

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;  
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Action against STC officials for violating DPE guidelines

2080. SHRI MD. NADIMUL  
HAQUE: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken  
against State Trading Corporation (STC)  
officials who have been taking more than  
entitlement of cafeteria based perks and  
allowances and thus flouting Department  
of Public Enterprises guidelines and if not,  
the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of total loss to the  
exchequer of the country; and

(c) the details of the amount due for  
recovery from each official?

#### Target for exports

2081. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

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

(a) whether Government has set target  
for export for the financial year 2016-17,  
if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the export target includes  
the value of export from the Special  
Economic Zones;

(c) if so, the target set for such export;

(d) the total amount of exports made  
from the Special Economic Zones and Non-  
Special Economic Zones during the period  
April-December, 2015; and

(e) the difference between the actual  
amount of exports *vis-a-vis* targets?

#### 'Make in India' Programme

2082. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the progress made by 'Make in India'  
programme launched by Government;

(b) whether Government took into  
account apprehensions of stakeholders like  
ASSOCHAM that delay in implementation  
of investment projects would hamper the  
campaign; and

(c) the details of efforts made by

Government to remove red-tapism and expedite the investment proposals, including providing single window clearance in respect of land acquisition, environment and other issues?

**Schemes for promotion of agriculture exports**

2083. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per WTO trade statistics, India is the 7th largest exporter of agriculture goods;

(b) if so, the efforts being made to make India one of the top three agriculture exporting countries of the world by 2020;

(c) whether any blueprint for this purpose has been prepared by the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the year-wise and scheme-wise details of schemes being implemented to promote agriculture exports and performance of each scheme in the last three years and the current year?

**Notification of guidelines for power to SEZs**

2084. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government recently notified guidelines for power generation, transmission, distribution in Special Economic Zones (SEZs), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether fiscal incentives are provided for supplying uninterrupted power supply at stable frequency, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether operation and maintenance benefits were restored for uninterrupted power supply, including Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) and tax relief, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what concessions are provided to power generation companies in SEZs as compared to non-processing areas?

**Applications from foreign companies for setting up of industrial units**

2085. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications/proposals received by Government from foreign companies for establishment of industrial units in India under new economic reforms and 'Make in India' and the proposals sanctioned during the last two years;

(b) the details of amount involved in these proposals for setting up of new industrial units in various States of the country; and

(c) what are their projected employment potentials?

**Non-operational SEZs in Tamil Nadu**

2086. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 9 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which are non-operational in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of those SEZs which are non-functional and reasons for their non-functioning; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the non-operational SEZs in the State of Tamil Nadu?

**Guidelines for business through e-commerce**

2087. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1401 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18 December, 2013 and State:

(a) whether the Ministry has any specific guidelines/regulations for business through e-commerce, mobile commerce, teleshopping and online business module, if so, the segment-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has any specific data about business through e-commerce, mobile commerce, teleshopping and through online business module, if so, the segment-wise and year-wise details thereof for the last three years?

**Increase in imports of rubber and spices**

2088. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports of rubber and spices during 2013-14 and 2014-15 exceeded exports, if so, by how much;

(b) what are the imports of these during current year so far;

(c) whether Government will take steps to reduce imports so that farmers in the country get fair price for their products; and

(d) if not, whether Government will purchase these products from farmers at a fair price?

**Action taken to control trade deficit**

2089. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under foreign trade in the country, exports from the country is less than the imports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current account deficit goes up due to the exports being less than the imports; and

(c) if so, what action (s) has so far been taken by Government and its reaction thereto?

**India's ranking in 'Ease of Doing Business' report**

2090. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the country's ranking in 'Ease of Doing Business' in the world at present;

(b) whether Government has initiated an extensive survey on 'Ease of Doing Business' in Odisha and Karnataka with an objective to improve the business climate and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether online single window is operational at Central and State levels, if so, the details thereof?

**Export Development Fund**

2091. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is concerned about the falling exports of the country which have shown downward trend during the last one year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether taking cognizance of the declining exports trend Government is planning to create an 'Export Development Fund' to propose a financing mechanism; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the exports and thereby earn foreign revenue for the country?

**Bringing exporters of cotton under free list**

2092. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to remove the mandatory registration for export of cotton and cotton yarn and bring them under the free list;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the likely impact of such move to reduce transaction cost for the exporters of cotton yarn; and

(d) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

**Complaint against P3 licence holder in Jharkhand**

2093. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Petroleum Explosive and Safety Organisation (PESO) has received any complaint recently against P3 (for possession and sale of Ammonium Nitrate) License holder from Deoghar District, Jharkhand for illegal sale and blast of explosives in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken;

(c) whether the PESO is considering to revoke the explosives licences for violation of Explosives Rules; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

**Closure of tea gradens in West Bengal**

2094. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of tea gardens in West Bengal have been closed, abandoned or are non-functional;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to reopen the tea gardens of the region and ensure that non-functional or abandoned tea gardens function properly?

**Resumption of negotiations on ETA with EU**

2095. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to resume negotiations on Free Trade Agreement with European Union;

(b) if so, what was the rationale of suspending the negotiations and under what conditions is Government resuming the negotiations;

(c) whether Government has consulted the industry associations and other stakeholders before resuming the free trade negotiations with EU; and

(d) if so, what are the apprehensions of domestic industry associations and how does the FTA propose to address these apprehensions?

### **Rubber import**

2096. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how much rubber has been imported during the last three years;

(b) the details of the import duty levied by Government on rubber imports; and

(c) whether the Ministry has decided to change the tariff of import duty, if so, the details thereof?

### **Balancing of anti-tobacco regulations by Tobacco Board**

2097. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tobacco Board is equipped to balance the stringent anti-tobacco regulations at home and abroad and the concerns of growers for remunerative prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the response of the tobacco trade at the latest auctions; and

(d) whether Government would assure that tobacco farmers would not be pushed into distress like last year which had forced some farmers to commit suicide?

### **Broader definition of e-commerce**

2098. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to come out with a broader definition of e-commerce after scrapping plans for defining the market place model followed by online retailers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has been necessitated as customs officials are demanding clear rules for the incentives declared under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) for e-commerce exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Expansion of list of permitted pesticides and chemicals by Tea Board**

2099. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Board has expanded the list of pesticides and chemicals that the Indian tea industry is permitted to use, following persistent, attacks by certain types of pests which the industry believes, have increased due to climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Tea Board has added two more chemicals to the existing list of 35 formulations that the industry is allowed to use; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Increase in merchandise and services exports**

2100. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's total merchandise exports for 2014 was valued at 321 billion US dollars against 314 billion US dollars in the previous year ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the services exports grew strongly in 2014 at 4.8 per cent and if so, the details thereof?

**Abolition of direct tax benefits for non-operational SEZs**

2101. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Export Promotion Council for export oriented units and Special Economic Zones has opposed a proposal considered for abolition of all direct tax benefits for SEZs not operated before April, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite various representations from the SEZ community, Government has neither withdrawn Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) nor reduced the rates of MAT so far and the matter is still pending with Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Volume of exports and imports**

2102. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the year-wise volume of exports and imports of the country for the last three years?

**Role of export sector in 'Make in India' programme**

†2103. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the role of Indian export-sector has been prominent in the success of 'Make in India' programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the policy measures taken by Government to boost export sector during the last one year and the details of positive results thereof?

**Effect of mandatory manufacturing of API locally**

2104. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new US rule making it mandatory for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) to be manufactured locally will affect Indian exports as about 80 per cent of the drug raw material requirements in US is met by India and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken up the issue with the US authorities, if so, the details thereof and response thereto?

**Redevelopment of Pragati Maidan structures**

2105. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) has a proposal to redevelop the Pragati Maidan structure;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether the architects and structural engineers of the city have moved court to stop demolition of iconic structures, the Hall of Nations and Nehru Pavilion at the Pragati Maidan; and

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

**High trade deficit**

2106. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign trade deficit for the first six months of 2015-16 and how

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does it compare with the trade deficit for the same period of 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) what are the reasons for the continuing high trade deficit in spite of the fact that crude oil prices, which is the major item of import, have come down by around 40 per cent during the last one year; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to boost exports and reverse the current trend in foreign trade?

#### **Impact of 'Make in India' programme**

2107. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had announced the 'Make in India' programme immediately after assumption of office in 2014;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the programme in different sectors like industry, agriculture, defence, etc. and whether Government has fixed any physical targets for achievement under this programme in each sector; and

(c) what is the impact of this programme and real achievements under it during the last one and half years of this Government?

#### **Export target**

2108. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export target of the country fixed for the year 2014-15 *vis-a-vis* actual export during the year ;

(b) the reasons for continuous expansion of trade deficit for the last several years;

(c) whether Government has taken any aggressive marketing initiative to check the

trend of declining exports and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to boost country's export and achieve the export targets?

#### **Share of India's spices in world market**

2109. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of India's spices in the world market, in terms of quantity and rupee value, in the last three years;

(b) the efforts made by Government and Spice Board of India to increase export of quality spices;

(c) the details of lab test facilities available in the country at present to check pesticide residuals and microbiological contamination in spices with details; and

(d) the details of steps taken for 'Target 2020: Clean, Safe and Sustainable Supply Chain' of spices in the country?

#### **FDI in e-commerce**

2110. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the item-wise growth in e-commerce products during last three years and the revenue earned for each of those top 30 items;

(b) whether Government has chalked out any special formula to check, monitor and control the e-commerce activities of E-bay, Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, Myntra and other companies engaged in e-commerce, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 100 per cent FDI is allowed on an automatic basis in e-commerce

activities as per the regulations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the year-wise details of FDI in Indian e-commerce during last three years?

#### **Joint Working Groups under Indo-US dialogue**

2111. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the context of Indo-US commercial dialogue, four Joint Working Groups have been set up in areas including infrastructure standards, textiles and services;

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

(c) the progress made in these areas so far?

#### **Measures to bring in more FDI**

2112. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures to bring in more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the next three years and fixed any target for the FDI inflow during the period;

(b) if so, the details thereof about the road map on FDI;

(c) the year-wise details of various developed countries from which FDI is likely to come in and the total value of FDI expected from each country in the next three years;

(d) whether the Central Government is facilitating productive States to mobilize more FDI for the industrial and economic growth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Including Basmati rice in India's GI Registry**

2113. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has agreed not to contest India's move to include Basmati Rice in its Geographical Indicator (GI) Registry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether India conceded to Pakistan to have Intellectual Property Rights (IPR);

(c) whether the hearing at Intellectual Property Appellate Board has recently been concluded; and

(d) if so, when the final notification is likely to come?

#### **Shortfall in exports**

†2114. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortfall in exports and the results thereof;

(b) whether the rising trade deficit is affecting the growth rate of the country; and

(c) the countries with whom trade deficit is rising and the levels at which efforts were made to address this issue?

#### **Development of domestic version of ease of doing business index**

2115. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government proposes to develop a domestic version of the ease of doing business index/indicators for assessing the overall business performance of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve India's standing in the ease of doing business index along with the corresponding results thereon?

#### **FTAs with African countries**

2116. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry is planning to take advantage of recently held Indo-African Summit to push its exports to African countries in the coming years;

(b) the details of FTAs with African countries and details of trade with those countries; and

(c) whether any blueprint has been prepared in this regard, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds released to J&K for renovation of monuments**

2117. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state whether Government has released/sanctioned the grant for repairment/renovation for old monuments of Jammu and Kashmir State for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and if so, the monument-wise and region-wise details of expenditures utilised?

#### **White Paper on status of Classical Languages**

2118. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Classical Languages like Pali, Prakrit and Sanskrit are dying because of Government apathy towards them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pali and Prakrit have been removed from UPSC syllabi; and

(c) whether Government would consider bringing a White Paper on the status of the Classical Languages of the country?

#### **Vacant posts of Directors in museums**

2119. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 800 museums in the country without Directors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for not appointing Directors to the above 800 museums?

#### **Equipping NDRF with modern technology**

2120. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has been fully equipped with modern technology to undertake rescue activities in case of disasters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any project under the National Disaster Management Authority for areas which are vulnerable to earthquake and flood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of expenditure incurred in this regard?

**Need to strengthen mechanism for protection of human rights**

2121. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to strengthen the mechanism for protection of human rights;

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

(c) the action being taken in the matter?

**Rise in cases of destruction of property by agitators**

2122. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of destruction of public property by agitators are rising in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise and State-wise details of incidents of such nature for the last two years;

(c) the losses suffered by the nation due to such incidents during the said period; and

(d) what effective measures Government has taken or proposes to take to prevent such incidents in the country?

**Molestation of women by security forces in Chhattisgarh**

†2123. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA  
SINGH:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from Kunna, Peddagelur in the naxal-affected Sukma and Bijapur districts of Chhattisgarh wherein security forces have been alleged to have molested women and other serious charges have also been labelled on them;

(b) whether any FIR has also been lodged against the security forces; and

(c) if so, the details of steps being taken to prevent the development of such mentality among the security forces?

**Citizenship to Hindus migrated from Pakistan**

†2124. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Hindus who have come from Pakistan to India and have demanded Indian citizenship and steps taken by Government to grant them citizenship?

**Banned terrorist organisations supporting ISIS**

2125. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the existing banned

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terrorist organisations operating in and around India have publicly declared that they have working links with, or support the ISIS;

(b) if so, whether Government considers the ISIS to be a serious terrorist threat to India or the ISIS will carry out any terrorist activity in India in the near future; and

(c) if the ISIS is a serious threat to India, then what measures Government is taking to neutralize this threat to it?

#### **Implementation of the Civil Defence Act, 1968**

2126. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Civil Defence Act, 1968 with a focus on its implementation in Border States of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the States that have constituted a Civil Defence Corps pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, and the strength of each of the Corps thus constituted;

(c) the States that have not yet constituted a Civil Defence Corps and reasons for the same;

(d) whether Government is planning to revise and amend the said Act; and

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

#### **Guidelines for blockage of roads during movement of VIPs in Delhi**

2127. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed guidelines for blockage of roads and deployment of police personnel on roads during movement of VIPs in Delhi;

(b) whether there is a provision of law under which pedestrians are asked to step aside from footpaths or not walk during such VIP movements if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

(c) if not, the recourse available to people facing such circumstances, including the competent authority to receive such complaints and the action liable to be taken; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to reduce VIP culture and to increase non-intrusive security measures for security of VIPs?

#### **Unclaimed dead bodies in Delhi**

2128. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of dead bodies in Delhi and around have been piling up unabatedly and nobody is coming forward to claim such dead bodies;

(b) if so, what is the number of such unclaimed dead bodies registered in the official records of Delhi during the last four months;

(c) whether it is proposed to create awareness among the public to report unattended ailing persons on the footpaths/ other such places for appropriate action to control such untimely deaths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistance to CPMF personnel sacrificing lives fighting terrorists**

†2129. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance being provided by Government to those personnel serving in the para-military forces who sacrifice their lives fighting against the terrorist during their services;

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(b) the details of compensation provided to police personnel posthumously during the last three years; and

(c) the details of other facilities being provided to the martyrs besides financial help in cash?

**Paramilitary forces deployed in areas affected by Naxalism/Left Wing Extremism**

2130. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of paramilitary forces and central police forces personnel currently deployed in areas affected by Naxalism/Left Wing Extremism; and

(b) the State-wise and district-wise breakup thereof?

**Incidents of gang rape in the country**

2131. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of gang rape have increased during the past six months;

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

(c) what effective measures Government has taken or proposes to take to prevent such incidents in the country?

**Personnel needed to keep the international borders adequately safe**

2132. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the ideal number of personnel per kilometre needed to keep the international borders adequately safe;

(b) the number of men and women personnel stationed on the International borders, region-wise;

(c) whether there is a need to increase the number of personnel deployed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Decriminalising suicide**

2133. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the fact that one in three suicides in the world happens in India;

(b) whether the Ministry has made any progress on decriminalising suicide, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken by the Ministry to combat rising suicide?

**Ineffectiveness of MPVs**

2134. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that paramilitary troops in LWE-affected States are being asked to move on foot or use motorbikes to avoid casualties, given the ineffectiveness of current Mine-Protected Vehicles (MPVs) acquired by CRPF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of number of MPVs that have been acquired along with total cost;

(d) when were the QRs for these MPVs finalized; and

(e) given that CRPF and other Paramilitary forces require new and safer MPVs why Government is delaying finalization of specification of these MPVs thus continuing to put the lives of our security personnel at risk?

**Steps taken to provide modern and effective weapons to State police forces**

2135. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that police personnel in some of the States, particularly Jharkhand are ill-equipped and lack modern and effective weapons to deal with the rising terrorist and naxalite activities;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide modern and effective weapons to the State police forces; and

(d) the other measures proposed to be taken by Government for bringing reforms/modernization in the functioning of the State police forces in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected and border areas in the country?

**Funds under SRE scheme**

2136. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme allotted to the different Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts during last five years;

(b) how much fund is due to be released to State of Odisha during the period and by when balance amount will be released; and

(c) whether Ministry has received proposal from Government of Odisha to include Angul, Boudh and Sonapur district of Odisha, if so, the steps taken thereon?

**Cases of sedition registered for anti-India slogans**

2137. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the incidents of anti-India slogans raised and reported in the country during last two years;

(b) the State-wise details of the cases of sedition registered for anti-India slogans during 2015 and 2016;

(c) the details of the cases in which Delhi Police has registered cases of sedition for anti-India slogans on the basis of morphed videos/audios during 2015 and 2016; and

(d) the details of action Government has taken against culprits of doctored video?

**Empowering OISD to impose fines on violating companies**

2138. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's oil safety regulator, Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) is not fully empowered to impose financial penalty on companies found guilty of violating norms leading to accidents;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider proposal, to provide teeth to the OISD, if any received from them; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Counter insurgency operations in North-Eastern States**

2139. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of North-Eastern States

where counter-insurgency operations are undertaken;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of amount allocated for these counter-insurgency operations under different heads and the number of security personnel deployed for counter-insurgency operations during last three years;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise details of number of civilian casualties in counter-insurgency operations during the above period;

(d) the State-wise and year-wise details of number of recorded cases of encounters by security personnel during these counter-insurgency operations during the period; and

(e) the State-wise and year-wise details of amount of compensation paid in such cases during the said period?

#### **Delay in completion of border fencing work**

2140. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the border that the States of Gujarat and Rajasthan share with Pakistan;

(b) the length of the border that has been sanctioned to be fenced and the length of the border that has been fenced so far and the amount required for length of border that is remaining to be fenced;

(c) the reasons for the delay in completion of border fencing work as the work was supposed to be completed by March, 2012 and

(d) the deadlines Government has set by when the remaining border fencing work shall be completed?

#### **Lynching of women declared witches in Jharkhand**

2141. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of women in Jharkhand have been declared witches and subsequently lynched;

(b) if so, how many such women have been lynched/killed in the last three years in Jharkhand;

(c) what action has been taken against the perpetrators; and

(d) how Government proposes to put an end to this practice?

#### **Surrender by Naxalites**

†2142. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of naxalites are surrendering in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of naxalites who have surrendered so far and the number of those who are about to surrender;

(c) if not, whether Government is considering to take any action against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when such action would be taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Stealing of children of poor people and selling them to rich**

†2143. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that some persons are involved in the large scale practice of stealing the children of poor people and selling them to the rich in various parts of the country;

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

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

**Pending claims of refugees since the time of partition**

2144. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are still pending claims of refugees since the time of partition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such refugees have settled in the North-Eastern part of India;

(d) whether these refugees have not been provided with protection under the law and access to State services etc.;

(e) if so, the details in respect of above; and

(f) the remedial measures undertaken and the time by when such claims will be resolved?

**Linking Police Stations through information grid**

2145. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to link Police Stations all over the country through an information grid, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the objective of this initiative and what is the time schedule for its completion;

(c) whether it will entail specialized cadre or training to operate this information grid, if so, what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Central Government will share the financial burden of this scheme with the State Government, if so, the details thereof?

**Ceasefire violation by Pakistan**

2146. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise details of number of ceasefire violations and encounters by Pakistan that have occurred on the Indo-Pak border during last year;

(b) the assessed losses, damage and number of persons that have been displaced due to such ceasefire violations;

(c) the details of India's response to such ceasefire violations; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to put an end to this?

**Counselling services in police stations for trafficked children**

2147. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of cases registered for children trafficked and the number of children rescued during last three years;

(b) the area/industries into which children have been employed and corrective action taken to reduce trafficking in these industries;

(c) the State-wise details of number of police stations across the country, which have counselling services for trafficking

instances and the steps taken to increase the coverage and efficiency of these counselling services; and

(d) the details of steps taken to reduce the menace of human trafficking, particularly trafficking of children, and the timeline for implementation of the same?

**Development of islands off the coast of Vasco and Canacona in Goa**

2148. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has requested the Government of Goa to permit it survey, develop or monitor the developments of the islands off the coast of Vasco and Canacona in Goa;

(b) if so, the names and area of these islands;

(c) what is the objective of the Ministry in doing so;

(d) when was the request made and when was the consent/approval given by the Government of Goa; and

(e) whether owners of these islands were taken on board or whether their consent was taken?

**Increase in freedom fighters' pension and family pension**

†2149. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will increase the freedom fighters' pension and family pension as Seventh Central Pay Commission has recommended to increase the salary and pension of Government servants *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Battalion of RAF of CRPF in States**

†2150. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the battalions of Rapid Action Force (RAF) of CRPF are stationed in some States of the country, if so, the details of these States;

(b) whether Rajasthan Government has also sent a proposal to the Ministry to deploy a battalion of RAF in the State; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to approve the same, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Parade ceremony at Indo-Pak border in Suchetgarh, J&K**

2151. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests for holding parade ceremony at Indo-Pak border at Suchetgarh in J&K everyday on the pattern of Wagah border in Amritsar;

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

(c) the time-frame to start the said parade ceremony?

**Poor living condition of retired paramilitary personnel**

2152. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note

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of the poor living condition of retired paramilitary personnel;

(b) whether Government plans to increase the pension for them and extend One Rank One Pension benefit to them too;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith target; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and how Government plans to provide better living standard to retired paramilitary personnel?

#### **Progress on Naga Accord**

2153. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made on Naga Accord since the announcement of signing of an accord on 3rd August, 2015;

(b) why have the details of the accord not been made public yet;

(c) how does the accord address the main demand of NSCN-IM for integration of all Naga-inhabited areas in North-East India including Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam;

(d) what special privileges, over and above those guaranteed by Article 371-A of the Constitution of India, will this accord promise to the Nagas; and

(e) when will the final accord be signed between Government and Naga groups?

#### **Deploying additional border guards of BSF**

2154. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals from the Border Security Force (BSF) on matter of

deploying additional border guards along the international borders is pending with the Ministry for long; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

#### **Projects undertaken by NDMA**

2155. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the major projects undertaken by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) during last three years for disaster mitigation in the country;

(b) the State and project-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized for these projects during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether cases of alleged irregularities in the implementation of the projects or abandoning projects mid-way have been reported; and

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

#### **Essential equipment to BSF for surveillance of border**

†2156. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to improve the surveillance of international border in Punjab;

(b) by when Government will provide essential equipments to BSF for surveillance of border;

(c) whether incidents of intrusion through Punjab are increasing in the absence of better surveillance system; and

(d) the names of equipments which are

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required by BSF and efforts made to meet the same?

#### **Missing children and women**

2157. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many children and women have been reported missing in the country during last three years;

(b) how many of them were found out later;

(c) whether they are properly rehabilitated;

(d) how many are still missing;

(e) the main reasons for their disappearance; and

(f) whether there is enough vigilance among authorities, families and schools against this rising trend of disappearance?

#### **Shortage of IPS officers**

2158. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of IPS officers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to recruit retired armed forces personnel or Central Armed Police Forces in the IPS cadre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Extensive use of AK-47 rifles by criminals in Bihar**

2159. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that many criminals are using AK-47 rifles, for criminal activities in Bihar, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what Central Government is planning to curb the excessive use of AK-47 by the criminals in Bihar, as it has been reported in media?

#### **Threat of chemical attacks**

†2160. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the threats of chemical attacks on European and American nations by international terrorist organizations the internal security of our country is also being strengthened accordingly to deal with any such eventuality;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the security forces are capable of countering chemical attacks?

#### **Rehabilitation of acquitted undertrial prisoners**

2161. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1647 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 2011 and state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of persons are languishing in jails for a long period of time as undertrials and subsequent to their acquittal, they are neither accepted by their families nor society;

(b) the updated status of action taken by the Ministry, in coordination with State Governments and other Ministries like Law

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and Justice, for compensation and rehabilitation of such acquitted persons; and

(c) the State-wise number of such acquittals taken place during the last three years along with the period of their languishing in jails *e.g.* two years, five years, etc.?

#### **Profiles of sympathisers of ISIS**

2162. SHRI DIGVIJAYASINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the profiles of the individuals arrested/detained in the country as ISIS sympathisers with regard to their age, religion, geographical location, educational and economic status; and

(b) what are the reasons behind and implications of the large number of alleged ISIS recruits and sympathisers emerging from the coastal region of Karnataka and Kerala?

#### **ESIC hospitals**

2163. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the State-wise total number of hospitals set up and proposed to be set up by Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the country;

(b) what is the total number of insured persons in the country as on 29th February, 2016;

(c) whether the ESIC hospitals are adequate to attend to medical needs of the beneficiaries, if not, the steps taken to augment hospital facilities for the workers and their families; and

(d) in view of more workers being enrolled under ESIC, steps proposed to be taken to expand ESIC dispensaries and hospitals in the country?

#### **Pensioners in unorganised sector**

†2164. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pensioners in the unorganised sector and the amount of pension being provided to them every month, at present;

(b) the amount of interest being earned per month by Government on the deposited amount of pensioners in the unorganised sector;

(c) whether the Bhagat Singh Koshyari Committee has recommended to enhance pension of these pensioners also; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delaying the implementation?

#### **Maternity leave to female employees**

2165. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employers that currently provide mandated paid maternity leave to female employees;

(b) whether Government has received complaints of non-provision of paid maternity leave by employers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to increase the maternity leave allowance, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether women who have children through surrogacy or adoption are entitled

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to the same maternity benefits as mothers who have children through pregnancy, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Benefits for construction labourers by States**

2166. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would examine the benefits given by different States of the country for the construction labourers, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry plans to support those State Governments who are giving good package to the labourers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that State Government of Odisha is giving the best package to the construction labourers; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in recent past in the field of Labour Welfare as per the international treaties and conventions?

**Recommendations of Bhagat Singh Koshyari Committee**

†2167. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhagat Singh Koshyari Committee constituted to resolve the problems of pensioners, has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether Government is facing difficulties to implement the recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) if so, the details of efforts made by Government to address the problems?

**Occupational deaths**

2168. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the details about occupational deaths that happened in various factories during the last two years;

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

(c) whether Government has details about number of permanent and contractual employees among them; and

(d) whether Government is mooted any measures to ensure insurance coverage for contractual workers against incidence of occupational hazards?

**Extension of maternity benefit to women workers in private sector**

2169. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to extend the benefits of Maternity Benefit Act 1961 to the women working in private sector;

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

(c) whether Government also proposes to further increase the existing leave period under this Act?

**Non-implementation of the Equal Remuneration Act**

2170. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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women are paid lesser wages than men for the same work from small businesses to large organisation in the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, whether Government has failed to enforce or implement Equal Remuneration Act, 1973 effectively which provides for payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers for work of similar nature; and

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

#### **Neglect of local labourers in Chhattisgarh**

†2171. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite presence of a large number of cement, power and steel plants and aluminium factories the local labour is being ignored continuously in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) whether Government would consider to bring to book industrialists of such industries who are quite indifferent to this despite repeated warnings to them from Government of Chhattisgarh?

#### **Expected fresh accruals from employees' contributions in EPFO**

2172. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retirement savings managed and overseen by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) have crossed ₹ 10 lakh crore mark, making it the eleventh largest pension fund in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during 2015-16, the EPF coffers are expected to receive ₹ 1,15,000 crore of fresh accruals from employees' contributions;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the above would be 15 per cent higher than it was originally estimated; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Medical benefits under ESIC**

2173. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to cast the social security net much wider and include around 30 crore workers and their families across 393 districts to provide medical benefits under the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to conduct surveys of all the remaining 271 districts where ESI scheme has not been implemented so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Making gratuity benefits portable for employees**

2174. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make gratuity benefits portable for employees moving from one workplace to another, irrespective of the tenure of their stint;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to cut service period for gratuity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Contract labourers**

2175. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the year-wise and State-wise number of contract labourers in the country for the last three years?

#### **Bringing of hospitals for beedi workers in Tamil Nadu under ESIC**

2176. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Health Centres, Hospitals and Dispensaries run for the welfare of Beedi Workers in Tamil Nadu Especially in Tirunelveli District would be switched over to the governance of ESIC or taken over by ESI administration;

(b) if so, what are the plans and how many such hospitals would be taken over; and

(c) what would happen to the existing Doctors, Staff and other paramedical staff working on contractual salary?

#### **Setting up of new structure of medical facilities in States**

2177. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to ensure quality medical facilities in the States, the Employees State Insurance Corporation has decided that it will run the health services directly in all

the States and the States will not be asked to bear the cost of medical expenses;

(b) whether the ESIC has decided to form a sub committee for working out the modalities for setting up of new structure in States in the form of subsidiary corporation with representation from State Government, the Centre as well as employees and employers' organizations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Social security to unemployed**

†2178. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons in the country at present;

(b) the year-wise and State-wise number of persons who had been provided with employment from Government during last three years;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide social security to these unemployed persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government proposes to bring those people within its ambit who have not been provided with employment within certain time period and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Unemployment in Puducherry**

2179. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted in 2011-12, there

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is more than 2 per cent of unemployment in Puducherry;

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

(c) whether any latest survey has been conducted by the NSSO after 2011-12;

(d) if so, the details of the outcome of the above survey in the country, with a particular reference to Puducherry; and

(e) the efforts being made by Government to reduce unemployment in Puducherry?

#### **Consolidating and amending labour tasks**

2180. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve the 'ease of doing business', the Government proposes to consolidate and amend the laws on registration of trade unions, conditions of employment, investigation and settlement of disputes and related matters;

(b) whether the proposal calls for the merger of Industrial Disputes Act 1947, Trade Union Act 1926 and Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act 1946; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Indoor facilities in ESI hospitals in Maharashtra**

2181. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals with indoor facilities presently functioning in the State of Maharashtra with details of each of their locations;

(b) what facilities are available in these hospitals;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the number of such hospitals in the State; and

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

#### **Increasing minimum wages for unskilled employees**

2182. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of informal sector by way of revenues and number of people working as a percentage of the total;

(b) the details of the sector-wise average wages for the skilled and unskilled employees;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to increase the minimum wages for unskilled labour; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the interests of workers in informal sector?

#### **Illegal mining in Uttar Pradesh**

†2183. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 102 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24h February, 2016 and state:

(a) whether in Uttar Pradesh alone, total 38256 cases of illegal mining were found from the year 2012-13 to 2015-16 (upto January, 2016);

(b) the year-wise number of cases, in which FIRs have been lodged, judicial cases were filed, vehicles impounded and number of cases in which the guilty were punished during said period;

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(c) whether the action taken by Uttar Pradesh Government seems adequate in view of the large number of cases of illegal mining being found; and

(d) if not, the stand of Government thereto?

#### **Investment in mining sector**

2184. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to invest in the mining sector and public sector industries to maximize the production capacity;

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

(c) the details of project proposals therefor?

#### **Allowing private sector in mineral exploration**

2185. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to allow private sector in mineral exploration, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many blocks of minerals have been auctioned to private sector so far, the details thereof along with the names of successful bidders;

(c) the types of minerals which will be explored in these mines; and

(d) the details of revenue sharing mechanism between Government and companies?

#### **Non-completion of targets of Geological Survey of India**

2186. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that most of the targets under the Twelfth Five Year Plan for the Geological Survey of India have not been achieved;

(b) if so, the project-wise targets and achievements under the Twelfth Five Year Plan for various projects undertaken under the Geological Survey of India for the last three years;

(c) the steps taken to achieve the targets for various projects on time; and

(d) the project-wise allocation and utilization of funds for various projects under the Geological Survey of India during last three years?

#### **Increasing quota of PDS kerosene to Maharashtra**

2187. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra is currently receiving only 27 per cent of kerosene through Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra had requested to increase the quota of kerosene to meet its rising demand for avoiding black-marketing of kerosene in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto indicating what criteria have been fixed by Government for providing kerosene quota to various State Governments?

#### **Security challenges of TAPI pipeline project**

2188. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that



Turkmenistan is confident of overcoming security challenges to the TAPI pipeline projects and the same was communicated to Indian Government during the recent visit of officials at the high level delegation;

(b) whether the 10 billion US dollars 1735 km. project is one of those great ideas in regional cooperation, that hasn't materialized until now, if so, the details thereof and reasons for delay; and

(c) whether there are concerns about Taliban attacks in Afghanistan and the prevailing situation in Pakistan, if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

#### **Pilferage of subsidised kerosene**

2189. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints on large scale pilferage of subsidized kerosene;

(b) if so, the details of pilferage modules thereof;

(c) whether Government is losing more than ₹ 500 crores per annum of the subsidy therefor; and

(d) if so, action proposal of Government thereon?

#### **Fire incidents in oil and gas installations**

2190. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fire incidents that have taken place in oil and gas installations during the last three years and quantum of life and property damaged in those incidents;

(b) the details of measures taken to check fire incidents in oil and gas installations; and

(c) whether Government has ascertained the reasons for fire incidents in oil and gas installations and accountability fixed, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reserves and demand of oil and natural gas**

2191. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present reserves and demand of oil and natural gas in the country;

(b) the details of sectors which demand oil and natural gas along with the quantum of their demand;

(c) the expenditure on import of oil since 2008;

(d) the amount spent on exploration of natural gas reserves since 2008;

(e) the efforts made by Government to promote use of natural gas and reduce dependence on oil; and

(f) the details of the recent deal struck with Qatar on supply of LNG?

#### **Levy of special fuel upgradation cess on petrol and diesel**

2192. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee report—Auto Fuel Vision and Policy, 2025 had proposed to levy a special fuel upgradation cess of 75 paise per litre on all petrol and diesel sold in the country upto 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has decided

not to levy any cess to make the investment needed to roll out clear Bharat Stage (BS)-V and VI grade fuel in the country in a relief to consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

**Delay in setting up of LNG Terminal at Gangavaram Port, A.P.**

2193. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in setting up a LNG Terminal proposed at Gangavaram Port near Visakhapatnam; and

(b) what steps Government will take to realise the project which would help speedy industrialisation of North Coastal Andhra?

**Investment by ONGC in extracting gas below coal seams**

2194. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will invest ₹ 3,500 crores in extracting gas lying below coal seams in three Coal Bed Methane blocks in eastern India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC seeks a peak production of 3.2 million standard cubic meters per day of gas from the three Coal Bed Methane Blocks (CBM); and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

**Postponement of procurement protective equipment for ONGC**

†2195. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement process of personal protective equipment for Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been postponed due to some shortcomings while the procurement process was completed;

(b) if so, the reasons for the postponement and the details of the shortcomings;

(c) whether the experts are expressing their apprehensions that the efficiency of ONGC may be affected due to the delay in procurement of equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Measures to discourage use of diesel**

†2196. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the annual taxes particularly on private vehicles to discourage use of diesel;

(b) whether Government is formulating any policy to reduce the price gap between petrol and diesel and to fix fuel prices;

(c) whether Government is considering to formulate any policy on the use of petrol and diesel keeping in mind climate concerns and public health also; and

(d) if so, the details of the above policy?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Increasing the import of crude oil**

†2197. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special scheme to increase the import of crude oil in view of the slump in global prices of crude oil;

(b) if so, whether the adequate storage facilities have been put in place for storage of crude oil in the country;

(c) whether Government is chalking out a plan to revise the policy aimed for purchase of oil and gas through exchange of goods to avoid payment of the cost of crude oil in terms of dollar; and

(d) if so, the details of the said scheme?

### **Benefits of TAPI Gas Pipeline to Fazilka, Punjab**

2198. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline, for which, an agreement was signed recently among partner countries;

(b) whether the work has actually been started and what is the expected date of completion;

(c) what are the benefits, which will accrue at terminal station in India, namely, Fazilka in Punjab;

(d) whether Fazilka will get an industrial township status or what kind of activities beneficial to development of Fazilka town have been planned after implementation of this pipeline; and

(e) whether there will be any

employment opportunity for youth belonging to this backward district by the pipeline?

### **Dues owed by Sudan to ONGC Videsh Limited**

2199. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sudan owes India 240 million US dollars as dues to ONGC Videsh Limited for crude oil supplied from Greater Nile Oil project as well as unpaid lease for a pipeline connecting Khartoum Refinery to Port Sudan;

(b) whether ONGC Videsh Limited holds a 25 per cent stake in the Greater Nile Oil project with its share working out to one million tonnes per year; and

(c) whether Sudan has offered ONGC Videsh Limited a stake in offshore Exploration Block 17 as barter for the ONGC Videsh to recoup its dues?

### **Additional distribution points for export gas pipeline at Palanpur, Gujarat**

†2200. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of conditions under which agreement for setting up additional distribution points for export gas pipeline and sale of gas in Palanpur (Gujarat) in favour of Cairn-ONGC consortium was executed; and

(b) whether consultations were made by the Central Government with Government of Rajasthan as per rule 5(2) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 before agreeing to the said proposal, if not, the reasons therefor?

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#### **Allotment of Retail Outlets**

2201. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of new Retail Outlets (RO's) for fuel (petrol & diesel) allotted during the last two years;

(b) what are the criteria for selection; and

(c) whether this criteria or system misused, if so, what steps will be taken by the Ministry?

#### **Status of SAIL depot in MP**

†2202. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the present status of construction of depot meant for manufacturing various steel products and making them available to consumers under SAIL in Madhya Pradesh and the action plan to start marketing services?

#### **Dumping of low grade steel in the country**

2203. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that excessive steel produced in countries like China, Japan, Russia, Korea, etc. is dumped into India;

(b) whether there is any quantitative restrictions on steel dumping;

(c) how the dumping of low grade steel is impacting steel industry in the country; and

(d) what remedial measures have been taken by Government to address the situation?

#### **Funds released to Maharashtra for tourism sector**

2204. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to the State of Maharashtra for the tourism sector;

(b) the names of tourism projects undertaken by the Maharashtra Government in the last 18 months; and

(c) by when the remaining amount would be released to the State for development of tourism?

#### **Share of tourism industry in global tourism market**

2205. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Indian Tourism industry in the global tourism market;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase India's share in the global tourism market in the coming year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of the likely increase?

#### **Tourism development projects for Maharashtra**

2206. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the tourism development projects sanctioned for Maharashtra during the last two years

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and till date and the funds sanctioned and released for each of these projects;

(b) the number and details of the proposals received from State Government for tourism development, indicating the status of each project and reasons for delay, if any, in sanctioning these proposals; and

(c) by when the pending proposals of the State are likely to be given clearance?

#### **Declaring Sabarimala as a National Pilgrimage Centre**

2207. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been progress in the initiative to declare Sabarimala a 'National Pilgrimage Centre';

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

(c) what is the status of the PRASAD Scheme at Sabarimala temple?

#### **Strengthening of tourism infrastructure**

2208. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen tourism infrastructure under the various schemes of Government;

(b) the details of amount spent on each scheme during the last five years; and

(c) the details of infrastructure created under these schemes during last five years?

#### **Funds released to AP for tourism sector**

2209. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tourism projects undertaken by the Andhra Pradesh Government in the last 18 months;

(b) the details of funds released to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the tourism sector; and

(c) by when the remaining amount, if any, would be released to the State for the development of tourism?

#### **ITDC MoU with foreign entities**

2210. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) entered into Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with any foreign entities to construct more hotels/Yatri Niwas/motels across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Identification of places for Buddhist tourism circuits**

2211. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government identified any tourist places of Buddhist importance for Buddhist Tourism Circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no such exercise is undertaken, the reasons therefor?

**Development of tourists places in Chhattisgarh**

†2212. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajim, Dongargarh, Ratanpur, Boramdeo, Danteshwari, Gangre dam, Sirpur, Tandula, Mainpat, Sarod dam, Chitrakot waterfall, Thirathgarh waterfalls, etc. in Chhattisgarh have been identified for tourism;

(b) if so, whether Centre's share will be sanctioned for their development of these places; and

(c) the details of projects chalked out by State Government for these tourist places so that facilities may be provided to tourists?

**Tourism centres**

2213. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State/Union Territory-wise total number of tourism centres in the country at present;

(b) whether State Governments have requested for development of tourism centres in their States;

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

(d) whether any specific theme based tourist circuits have been identified, if so, the details thereof?

**Government owned hotels and yatri niwas**

2214. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Government owned hotels/motels/yatri niwas in the country;

(b) the units under profit, loss and no loss and no profit and reasons for loss;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to construct more hotels/motels/yatri niwas in the country; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

**Krishnapuram Rock Cut Cave Temple and Swami Nellaiappar Temple in TN as heritage temple**

2215. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would declare Krishnapuram Rock Cut Cave Temple in Thoothukudi District of Tamil Nadu as an ancient heritage temple and International tourist destination since the temple has many sculptures which are magnificent masterpieces; and

(b) whether the Ministry would also declare Swami Nellaiappar Temple which has unique musical pillars (classical ragas sounds in every unique pillars) in Tirunelveli Town, Tamil Nadu as Temple of Ancient Culture and International Tourist Destination?

**Popularising tourist attraction in Punjab and UT of Chandigarh**

2216. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plans to popularise places of tourist attraction in Punjab and UT of Chandigarh;

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(b) whether any campaign has been launched abroad attracting foreign tourists to places of religious and tourist attraction in Punjab and UT of Chandigarh;

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

(d) the total foreign exchange earned from tourists who visited Punjab and Chandigarh during the last two years?

#### **Foreign tourist inflow into the country**

2217. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise foreign tourist inflow into the country for the last three years *vis-a-vis* the target set for the next three years;

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to make India a low cost tourist destination with modern infrastructure and a large number of inbound flights;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to explore the huge potential existing in tourism sector in order to enhance foreign exchange earnings as well as job generation?

#### **Promotion of Silk Route tourism**

2218. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to promote the Silk Route tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bed and Breakfast scheme**

2219. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Incredible India—Bed and Breakfast/Home-stay scheme;

(b) how the scheme has performed since its inception;

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to assist the States for popularising the scheme; and

(d) how much financial assistance has been provided to Maharashtra under the scheme, and utilized by the State during last three years?

#### **Tourism projects in J&K**

2220. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned Grants for the growth of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, project-wise, region-wise and district-wise details thereof;

(c) how many projects have been developed or are under development in Jammu region; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Fewer foreign tourists visiting Taj Mahal due to rising crimes**

2221. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to rising crimes, fewer foreign tourists have visited Taj Mahal, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what remedial measures Government has taken or propose to take in this regard?

**Medical and wellness tourism**

2222. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Singapore and Thailand are in the forefront of medical and wellness tourism in the world;

(b) the year-wise medical and wellness tourism in the country in the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Ministry is trying to find out the impediments in medical and wellness tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that National Medical and Wellness Tourism Promotion Board has recently met; and

(e) if so the details of decisions taken by the Board to address the concerns in this area?

**Financial assistance for tourism development in Jharkhand**

2223. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prioritized some projects for tourism development in Jharkhand during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided thereunder;

(c) the expected tourism growth and earnings after completion of the said projects;

(d) the arrangement made by Government for manning and maintenance of such projects;

(e) whether Government also provides any financial assistance for the maintenance of the tourism projects after their completion; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;

**Deprivation of rights of Gram Sabha over forest clearance**

2224. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:  
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gram Sabha in scheduled areas have been deprived of their rights of deciding over forest clearance for non-forest projects in their jurisdiction under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to implement recommendations of High Level Committee on status of Tribal communities constituted in August, 2013 pertaining to strengthening the Forest Rights Act, 2006; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Tribal welfare projects allotted to NGOs**

2225. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of projects of tribal welfare sanctioned along with money disbursed during last two years;

(b) the State-wise number of projects allotted to NGOs;

(c) whether there is any system of monitoring the work done by NGOs which is essential as many NGOs are dependent on Government funds;

(d) whether the Ministry has come across non-functioning and money spinning NGOs during last three years; and



(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Showcasing various tribal art forms at national level**

2226. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make permanent mechanism to showcase various tribal art forms at national level;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals are ready with Government regarding this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Visit of officials of NCST to Andhra Pradesh**

2227. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officials of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) visited Andhra Pradesh particularly Visakhapatnam district, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the visit of officials, tribals told them that they are facing various problems and atrocities from both police and naxalites in the agency areas, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to solve such issues and to protect the interests of tribals; and

(c) whether tribals are fighting for their rights through constitutional means, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to create proper awareness among tribals to utilize their rights?

**Rise in population of STs**

2228. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population of the tribal people in India has risen recently and now it constitutes 8.6 per cent of the total population;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this rise in population 7.5 per cent reservation for STs in Government jobs is proving to be inadequate; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to address this discrepancy?

**Poor condition of tribals in A & N Islands**

2229. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor condition of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any initiative to protect their shelter and provide basic amenities to them; and

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

**Irregularities by NGOs in implementation of schemes for tribals**

†2230. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of tribal welfare and development projects are being run by Government in collaboration with NGOs, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether cases of irregularities by NGOs in implementation of projects have come to the notice of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in atrocities against STs**

2231. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of atrocities against Scheduled Tribes have increased in the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof during the said period; and

(c) the category-wise, State-wise and year-wise details of complaints received by National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) during the last three years?

#### **Funds for protection and promotion of traditional culture of STs**

†2232. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would allocate funds for protection and promotion of traditional culture and languages of Scheduled Tribes;

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

(c) whether any other scheme has been prepared/is being prepared for this purpose by Government, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allocation of funds for NCST**

2233. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released

and utilized for National Commission on Scheduled Tribes separately showing the expenditure incurred for each centre during the last three years;

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

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

#### **Allocation of funds for development of sports and youth affairs**

2234. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount was allocated for youth affairs and development of sports separately during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) how much of these allocated amounts were actually spent; and

(c) what was the outcome of these expenditures?

#### **Tie up of SAI for setting up of CRPF sports company**

2235. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has entered into an understanding with CRPF to establish a CRPF sports company;

(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof along with the procedure for selection of new talents and amenities/training to be provided to selected boys; and

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(c) the time by when the said sport company is likely to be operational?

training to the players participating in top international competitions?

**Proposals sent by Rajasthan under RGKA**

†2236. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals sent to the Ministry for approval by the Government of Rajasthan under Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan during the last two years;

(b) the details of number of proposals approved by the Ministry out of those and the total amount sanctioned thereon; and

(c) whether the Central Government has reimbursed the amount of ₹ 1.09 crore spent on women sports events organised in Rajasthan in the year 2014-15, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds for training of sportspersons**

†2237. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of estimated requirement of funds and funds made available for promotion and training of sports and sportspersons for making them competitive in the last three years; and

(b) the estimated financial requirement to arrange for essential resources and equipments in order to provide proper

**Implementation of schemes for promotion/development of sports**

2238. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by Government for promotion/development of sports in the country including sports education and training institutes for the purpose;

(b) whether Government has recently reviewed the functioning/implementation of these schemes;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the deficiencies identified in the working of the above schemes; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

**Schemes for promotion of sports**

2239. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of schemes implemented by Government for promotion of sports along with the funds released to various States for these schemes;

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(b) the Sport-wise number of sportspersons benefited under the said sports schemes/programmes for the past three years; and

(c) whether the Ministry is actively promoting sports as part of school curriculum in Government schools, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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