware of the unearthing of two first century Buddhist sculptures at Venampalli in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and importance of such findings regarding Andhra Pradesh's Buddhist links;

(c) whether it is a fact that Guntur and

Prakasam districts had a big Buddhist presence during the 1st and 2nd century;

(d) the manner in which Government would make an intensive survey of these two districts to unearth ancient Buddhist ruins, sculptures, monuments, etc. in time-bound manner; and

(e) the details of such steps proposed?

**Theft of Ancient Nandi idol from  
Kotappa Konda temple in  
Andhra Pradesh**

3073. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received reports on the theft of a very ancient 'Nandi' idol from the Kotappa Konda temple in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh on 26 November, 2016;

(b) if not, what steps will be taken to alert the concerned authorities to ensure that the Nandi idol is not transported out of the country;

(c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has taken any steps to make suitable enquiries on the protection of such precious ancient idols located in remote areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to send an ASI team to Guntur district in this regard?

**The AMASR Act, 1958**

3074. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that many of the provisions under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 and Rules, 1958 have become outdated and hence need amendments;



(b) whether some initiative, other than AMASR Amendment Act, 2010, had been taken by ASI in the past; and

(c) the reason(s) for shelving the initiative?

**Development of Ghrishneshwar temple of Ellora, Maharashtra**

3075. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of Ghrishneshwar temple, visited by a large number of pilgrims daily, is deplorable even while it is a protected monument and located next to Ellora Caves;

(b) what major conservation and development works have been undertaken by ASI at the temple in the last five years and expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the reasons for ASI not removing encroachments from its premises and take up development on priority?

**Documentation of antiquities**

3076. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether documentation of antiquities by the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether data of these documentations are available online; and

(d) how many antiquities are yet to be documented and by what time these documentations will be completed?

**Agreement with foreign entity**

3077. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has entered into any agreement with a foreign entity, Government or private; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the objects and reasons of such agreement and financial implications, if any?

**Monitoring the use of funds released to various organisations**

†3078. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism in place to monitor the use of funds released to various cultural organisations under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any complaint regarding misuse of these allocated funds; and

(d) if so, details of action taken by Government in this regard and the results thereof?

**New monuments for maintenance and restoration under ASI**

3079. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASI has conducted fresh survey and added any new monuments to its list for maintenance and restoration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of monuments restored during the last

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three years and how many such monuments are in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether old graves of British soldiers are also being taken care of by ASI;

(d) if so, the details of their locations city-wise and whether they are being visited by their relatives; and

(e) how many monuments have been taken out of the list due to their disappearance along with the details thereof?

**Encroachment of heritage sites including Gol Gumbaz in Karnataka**

3080. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of encroachment of several protected monuments of national importance;

(b) if so, the details of encroachment of monuments, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the reasons for encroachment and action taken to clear all encroachments and preserve the heritage sites including Gol Gumbaz in Karnataka State?

**Concessions to cement industry**

3081. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Energy Conference on Energy Efficiency Technologies in cement and manufacturing sector had taken place recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the matter of

providing a special package of concessions to the cement factories to encourage them to adopt energy conservation measures and whether it has been endorsed by the participant companies;

(c) if so, the response of Government to such demands; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to safeguard the cement industry in the country?

**Mandatory procurement from MSMEs by PSUs**

3082. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether PSUs are following the norms of mandatory procurement from MSMEs; and

(b) if so, the year-wise and PSU-wise status report on such procurement done during the last three years?

**Success of Automotive Mission Plan**

3083. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Automotive Mission Plan 2006-2026 taken up jointly by Government and Industry is successful;

(b) if so, the achievement in terms of (i) targeted output of the industry, (ii) contribution of GDP and (iii) creation of additional employment; and

(c) whether there is any significant achievement in the design and manufacture of automobiles and auto components?

**Profit/losses of CPSUs**

3084. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Central Public Sector Undertakings are incurring consequent losses since last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with profit/losses made by the CPSUs during the last three years, company-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken measures/steps for their revival and to make them profitable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds to Maharashtra for CCTNS project**

3085. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposal to sanction the fund of ₹ 55 crore required for the remaining work of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) project ;

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

(c) by when the Union Government will release the remaining fund of ₹ 55 crore to the State Government of Maharashtra for the proper implementation of CCTNS project?

**Healthcare needs of paramilitary forces in A.P.**

3086. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CRPF, NSG, CISF and other paramilitary forces stationed at various places at a given point of time in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how their healthcare needs are addressed by the Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is not even a single 200 or 100 or 50 bedded composite hospital for central paramilitary forces in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the reasons behind this;

(e) whether there are any plans to set up a composite hospital in Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Citizenship to foreign investors**

†3087. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to offer citizenship to foreign investors;

(b) if so, whether Government has so far taken any action in this regard; and

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

**Police force to prevent hoarding in the country**

†3088. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to constitute separate police force to prevent hoarding in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard; and

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

**Steps to strengthen the security of jails**

3089. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any stringent steps to strengthen the security of various jails in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the security lapse in jails by which incidents of escaping of notorious criminals are happening in various jails?

**Granting of Indian citizenship to brides from Pakistan**

3090. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from the brides of Pakistan origin who got married in Veraval, Gujarat to grant Indian citizenship; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on such requests along with the details of these requests?

**Suicide due to humiliation and torture by CBI**

3091. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the suicide notes written by Ex. DG, Corporate Affairs and his son stating that they ended their lives following the systematic and sustained humiliation and torture by CBI involved in the probe against them;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of CBI officials involved in their

torture which resulted in the suicides of all members of his family; and

(c) the action Government has taken against these officials?

**Cyber forensic training and investigation labs**

3092. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering setting up more cyber forensic training and investigation labs, other than the ones established in the States of Kerala, Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur, and Jammu and Kashmir; and

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

**Accessing data from foreign countries bypassing MLAT regime**

3093. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to take steps towards signing agreements with other countries that would allow the law enforcement agencies to request data directly from the foreign companies, by passing the present Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) regime;

(b) how do the law enforcement agencies presently access data from countries that India has not signed MLAT with; and

(c) considering that MLAT only applies in criminal cases, how Government procures electronically stored information from foreign companies when such information is required for civil suits?

#### **Security of Mumbai coastline**

3094. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that day-to-day patrolling off Mumbai coast is not being carried out by the concerned marine police and customs preventive wing;

(b) if so, the reasons for preventing surveillance boats from berthing and going out to sea for night patrol; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to tighten the three layered security of Mumbai coastline?

#### **Distress calls received by Delhi Police helpline**

3095. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of calls made to police helpline number 100 in Delhi go unanswered every day;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the average number of distress calls received by the Delhi Police helpline every day *vis-à-vis* number of calls going unanswered; and

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

#### **Long queues for immigration clearance at airports**

3096. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are unprecedented and long queues for immigration clearance at important airports in the country especially for departing passengers during peak hours; and

(b) what steps are being taken to ease this congestion during peak hours to avoid delays to the passengers?

#### **Jail breaks by convicts**

3097. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SMART police scheme launched by the present Government has not been able to reduce the number of jail breaks by convicts in the country;

(b) the number of terrorists and criminals who have escaped jail in the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Central Government has issued a communiqué to any State in this regard and if so, the steps taken thereon?

#### **Gopalpur and Dhamra Ports as immigration points**

3098. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Government of India will take immediate steps to declare Gopalpur and Dhamra Ports in Odisha as immigration points for the purpose of embarkation/disembarkation?

#### **Implementation of e-Prisons System in Odisha**

3099. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has received a proposal from the Government of Odisha for implementation of the e-Prisons System; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government for approval of the proposal and release of funds?

**NGOs losing their registration under FCRA**

3100. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many voluntary organisations or NGOs including charitable trusts in the country are currently registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act;

(b) how many have lost their FCRA registration during the year 2015-16 and the names of these organizations and the reasons for losing their registration; and

(c) the action Government has taken against those organisations that have seriously violated the FCRA regulations?

**E-tourist visa facilities**

3101. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airports at which Government is extending e-tourist visa facilities for foreigners;

(b) the criteria/parameters which Government takes into consideration for issuing e-visas to foreigners; and

(c) the criteria/parameters which Government takes into consideration for choosing an airport for extending e-visa facilities?

**Security infrastructure to plug cross border infiltration**

3102. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is developing a multi-layered security infrastructure to plug cross border infiltration on the western front;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an indigenous sensor technology to detect infiltration under water would also be the part of this strategy; and

(d) whether any time schedule has been chalked out to complete this work?

**Probe into Essar Tapes scam**

†3103. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to probe into the Essar Tapes scam;

(b) the progress made in the probe into Radia Tapes, Essar Tapes and the steps taken against the accused; and

(c) the names of the politicians, bureaucrats and industrialists mentioned in the Essar Tapes?

**Terrorist attacks on military establishments in Kashmir**

†3104. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the terrorist attacks on military establishments in Kashmir due to lack of intelligence inputs;

(b) whether there has been an increase in cross border infiltration in Kashmir in recent days, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether due to lack of coordination

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among intelligence agencies the terrorist activities are on rise?

**Efforts to ease the process of registration of FIRs**

3105. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Apex Court has issued guidelines on uploading of FIRs within 48 hours of their registration;

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

(c) what efforts have been made to ease the process of registration of FIRs?

**Financial Package to Tamil Nadu in wake of torrential rains**

3106. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu regarding the financial packages needed to cater to the needs of the people affected by extraordinary torrential rains in Tamil Nadu during November-December, 2015;

(b) if so, the details of the Union Government's support rendered in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to expedite the release of requested funds to Tamil Nadu?

**Cases registered under POCSO Act**

3107. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data of cases

registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, along with the number of persons arrested, convicted, cases pending for examination, conviction rate achieved and the action taken against the guilty;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to study the effectiveness of the POCSO Act, 2012, if so, whether there will be a review of the legislation; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any other steps towards the protection of children from sexual offences?

**Crimes against women and children**

3108. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various types of atrocities and crimes against women and children have reportedly increased in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases registered separately, accused arrested, convicted, cases solved/unsolved and conviction rate achieved during the current year, crime-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether steps have been taken to improve the conviction rate of such cases and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to prevent such cases in future along with the details of advisories issued to the States and Police Department in this regard?

**Economic loss on account of disasters**

3109. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated annual economic loss to the country on account of disasters;

(b) whether the Indian Institution of

Disaster Management has developed post-disaster and need assessment, a tool to scientifically calculate disaster loss and not be dependent on the arbitrary claims made by States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Human trafficking rackets in North-Eastern Region**

3110. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the human trafficking rackets in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the number of trafficking cases reported over the last three years; and

(c) the details of the steps taken so far to check such practices?

#### **Citizenship to Tibetan refugees**

3111. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the law of the land and courts say that all persons including children born between 1950 and 1987 to Tibetan refugees settled in India are citizens of India by birth;

(b) whether the Election Commission of India allowed the Tibetan refugees settled in India to vote for the 2014 general elections; and

(c) if so, the reasons due to which Government of India is not according them the status as citizens of India and issuing passports to them?

#### **Removal of Section 377 of IPC**

3112. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) with international opinion and laws favouring social inclusion of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, when does India plan to remove Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code; and

(b) what is the official stance of Government on LGBT rights *vis-à-vis* Section 377 of IPC?

#### **Police Greyhound Training Centre**

3113. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government for a proposal to establish Police Greyhound Training Centre in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether funds have been released in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Encounters in J&K**

3114. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of encounters between terrorists and security forces in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and across the border of the country have increased;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last two years and the current year;

(c) the number of terrorists arrested and killed along with the number of security personnel killed during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such activities?



**Directives to kickstart police reforms**

3115. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the seven directives that the Supreme Court has given to Government to lay down practical reforms to kickstart police reforms in Prakash Singh vs Union of India case;

(b) what steps Government has taken to bring in reforms in police force;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Model Police Bill has been prepared for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the salient features of the draft Bill?

**Release of funds under MPF to Karnataka**

3116. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/programmes being undertaken under Modernization of Police Forces scheme;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted State Action Plan under the above scheme for 2016-17 with an estimated cost of ₹ 60 crores;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that in spite of sanctioning ₹ 35.5 crores, not even a single penny has been released by the Ministry this year;

(d) the reasons behind this and by when Ministry is going to release its share; and

(e) how much Karnataka State asked for in 2014-15 against the release of ₹ 103 crores and in 2015-16 against the release of ₹ 39 crores?

**Improvement in working condition of police force**

3117. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether policing in the country needs major reforms as one of the major reasons for poor policing in the country is 24x7 duty by the police personnel with almost no weekly off for majority of them and it is impossible for the States with limited resources to drastically increase the strength of police force to solve this problem;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure improvement in working condition especially working hours of police personnel; and

(c) how Central Government is supporting or assisting the State for the improvement in the same direction?

**Poor infrastructure of police force in the country**

3118. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether policing in the country faces major infrastructure shortage, especially in the small towns and blocks and it is impossible for the States with limited resources to improve the infrastructure as per standards;

(b) the details of the technical and other assistance provided to the States for the infrastructure development of the police forces; and

(c) the State-wise and year-wise details of allocation of funds for the infrastructure projects of the police force in the last three years?

**Online visa for meetings and exhibitions in the country**

3119. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to offer online visas for meetings and exhibitions in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received many proposals in the regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has agreed to allow casual business meetings under e-tourist visa scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in internal security challenges**

3120. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of increase in internal security challenges in the country during recent years;

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

(c) whether Government has any proposal to utilize the experience of the retired security personnel in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to further strengthen the Central Armed Police Forces to meet these challenges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the comprehensive measures being taken to strengthen the internal security of the country?

**Suicide attacks along India-Pakistan border**

3121. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:  
SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been more than twenty three suicide attacks along the India-Pakistan border most of them in Jammu and Kashmir since May, 2014;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the current year, sixty five security personnel, including army men, lost their lives, the highest in the past six years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is yet to conclude who has done the Uri terror attack; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay in arriving at a conclusion?

**Job losses in IT industry**

3122. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automation in IT industry may result in job losses and retrenchment of factory workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated job losses/gains in low and high skilled IT industry in the country?

**Regulation of private placement agencies**

3123. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various laws/guidelines which regulate the functioning of private placement agencies in the country;

(b) whether Government has evaluated the effectiveness of these laws/guidelines in regulating/monitoring the activities of the private placement agencies;

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

(d) whether Government proposes to review the existing laws/guidelines to effectively check exploitation by the placement agencies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Pledging of PF for buying low cost houses**

3124. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that EPFO may introduce a scheme to allow its over four crore subscribers to pledge their Provident Fund to buy low cost houses and use the account to pay equated monthly instalments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposal has been before the EPFO Trustee meeting held recently; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Shortage of staff in ESI hospitals**

3125. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ESI hospitals in Telangana are running with shortage of staff which is leading to crisis in services to the beneficiaries in the ESI hospitals, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government to evaluate the present state of affairs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts in ESI hospitals in view of the health factor of the employees, the details thereof?

**Settlement pending cases of EPF**

3126. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of EPF applications are pending for settlement;

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

(c) the number of cases pending as on date; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to settle the cases for early payment?

**Unemployment due to demonetisation**

3127. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons unemployed due to recently announced demonetisation,

State-wise and district-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Bihar; and

(b) the details of specific measures Government has taken after 8th November, 2016 to check increasing unemployment due to demonetisation?

**Slowdown in employment growth in Punjab**

3128. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment growth in the State of Punjab has shown signs of slowdown;

(b) if so, the details of employment growth in last three years and the current year, sector-wise in the State of Punjab; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard, sector-wise?

**Facilities provided to doctors of ESI hospitals**

†3129. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided by Government to the doctors working in ESI hospitals on contractual basis and to their families for their treatment and providing medicines to them in ESI hospitals;

(b) whether it is a fact that the doctors rendering their services in ESI hospitals are not provided the facilities of treatment to them and their families in these hospitals; and

(c) if so, by when Government would address this anomaly and provide facility

of treatment in those hospitals to such doctors and their families?

**Inspection of Neyveli Lignite Corporation**

3130. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS) periodically undertook inspection at Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of inspection done, during the last three years;

(c) whether any shortcomings were noticed during the inspection;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any remedial measures were suggested by officers of DGMS to Neyveli Lignite Corporation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Life insurance coverage of workers in unorganised sector**

3131. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of the country's workforce in the unorganised sector does not have any life insurance coverage;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will consider bringing about a special insurance scheme for the workers employed in the unorganised sector;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Increasing child labour in urban areas**

3132. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of the Ministry to recent survey conducted by a child rights NGO which shows that child labour is decreasing by a mere 2.2 per cent annually and at this pace it would take one century to eliminate child labour from the country;

(b) whether child labour in urban areas has increased by 53 per cent over 2001-2011;

(c) whether it means that policies and programmes of Government have little impact to eliminate child labour from the country; and

(d) how Government looks at this trend and remedial measures being planned to address this grave situation?

**Effect of automation on employment opportunities**

3133. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to create more employment opportunities in the country and reach stated objective of employment of 2.5 crore annually;

(b) the number of employment generated during the last three years, sector-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to conduct any study for loss of employment opportunities due to automation?

**Jobs to unemployed**

†3134. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have got jobs from the year 2014 to September, 2016 as a follow up of Prime Minister's promise of 2 crore jobs every year; and

(b) whether any proposals are pending with regard to fulfilling the promises made by Prime Minister, if so, the details thereof?

**National Policy on security and working conditions of domestic workers**

3135. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has collected any data on the number of domestic workers or household helpers in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to frame a national policy to ensure security for domestic workers or household helpers and to improve their working conditions?

**Labour reforms to implement Ease of Doing Business**

3136. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make amendments to any of the labour laws prevailing in the country in order to implement the policy of Ease of Doing Business or to bring in labour reforms;

(b) whether any international convention/treaty requires India to bring in labour reforms;

(c) if so, the details of such convention/treaty;

(d) India's performance *vis-a-vis* labour reforms in the context of Ease of Doing Business; and

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(e) the details thereof?

**Minimum monthly wages for contract labourers**

3137. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals employed under contract labour in the country as on November, 2016;

(b) whether the Ministry plans to increase minimum monthly wages for contract workers, especially those employed under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the sectors where the wage hike shall be implemented?

**Shortage of doctors and other medical staff in ESI hospitals**

3138. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of doctors, including specialists/super specialists, medical and paramedical staff in the hospitals run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in various States;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise number of posts sanctioned, in position and existing vacancies of the said categories in these hospitals under ESIC and the reasons for shortfall and the steps taken to fill up the vacancies; and

(c) whether there is also a shortage of hospital beds and medical equipment in these hospitals and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Policy on agricultural labourers**

3139. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that there is no existing policy on agriculture labourers;

(b) whether the Ministry has ever appointed a Committee/Task Force to frame a policy on agriculture labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) to what extent the existing the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act is addressing this issue?

**Lay-offs/job cuts by multinational companies**

3140. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information on the lay-offs/job-cuts by multinational companies in the country;

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

(c) the action proposal of Government to stabilize the employment position of the employees thereof?

**Reducing employment in unorganised sector after demonetisation**

†3141. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

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(a) whether it is a fact that the employment opportunities for the labourers of the unorganised sector have reduced after demonetisation due to which they have to face hurdles in receiving daily wages;

(b) whether the Ministry had taken any steps for resolving the problems of the labourers of the unorganised sector at the time of demonetisation and the steps taken to remove the effects of demonetisation at present so that the labourers of the unorganized sector could get opportunities for regular employment; and

(c) the details thereof?

#### **Providing facilities to contract workers**

‡3142. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether instructions are issued periodically by the Ministry for facilities to be provided to contractual workers in the country at present and whether those instructions are being followed;

(b) the mechanism for monitoring compliance of instructions for providing above facilities redressing complaints regarding hurdles/problems and harassment faced by them; and

(c) whether cases of ignoring interests of contractual workers and their harassment surface but due to lack of a practical mechanism in the Ministries for their redressal the contractual personnel are themselves removed in most of the cases?

#### **Diversion of welfare funds for construction workers**

3143. SHRIMATI THOTA  
SEETHARAMA  
LAKSHMI:  
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

(a) whether some States have resorted to diversion of welfare funds meant for the construction workers;

(b) if so, the names of those States; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to put a ban on such diversion of welfare funds meant for the construction workers?

#### **Export of Khadi products**

3144. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the quantum and value of Khadi products produced and exported during each of the last two years, country-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the export of Khadi products during the said period, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to increase the export of Khadi products?

#### **Khadi artisans in the country**

3145. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

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(a) the number of Khadi artisans in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the aims, objectives and implementation status of the Khadi Workshed scheme in the country; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details of number of beneficiaries from the said scheme in the country at present?

#### **Outlets of coir and coir products in the country**

3146. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic market for the coir and coir products is large enough to consume the entire coir production on an annual basis;

(b) how many outlets does Government have throughout the country for selling the coir products; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the outlets are in a miserable condition and need immediate renovation and whether there is any proposal to increase the number of outlets, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Objectives of Make in India programme in MSME sector**

3147. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Make in India programme in regard to MSME sector;

(b) the names of the implementing agencies; and

(c) the progress of the scheme/programme?

#### **Assistance to small scale industries in villages**

3148. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor state of small scale industries in villages;

(b) whether Government has taken any initiative to provide support and assistance to them; and

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

#### **Employment generation programme for rural areas**

3149. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any employment generation programme for rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of employment generated during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of fields in which employment has been generated and cost incurred by the Government in the process?

#### **Zero Defect and Zero Effect scheme for MSMEs**

†3150. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has launched a new scheme namely Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) to provide financial assistance to MSMEs;

(b) if so, the objectives of the scheme and parameters to provide financial assistance under this scheme;

(c) the number of applications received under the scheme, State-wise and the financial assistance provided to MSMEs, the MSME-wise details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to promote MSMEs and the results achieved thereof?

**Share of micro, cottage and small industries in industrial production**

3151. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the share of micro, cottage and small scale industries in the total industrial production of the country during each of the last three years and current year, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the production, sale and export of products from these units during the said period, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any financial assistance is given by Government to these industries to increase their share in the industrial production, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of persons provided jobs during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise?

**African immigrants staying illegally in the country**

3152. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of African immigrants are allegedly staying illegally in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether Government has initiated any action to deport these illegal immigrants to their own country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Registered MSMEs in Himachal Pradesh**

3153. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country including Himachal Pradesh at present, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether any projects from Himachal Pradesh are pending with Government for approval;

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

(d) whether Government proposes to introduce any scheme for development of the MSMEs in the hilly States like Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Guidelines to private oil companies on oil prices**

3154. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided guidelines to the private oil producing companies after the decontrol of petroleum products including petrol and diesel;

(b) whether Government is monitoring the petrol and diesel prices fixed by the private companies in conformity with the variation in the crude oil prices in the international markets;

(c) whether Government can step in if the oil producing companies do not share the benefit of the reduction in the crude oil prices with the consumers; and

(d) what is the method by which Government would protect the interest and benefit of the consumers?

**Prices of petrol and diesel**

3155. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for hiking the prices of petrol and diesel when the international value has witnessed a sharp fall; and

(b) how many times Government has increased the prices of petrol and diesel during the last two months?

**Startup fund by ONGC**

3156. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has unveiled a ₹ 100 crore Startup fund to foster, nurture

and incubate new ideas related to the oil and gas sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC is setting up a dedicated website to take this initiative forward;

(d) whether the sector faces various critical challenges and new ideas were required to mitigate them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Surrender of LPG subsidy in Rajasthan**

†3157. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of people in Rajasthan who have given up the subsidy on LPG;

(b) the district-wise number of LPG connections given to people living below the poverty line in Rajasthan; and

(c) whether the Central Government has provided LPG facility to all the BPL families in Rajasthan, if so, the district-wise details thereof?

**Availability of LPG in rural areas of Bihar**

†3158. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being adopted by Government to ensure the availability of LPG in rural areas and expansion thereof in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that people are not getting benefits under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana owing to inadequate facilities of LPG in rural and semi-urban areas of Bihar; and

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(c) if so, the measures being adopted by Government to develop gas infrastructure in rural areas of Bihar?

#### **Introduction of transparent LPG cylinders**

3159. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce transparent LPG cylinders;

(b) if so, the details of the additional funds required to execute this programme, the date by when this new programme will be rolled out, etc.; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Impact Assessment Study under PMUY**

3160. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cooking gas connections have been physically distributed till September 30, 2016 to the eligible families under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), the State-wise statistics of the same;

(b) the measures being taken to ensure strict adherence to the eligibility criteria;

(c) the plans of Government to ensure that the declared target of distribution of five crore connections to BPL families is achieved in a stipulated period; and

(d) whether any Impact Assessment Study has been conducted for this scheme, if so, what are its findings and if not, whether Government would consider

conducting any such study?

#### **Wastage of natural gas at oil refineries**

3161. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data on wastage of natural gas at the oil refineries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the amount/commercial value of the gas which is being wasted on daily basis; and

(c) the details of policy/plan of Government to stop this wastage along with the timeline, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Delay in deposit of LPG subsidy in bank accounts of consumers**

†3162. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in deposit of LPG subsidy in bank accounts of consumers, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of remedial steps taken by Government to resolve the said problem; and

(c) the details of guidelines regarding minimum and maximum time-limit set by Government/Oil Marketing Companies for transfer of LPG subsidy under this scheme?

#### **Fall in international crude oil prices**

†3163. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of decline in

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international crude oil prices after 26 May, 2014, till date;

(b) the reasons whereby the consumers are not getting full benefit of decline in petrol and diesel prices in accordance with decline in international crude oil prices, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding purchase of international crude oil prices during 2004 to 2014 and the rate at which petrol and diesel were made available to domestic consumers?

#### **Initiative to promote clean energy**

3164. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any initiative to promote clean energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a corpus fund has been set up to promote clean energy in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including amount sanctioned to this fund and expenditure made from this fund?

#### **Undertakings between Rajasthan and Cairn India**

†3165. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the commitments/undertakings made on 14th January, 2009 among Central Government, State Government of Rajasthan and Cairn India;

(b) whether the sales centre of Cairn India was to be set up in Rajasthan

according to this contract, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action would be taken in case of non-compliance by Cairn India as per its undertaking, if so, by when?

#### **Prices of petroleum products**

3166. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase/decrease in the prices of petrol, diesel, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) and kerosene during each of the last three years along with criteria/policy adopted/ laid down to fix price of petroleum products, product- wise; and

(b) the number of times the prices of various petroleum products have been increased and the reasons therefor along with the reasons for not reducing the oil prices commensurate with the reduction of price of crude oil in the international market during the above period ?

#### **Supply of gas to NTPC thermal station at Kayamkulam, Kerala**

3167. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will be able to make available natural gas to NTPC thermal station at Kayamkulam, Kerala which is now partially closed down due to high price of naphtha which is used as fuel there; and

(b) whether continued availability of this gas can be assured to the thermal station if needed at reasonable price?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Laying of IGL gas pipeline in  
Uttarakhand**

†3168. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that various gas based power plants and other institutes in Uttarakhand are out of operation on account of non-supply of gas by IGL;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that there has been an adverse impact on industrial development owing to non-supply of IGL gas in the State;

(c) whether State Government and public representatives had requested to lay down IGL pipeline in industrial areas;

(d) if not, whether Government would accept the request made by State Government; and

(e) by when an IGL pipeline would be laid down in industrial areas of the State?

**Funding of GAIL pipeline**

3169. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has agreed to partly fund the ₹13,000 crores natural gas GAIL pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has found it difficult to commercially justify the huge investment of ₹12,940 crores in absence of either firm source of gas supply or customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Establishment of Petroleum  
University and Petro-Complex in  
Andhra Pradesh**

3170. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for establishment of Petroleum University and Petro-Complex in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has initiated any efforts in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the quantum of funds allocated and sanctioned and the quantum of funds released so far, the details thereof; and

(f) the reasons for the delay in the matter?

**Report on KG Basin disputes on gas  
extraction**

3171. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report on KG Basin disputes on gas extraction in the country;

(b) if so, the details of drilling operation contract of the companies under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and the block allocation therefor; and

(c) action taken by Government on the discrepancies of the project thereof and the cost recovery process therein?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**CNG stations/petrol pumps in the country**

3172. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of CNG filling stations and petrol pumps in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, reserved category-wise;

(b) the total number of new CNG stations and petrol pumps to be installed in each State during the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) whether the number of CNG stations and petrol pumps will be sufficient to meet the growing demand of vehicles;

(d) if not, the steps Government proposes to take in this regard; and

(e) the details of number of CNG filling stations and petrol pumps granted to Scheduled Castes during the last three years, State-wise?

**Consumption of kerosene/  
domestic gas**

3173. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability and consumption of kerosene/domestic gas in all States including Rajasthan, State-wise *vis-a-vis* the national average; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the allocation of kerosene/domestic gas to Rajasthan State in coming year?

**Setting up of offices of petroleum companies in Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

†3174. 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 Ministry is considering a proposal for setting up offices of petroleum companies in Bhubaneswar, Odisha;

(b) if so, the quantum of money that the petroleum companies would have to spend for it and the extent to which the petroleum companies would be benefited by it in future; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Present CGD network / infrastructure in the country**

3175. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the present City Gas Distribution (CGD) network/ infrastructure and how many cities are covered, with number of household connections and industrial connections, State-wise;

(b) the total demand from various States, including Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and by when, it would be met;

(c) the number of CNG vehicles and

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number of CNG stations in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to open more CNG stations to ease long queues and rush at present, the details thereof?

#### **Outlets of steel products in Madhya Pradesh**

†3176. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the names of places where outlets of steel products have been sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh and the details of manufacturing, progress and selling activities of each of them?

#### **Headquarter of NMDC**

†3177. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the headquarter of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is located at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from Chhattisgarh Government to open a headquarter of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Status of steel industry in the country**

3178. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel industry is facing

downturn due to decrease in demand of steel and dumping by Chinese companies;

(b) if so, the details of the present status of steel industry in the country; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps in protecting and promoting steel industry, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Steps to increase productivity of steel industry**

3179. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian iron and steel industries are facing lots of problems to survive their existence in the country;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that per capita labour productivity of steel per year is at 90-100 tonnes, which is one of the lowest in the world;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the productivity of steel industry?

#### **Loss faced by plants of SAIL**

†3180. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to hand over three steel plants named Salem, Bhadravati and Chandrapur of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) into private hands due to heavy loss; and

(b) the total loss incurred by these three plants along with the total plants of SAIL facing loss, the plant-wise details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Overhaul of India's steel policy**

3181. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make an overhaul of India's steel policy framed in 2012;

(b) whether the country is unlikely to meet the target to raise capacity to 300 million tonnes a year by 2025;

(c) whether although India's steel production cost is lower than any other country, it is uncompetitive in global markets due to freight costs, higher credit costs, industrial power tariffs, high iron ore royalties, import duties and cess on coking coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Development of traditional Dhabas**

3182. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture has emphasised in its 229th report that traditional Dhabas should be developed and maintained with highest cleanliness, hygiene and authenticity of their local cuisine;

(b) if so, the steps Government wishes to take to improve Dhabas segment of tourism infrastructure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Development of Coastal Circuits**

3183. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Coastal Circuit Schemes have remained non-starter due to provisions contained in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ);

(b) if so, the details of Coastal Circuit Schemes which are unable to be implemented due to CRZ restrictions; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve the problem?

### **Tourist places in Hyderabad-Karnataka region**

3184. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the tourist places in Hyderabad-Karnataka region;

(b) in what way Center helps to promote these places; and

(c) whether there are any projects with regard to above area including Basavakalyan, Shorapur, Momvi, Kishkinda, historical religious sites and pre-historic places?

### **Privatisation of ITDC hotels**

3185. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to privatise certain hotels under India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC);

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

(c) the reasons for which most of the ITDC hotels are incurring losses despite growth in both domestic and foreign tourist arrivals; and



(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to improve the working, financial performance and efficiency of ITDC hotels?

**Budgetary allocation for development of tourism infrastructure**

3186. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture has pointed out in its 229th report that States which get more tourism arrivals rather than business arrivals should get priority in budgetary allocation for development of tourism infrastructure;

(b) if so, the likely shift in allocation in budget, if any; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds for tourism projects**

3187. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to invest ₹ 50,000 crores to exploit the tourism potential in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the various projects that have been contemplated by Government to spend this amount?

**Visa-on-Arrival to promote growth of tourism**

3188. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism in

the country is gradually going up in the last three years as per the UN World Tourism Organisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has permitted Visa-on-Arrival to 150 countries of the world;

(c) if so, the names of countries which are given Visa-on-Arrival facility; and

(d) to what extent Visa reforms help in fuelling tourism growth in the country?

**Steps taken to promote art and culture of tribal communities**

3189. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote art and culture of different tribal communities of the country, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken to promote the products made by the tribal community throughout the country, the details thereof?

**Huge drop out rate at Ashram schools**

3190. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ashram schools in West Bengal and students enrolled in them at elementary and secondary level;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that the drop out rates of ST students are 55 per cent at the elementary level and 71 per cent at the secondary level;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry agrees that these data show the inefficiency in operation of Ashram schools; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to tackle the problem?

#### **Literacy rate among STs**

3191. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) indicating the break-up of male and female literacy and its comparison with the overall literacy rate in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the present improvement of the literacy rate of tribals is inadequate to enable them to get the benefit of education and socio-economic development; and

(c) if so, the details of the schemes being implemented by Government to improve the literacy level of STs along with the financial assistance, State-wise, and the achievements made under the said schemes, so far?

#### **Extension of basic facilities to tribals**

3192. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the status of availability of drinking water and sanitation facilities of tribal households are available;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any concrete proposals to extend such basic facilities to the tribal population?

#### **Publishing of status of FRA claims on website**

3193. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how often does the Ministry publish the State-wise status of Forest Rights Act claims on a web portal;

(b) how does the Ministry collect this data;

(c) whether Ministry has requested all States to publish district-wise details on status of FRA claims in their States on a web portal;

(d) if so, whether all States have done that the latest district-wise details on status of FRA claims for all States; and

(e) if all States have not done so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Ministry to expedite this process?

#### **Inclusion of communities in ST list**

3194. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed to add some more tribes in Scheduled Tribes list in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) on what basis/criteria these new tribes are being added in the existing list?

#### **Welfare of Jarawa tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

3195. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made any proposal for the welfare of Jarawa tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the terms and conditions and Plan outlay and funds allocation in this regard?

#### **Distribution of land titles**

3196. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries to whom land titles were distributed under the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act; and

(b) the total land in hectares distributed till 31st March, 2016?

#### **Expansion of Scheduled Area in Rajasthan**

†3197. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has forwarded a proposal to the Central Government for the expansion of the Scheduled Area under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to expand the Scheduled Area in Rajasthan, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Individual claims of other Traditional Forest Dwellers**

3198. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) how many individual claims were filed by the Other Traditional Forest Dwellers all over the country;

(b) how many individual claims of Other Traditional Forest Dwellers were accepted all over the country;

(c) how much area is involved over which individual claims of the Other Traditional Forest Dwellers were accepted all over the country;

(d) how many individual claims of Other Traditional Forest Dwellers were rejected all over the country;

(e) how much area is involved over which the individual claims of the Other Traditional Forest Dwellers have been rejected; and

(f) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details thereof?

#### **Operational Vocational Training Centres**

†3199. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States in which Vocational Training Centres are operational in Scheduled Tribe areas, list of the areas thereof;

(b) the number of tribal women and youths received training at these centres and have become self-employed or are working in Government sector, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether such training centres will be opened in Udham Singh Nagar, a tribal district of Uttarakhand where Tharu tribes reside; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Claims received by forest dwellers in  
Telangana**

3200. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 2.15 lakh claims received from various forest dwellers in Telangana as of 1st June, 2016, only one lakh titles have been distributed so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one lakh claims have been rejected;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor with respect to (a) above and reasons behind (b) above; and

(d) how the Ministry would persuade the State to distribute pending claims within a fixed time-frame?

NEW DELHI;  
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*Secretary-General.*

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