

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Decline in export of brassware

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

(a) whether there has been a fall in exports and imports in the last three years, if so, the reasons therefor along with the schemes of Government to promote exports and imports in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the export of brassware is following a downward slope, the details of brass export in the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to help India's dying brass industry and also future promotional planning, if any?

FDI violations by e-commerce companies

2. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of

the Ministry that there are FDI violations by e-commerce companies in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Enforcement Directorate has also lodged a complaint in this regard before the Ministry;

(c) if so, the details of complaints and what action Ministry has taken so far in this regard;

(d) whether any complaints have been received from the general public on e-commerce companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Ministry in this regard?

FTAs with Australia, Israel, EU and Gulf countries

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

(a) whether Government is discussing to ink Free Trade Agreements with Australia, Israel, European Union and Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of trade agreements with these countries; and

(d) India's stand on FTA with Britain and other countries of EU after the Brexit?

Strategy for control of e-commerce trade

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

(a) whether Government has planned any strategy for effective control of e-commerce trade in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total value of products sold by the e-commerce giants like Amazon and other top 10 companies through e-trading in India; and

(d) the effective foolproof steps taken or precautionary steps taken by Government to protect the consumers from being cheated in the course of e-commerce sales?

Boosting trade among BRICS nations

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

(a) whether BRICS Trade Ministers' Conference was held recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps are being taken to boost trade among BRICS countries, and to improve the group's participation in the world trade; and

(c) the measures taken to improve e-commerce development in BRICS countries and to enhance capacity building and promote cooperation on infrastructure?

Steps to reduce trade deficit with China

6. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards media reports stating that 'India can do nothing about the growing trade deficit between two countries *i.e.* India-China';

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce trade deficit with China;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is growing demand in various forums including social media to boycott all kind of Chinese products; and

(e) if so, Government's response thereon?

Industrial corridors

7. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial corridors being implemented in India;

(b) names of these corridors and the respective areas that they cover;

(c) whether land acquisition with respect to each of the corridors has been done;

(d) if not, the area acquired so far, area already in possession of Government before acquisition and area proposed to be acquired;

(e) whether environment clearances, conversion of land procedures, municipal and/or other local bodies as are statutorily required with respect to each of the corridors, have been obtained; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

'Make in India' programme

8. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Make in India' concept is regulated by any law, executive order or Government Resolution;

(b) when was the concept approved by the Cabinet;

(c) whether any guideline has been framed in this regard;

(d) when were these guidelines approved by the Cabinet;

(e) the number of deals/agreements signed with foreign countries to make 'Make in India' concept as a mandatory clause; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Fall in contribution of manufacturing sector to GDP

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of manufacturing sector to GDP has been coming down drastically over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any strategy to improve the contribution of manufacturing sector to GDP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Trade imbalance with China

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

(a) whether it is a fact that trade imbalance between India and China has been a cause of concern;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the imbalance?

Scam in STC, Mumbai

11. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has detected ₹ 725 crore scam in the State Trading Corporation, Mumbai in the Credit Linked Insurance Scheme (CLIS);

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

(c) the action taken by Government?

Steps to curb patent monopolies

12. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken to curb patent monopolies due to Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with the United States of America, the European Union (EU) as well as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

(b) if so, what is India's position in the Special 301 Report released by the US; and

(c) if so, the details regarding price

variations in cost of generic drugs and improvement in public access since 2014?

of establishing pollution-free industry/units in the States?

Remedial measures to make police force efficient

13. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a study conducted by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) revealing that a majority of Indian Police Officers, especially below the rank of Inspector face severe to mild fatigue due to erratic duty hours, extended shift duties, sudden offset of emergency, lack of proper food, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and remedial measures proposed to be taken to make the police force efficient?

Impact of inverted duty structure on manufacturing

15. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether and to what extent inverted duty structure continues to prevail;

(b) if so, whether and to what extent the current duty structure militates against growth of manufacturing in India central to the 'Make in India' policy; and

(c) whether bilateral and multilateral trade agreements will be reviewed and renegotiated to reverse this trend?

Establishment of pollution free industry in Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to install pollution-free industry in Uttarakhand State;

(b) if so, the industries likely to be established in the State;

(c) if not, whether the State is not competent to establish pollution-free industry/units; and

(d) if not, whether the Minister will remove the difficulties coming in the way

Meeting on the working and implications of FTAs on India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently convened a high level meeting to discuss the working and implications of Foreign Trade Agreements on India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the matters which came up for discussion and the outcome of the meeting on continuation of FTAs with other countries?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Impact of FTAs

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

(a) which are the regional Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in which India is a member;

(b) whether they have helped in improving our trade and production;

(c) whether they have helped our farmers and MSMEs to get better prices for their products, or is it the other way;

(d) whether there is any new FTA, India is going to enter into; and

(e) whether FTAs generally help developing economies like India?

Assistance to Tamil Nadu for purchase of turmeric boilers

18. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what is the financial assistance given to Tamil Nadu in the year 2016-2017, with regard to purchase of turmeric boilers and turmeric polishers?

Assistance to Tamil Nadu for purchase of beekeeping boxes

19. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what is the financial assistance given to Tamil Nadu in the year 2016-17, with regard to purchase of beekeeping boxes to promote the pollination of cardamom flowers?

Easing rules for imports under APTA

20. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to ease rules for import of railway locomotives, nuclear plants, fissile material and aircraft under the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA);

(b) whether it will be a preferential treaty with six countries, including China and South Korea, in return for a promise to allow lower imports of textiles and pharma products at zero duty;

(c) which are the other items other than textiles and pharma on which India offered concessions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India rank in World Bank's Doing Business

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

(a) whether in the World Bank's Doing Business, India has been ranked 130 in ranking for 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for poor ranking of the country in this area;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) what efforts Government is making to improve its position and make it easy for business to start, operate and exist?

Impact of WTO

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

(a) whether Government had identified any sector(s) in the field of trade and commerce, which affects the interests of country due to its membership of World Trade Organization (WTO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any initiative to protect the interest of country, producers/manufacturers and consumers; and

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

Aligning FDI policy with National Industrial Classification Code

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

(a) whether Government proposes to align the FDI policy with the National Industrial Classification Code in the context of ease of doing business;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, along with the present status of the proposal;

(c) to what extent this move will enhance the ease of doing business and in attracting FDI in various sectors; and

(d) by when the said initiative would come into effect?

Volume of exports

24. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of India's export for the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether the service exports have increased strongly in the previous years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Success of SEZs and 'Make in India' programme

25. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how successful is the policy of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and 'Make in India' initiative during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has recently cancelled approval of some SEZs in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been demands from various quarters for relaxation in land acquisition norms and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by Government to overcome the problems in the initiative?

Efforts to increase share of service sector in GDP

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of service sector to GDP is far greater than industry sector even though the contribution of Government is almost nominal;

(b) what role Government has identified for itself to give further boost to the service sector in future;

(c) whether Government has any concrete plan to bring convergence between the service sector and industry to give boost to service sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for upkeep of heritage buildings outside the purview of ASI

†27. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides funds for upkeep of such heritage buildings which do not come under the conservation by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, the details of such heritage buildings of Bihar and Jharkhand for the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from Bihar and Jharkhand for allocation of funds for conservation of heritage buildings and the action taken by Government in this regard?

FDI in private security industry

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed FDI in private security industry and if so, the specific reasons behind it;

(b) whether there will be change in process of these private security companies to procure arms and ammunition;

(c) whether Government has considered implications on national security in allowing FDI in private security industry, if so, the response thereof;

(d) what are the safeguards planned to ensure that fire arms procured by such companies are not illegally sold to private individuals; and

(e) whether Government proposes to maintain a central data base of registered and unregistered private security agencies, personnel hired by them, with full details?

Promotion and protection of indigenous culture

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

(a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to promote and protect indigenous cultures in the face of the onslaught of western culture; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to popularize and promote Indian cultural traditions outside India?

Museum(s) proposed in Tamil Nadu

30. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of museum(s) being set up/proposed to be set up in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Museums Grant Scheme;

(b) the details of amount that have been earmarked for setting up museum(s) in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the year-wise details of amount released to set up museum(s) in the State of Tamil Nadu, since the inception of this scheme?

Sexual harassment in Asiatic Society

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

(a) whether any FIR has been lodged by Asiatic Society against the accused involved in the sexual harassment of a minority female employee in the institute; and

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

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**Survey undertaken by the
Archaeological Survey of
India in Puri**

32. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased
to state:

(a) when was the last survey undertaken
by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
of the ancient buildings, religious sites in the
holy city of Puri;

(b) what was the recommendation of the
ASI; and

(c) how does the Ministry propose to
ensure the proper preservation of the heritage
sites in the holy city of Puri?

**Renovation of heritage sites by private
sector**

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

(a) whether heritage sites in the country
are being given to private sector for their
renovation and maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government
for renovating or maintaining the heritage
and historical sites of the country?

**Promotion of rich cultural heritage of
Chhattisgarh**

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

(a) whether the Central Government is
taking any steps to promote the rich cultural
heritage of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government
to promote the folk artists of Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether Government is
contemplating to promote the local folk
songs and folk dances of Chhattisgarh all
over the country; and

(e) the details of the funds spent for
promoting folk songs and folk dances of
Chhattisgarh during the last three years and
the current year?

**Construction of complex for National
Kathak Institute in Lucknow**

35. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH
NAGAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to
construct a complex for National Kathak
Institute under Tagore Cultural Complex
Scheme in Lucknow;

(b) if so, the details thereof including
the estimated expenditure involved;

(c) whether any request has been
received to release the central assistance
for completion of the complex; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including
the assistance released?

**Construction of Natyashala/
Auditorium**

36. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH
NAGAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of a
Natyashala/Auditorium in between
Mathura and Vrindavan for which five acres
of land has been decided to be allocated;

(b) what would be the total expenditure
involved for construction of the Natyashala/
Auditorium;

(c) the amount of expenditure that has to
be borne by the Uttar Pradesh Government;

(d) whether Government proposes to

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provide central assistance from the Tagore Cultural Complex Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

New comprehensive capital goods policy

37. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing capital goods policy will soon be replaced by a comprehensive new capital goods policy;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed comprehensive capital goods policy;

(c) what is the time-frame for implementing the new policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Merger of ONGC with refining corporation

38. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make merger of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation with a refining corporation such as Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum or Hindustan Petroleum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this will pave the way to weather price volatility, stabilize its income and stay competitive for the ONGC; and

(d) whether major oil firms across the world are better able to deal with the cyclicity of the oil markets because they are integrated?

Impact of import on Navratna industries

39. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study on the impact of import on indigenous industries including Navratna industries;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, sector/PSU-wise; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

Failure in procurement provision of raw material from MSEs by CPSUs

40. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have violated the provision of procuring 20 per cent of their total raw material from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs);

(b) if so, reasons and details of the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) who have violated the provision;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) who have violated the provision; and

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

Loss making cement manufacturing units

41. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of cement factories, which were established by Cement Corporation of India since its inception in 1965;

(b) details of cement manufacturing units which are functioning profitably as on date;

(c) whether any cement manufacturing units are/were closed in the past due to continuous loss/non-profit;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up any cement manufacturing unit in the State of Tamil Nadu by Cement Corporation of India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of HMT

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

(a) whether Government has details about the functioning and capacity utilization of various plants of Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT);

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

(c) whether closing down of any plants of HMT is being proposed by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Working of PSUs with Startups

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

(a) whether the heavy industry sector PSUs have any concrete proposals to work with Startups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Probe into funding of IRF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the speech of Islamic preacher Zakir Naik had inspired the militants involved in the Dhaka killing in which a large number of persons were killed recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Zakir Naik's NGO Islamic Research Foundation has been receiving huge funds from abroad which were spent by him on his political activities; and

(c) whether Government has probed this matter of funding and if so, the outcome thereof?

Review of special powers given to Army in North-East

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court recently struck down the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, (AFSPA) in view of extra-judicial killings in Manipur, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government reviewed the special powers given to Army in North-East, in view of the Supreme Court verdict; and

(c) if so, the specific response of Government to deal with insurgent situation in the North-East, with a humane approach?

Villages in Punjab vacated to safeguard from cross-border firing

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

(a) whether CRPF/BSF have vacated some villages in Punjab to safeguard from cross-border firing from Pakistan;

(b) the number of villages got vacated; and

(c) the boarding/lodging arrangements made for these affected families?

Incidence of crime against dalits

47. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of crime against dalits have seen disturbing escalation recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise incidence of crime reported against SCs and STs during the last three years; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to address the situation?

BSF cadre review proposal

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

(a) whether Government has prepared a BSF cadre review proposal;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay along with the year when last cadre review of BSF took place; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to expedite BSF cadre review?

Stalking of girls and women

49. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stalking of girls and women has of late increased manifold in the National Capital, NCR and other parts of the country escalating in rapes, murders, acid attacks, grievous hurts etc. to the victims;

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

(c) what action Government proposes to take to make stalking a serious crime and provide for deterrent punishment including capital punishment and making it non-bailable offence?

Efforts to bring back normalcy in Kashmir valley

50. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a roadmap of efforts Government proposes to take to bring back normalcy in Kashmir valley; and

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

Plan to decongest prisons

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan to decongest prisons and bring prison reforms in the country;

(b) the average occupancy rate in all jails in the country as per latest information available with Government;

(c) whether Supreme Court has given any directions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Incidents of financial cheating in Delhi

52. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of financial cheating are rapidly increasing in Delhi for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government to curb such incidents;

(c) the details of complaints of financial cheating received during 2016 in Office of DCP, East Delhi, date-wise;

(d) whether Geeta Colony Police Station has taken no action on complaints of financial cheating received during 2016 despite directions issued by DCP, East Delhi thereon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, complaint-wise and date-wise along with the action taken against such inefficient and disobedient police officers?

Increase in rape cases in NCT of Delhi

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

(a) whether number of rape cases have increased in NCT of Delhi;

(b) whether Government is also aware that number of rape cases of minor girls have gone up;

(c) if so, the total number of rape cases

in Delhi during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 till September; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for protection and awareness programmes to catch these types of criminals?

Crimes against foreign tourists

†54. SHRINARESHAGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against foreign tourists are on the rise in India;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop this; and

(c) if not, the year-wise details of crimes committed against foreign tourists during the last three years?

Deportation of illegal Bangladeshi migrants

55. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any estimate about the increase in number of Bangladeshi National in India in last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to deport those illegal Bangladeshi migrants?

Battle certificates to paramilitary forces on the lines of Army

56. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to grant

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'Battle Certificates' to Paramilitary forces on the lines of the Army;

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider this seriously?

Barbed wire fencing along Pakistan border

57. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the barbed wire proposed to be installed along the Pakistan border adjoining Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) the State-wise details of total length of barbed wire fencing which has already been installed along the border of the said three States adjoining Pakistan; and

(c) the State-wise details of length of barbed wire fencing yet to be completed and by when Government would complete this work?

Amount for strengthening various State Police Forces

58. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of amount released to strengthen the various State Police Forces during last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Home Ministry for financial assistance to restructure and strengthen Karnataka State Police; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and action taken in this regard?

Committee to curtail various offences in the country

59. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding murder, theft, rape, cheating in the country, State-wise in last three years;

(b) what are the steps taken to minimise these offences; and

(c) whether Government is thinking to constitute a committee to curtail or minimise such offences through integrated approach?

Community radio station in Central Jails

60. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Jail, Bhopal is going to start its own community radio station very soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of future plan to cover other Central Jails also on similar pattern, if any; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Crime against women

61. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crime against women in various parts of the country have increased manifold during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government for safety and security of women particularly young girls in the country?

Replacing of Assam Rifles by ITBP on Myanmar border

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a final decision to replace Assam Rifles by Indi-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) on Myanmar border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government held two high level meetings in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that India has porous 1643 km border with Myanmar and a large number of security lapses have occurred in the last few years on the border while reports of smuggling of narcotics, weapons and ammunition for North-East based insurgent groups are common; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Liberalising the visa regime

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not keen to provide visa free entry to business visitors and tourists from eighteen key countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government was liberalising the visa regime and was expected to increase the duration for long term visa from one year to five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee report on border protection

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

(a) whether Government has received any Committee report to suggest ways to strengthen border protection and address vulnerabilities in fencing along the India-Pakistan border;

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

(c) whether Government has decided to seal border areas completely by December, 2018; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government so far to strengthen border areas?

National Register of Citizens

65. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to seal the border with Bangladesh in two years time;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to come out with a register called National Register of Citizens; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to families of martyred personnel

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not been able to provide timely compensation to the families of martyred personnel on border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of personnel who got martyred on Pakistan border in last two years and the number of families of personnel who got compensation and who could not get compensation, the details thereof?

Enquiry of international NGOs under FCRA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is mulling to conduct an enquiry of international NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA);

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

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

Agreement with USA to check cyber crimes

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering entering into any agreement with USA in order to check cyber crimes;

(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?

Human trafficking racket in Delhi

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

(a) whether Delhi Police recently busted a human trafficking racket operating in the Capital and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said racket abduct children and sell them;

(c) the total number of children abducted and sold by the said racket in the past one year;

(d) the total number of children gone missing in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Delhi Police to trace missing children and how many missing children have been traced during the last three years, year-wise?

Illegal speed breakers in Delhi

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

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed DDA, NDMC, PWD and MCD to remove speed breakers constructed on public roads without authorization or recommendation of traffic police and not conforming to prescribed norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether DDA, NDMC, PWD and MCD have complied with the directions issued by Delhi High Court; and

(c) whether illegal speed breakers constructed in Sector-8 and Sector-9, R.K. Puram, New Delhi have not been removed by South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) and if so, the steps taken by

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

SDMC to remove all illegal speed breakers constructed by SDMC in Government residential colonies?

Naxalite gang arrested from Noida

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a naxalite gang has been arrested from NCR Noida;

(b) if so, by when these naxalites were living in Noida and nearby areas of Delhi and the number of crimes they have committed so far;

(c) the number of naxalites arrested or encountered in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the naxalite incidents are increasing in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Financial expenditure on implementation of police reforms

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

(a) what steps are being taken to create a Model Police Act in the country with respect to Supreme Court's directive on national police reforms;

(b) what steps Government is taking as part of nationwide police reforms; and

(c) the details of financial expenditure for the implementation of nationwide police reforms?

Terrorist attacks in the country

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

(a) the details of the cases of terrorist attacks in the country after 15th August, 2016 till date, State-wise;

(b) the details of security personnel and civilians killed/injured in these terrorist attacks, attack-wise;

(c) the details of *ex-gratia* announced and paid so far to kin of victims of above terrorist attacks, case-wise; and

(d) the reasons for non payment of *ex-gratia* to many of the dependents of victims of abovesaid terrorist attacks, case-wise?

Violation of ceasefire along borders with Pakistan

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

(a) the details of the cases of violation of ceasefire along with borders with Pakistan during last three years;

(b) the details of security personnel killed in ceasefire violations by Pakistan; and

(c) the details of *ex-gratia* announced and paid to dependent of victims of ceasefire violation by Pakistan?

Promotion of Urdu language in NDMC schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urdu students are decreasing year by year in NDMC schools;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the seat of Urdu Punjabi Officer in NDMC are laying vacant for a long time back;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) what corrective steps have been taken to promote Urdu language in NDMC schools and fulfil the post of Urdu Punjabi Officer;

(f) whether it is a fact that this is the conspiracy of some officers of NDMC to finish Urdu in NDMC schools; and

(g) if so, the reasons for decrease of Urdu students in NDMC schools?

Peace talks with insurgent groups of Nagaland

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

(a) the details of the insurgent groups of Nagaland with whom Government of India is continuing peace talks;

(b) what is the progress of such peace talks therein;

(c) whether any agreement/pact with the insurgent groups and Government of India is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details of modalities thereof?

National Counter Terrorism Centre

77. SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring back the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC);

(b) whether the NCTC has powers to seek information from all State and Central Agencies; and

(c) whether the NCTC has mandate to carry out anti-terror operations, if any, through, or in conjunction with the State Police?

Special package for border residents of Punjab

78. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to provide special package for better education, health and employment for border residents of Punjab living within five kilometres radius of Indo-Pak International Border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Full body truck scanners at Integrated Check Post (ICP) Attari

79. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steps have taken to install full body truck scanners at Integrated Check Post (ICP) Attari, to provide covered bays for loading/unloading of trucks, to increase the space of warehouse and to provide concrete flooring and shed at cargo yard of ICP Attari;

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

(c) whether steps have been taken to replace/repair non-functional CCTV cameras and eight automatic boom barriers; and

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

**Atrocities against people from
Scheduled Castes**

80. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH
DULLO:
SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise details
of atrocities committed against people from
Scheduled Castes community during the
last three years including for Punjab;

(b) the State-wise break-up of
information about kind of such atrocities
committed during the last three years;

(c) the details of causes/reasons, if any,
identified with regard to such atrocities that
happend during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government has taken any
concrete steps to address the causes/reasons
which led to such attacks agsinst SC
community and if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal to set up National Institute
of Coastal Policing**

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

(a) whether there was/is any proposal
to set up National Institute of Coastal
Policing in Palghar, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of land allotted,
funds sanctioned and status of
implementation;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal
to shift above mentioned National Institute
of Coastal Policing to Dwarka in Gujarat
from Palghar, Maharashtra; and

(d) if there is no proposal to set above
mentioned Institute neither in Palghar nor
in Dwarka of Gujarat then whether there
are other locations finalized to set up the
said Institute?

**Setting up of Central Government
establishments in Andhra
Pradesh**

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

(a) whether Government has assured
the Andhra Pradesh to set up all the Central
Government establishments that are in the
Hyderabad under AP Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would provide
the number of establishments proposed to
be set up/set up in Andhra Pradesh during
the last two years; and

(d) how many of the promises have been
fulfilled and still how many are to be
established, the details thereof?

**Division of Andhra Pradesh
Bhawan**

83. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Telangana
has brought the matter of division of Andhra
Pradesh Bhawan in New Delhi to the notice
of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions
thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has arrived at
any decision on the submissions made by
the Telangana Government on this matter,
if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to Telangana for loss due to unseasonal rains

84. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Telangana seeking financial assistance to the State which suffered great loss due to recent unseasonal rains, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision on the proposal to send a central team to evaluate and ascertain the extent of loss caused due to untimely rains; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to release any interim funds to take up rehabilitation measures in all the municipalities of Telangana, if so, the details thereof and if so, the reasons therefor?

Increase in terrorist infiltration

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite all the security arrangements the terrorists have been successful in infiltration and there has been continuous increase in infiltration;

(b) the details of terrorist infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years; and

(c) the details of steps taken to check the terrorist infiltration completely?

Ceasefire violation by Pakistan

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) the measures being taken to protect the local citizens from damages due to ceasefire violation and how their difficulties are being minimized; and

(c) the details of loss of life and property and the number of security personnel killed due to ceasefire violation and terrorist activities during the last three years?

Guidelines for use of official language Hindi

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

(a) whether Government has issued any guidelines for use of official language Hindi in all the Ministries, Banks, PSUs and Government offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the guidelines issued during the last three years and the current year for promoting official language Hindi;

(c) whether Government has conducted any assessment for promoting the official language Hindi particularly in South India and North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the details of steps taken for the compliance of said guidelines?

Fake coin-minting factories seized in Delhi

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several fake coin-minting factories have been seized in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of fake coins that have been minted in such factories and the steps taken to check their circulation in the market; and

(c) the details of fake currency seized in different parts of the country during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

Private placement agencies cheating common man

89. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the pretext of providing jobs, there are a number of placement agencies which are cheating the common man, if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of private placement agencies; and

(c) the details of the system in place/planning stage to prevent this problem?

Workers retrenched due to decline in exports

†90. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the sectors including the textiles sector in which a decline has been registered in exports during the year 2015-16 and the decline registered in exports from April to September, 2016;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers have been retrenched particularly from textiles industry due to fall in exports;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to save the workers from unemployment?

Data on domestic workers

†91. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding domestic workers working 24 hours within the houses, if so, whether their labour rights, provisions regarding minimum wage, leave period, weekly off, social security and other benefits are complied with;

(b) whether Government is aware that a large scale trafficking of women and children from the entire country is carried out through placement agencies for cheap domestic works; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to curb human trafficking?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Landless rural families

92. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of landless rural families have no other source of income except daily wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has prepared/ is preparing any scheme to provide permanent employment/wages or labour allowance to the daily wage labourers; and

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

Bringing factories with ten workers under EPF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reconsidering its proposal to bring factories with at least ten workers under the purview of EPF; and

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

National career counselling centres in employment exchanges

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

(a) whether the Central Government had announced to start National Career Counselling Centres in all the employment exchanges across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of National Career Counselling Centres along with the numbers of unemployed persons registered therein, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) whether a number of unemployed persons registered therein have been provided with employment through these National Career Counselling Centres recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of proposal regarding health insurance policies

†95. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has withdrawn its proposal for procuring health insurance policies for employees from the market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when the employees would get this facility and the benefits thereof?

Increase in minimum wages

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

(a) what is the methodology used for raising the minimum wage from ₹ 246 per day to ₹ 350 per day for unskilled non-agricultural workers for Category C;

(b) whether the methodology of determining the minimum wage at ₹ 350 per day determined by the Ministry is according to the recommendation by the

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Central Seventh Pay Commission, if not, what is the difference and the reason for the difference; and

(c) whether Government is following the revision of variable dearness allowance (VDA) according to the Consumer Price Index in every two years as per the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the details thereof?

Data on child labour

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

(a) whether the Ministry maintains State-wise and industry-wise data on employment of child labour, if so, the details thereof including hybrid cotton seed sector and garment industry;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many industries children are recruited for work through an advance payment to their parents, creating a situation of debt bondage which the child must work to repay; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the US labour department has threatened to put India on a list of countries that allegedly uses child labour in producing hand-crafted carpets, if so, the details thereof?

Employment Exchanges

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

(a) the details of Employment Exchanges in the country;

(b) whether all the Employment Exchanges have been upgraded as was envisaged in the Twelfth Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telengana; and

(d) how Employment Exchanges are different from Model Career Centres?

Super Specialty hospital set up by ESIC

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

(a) when the ESIC has taken a decision to set up at least one super specialty hospital in each State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no super specialty hospital of ESI in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what steps the Ministry has taken so far to set up one such super specialty hospital in AP?

Unemployed youth in the country

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

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

(a) the total number of unemployed youth in the country educated upto graduation level as on 31 October, 2016;

(b) the number of unemployed urban youth out of above;

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate any policy to give unemployment allowance to the educated unemployed youth in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Social security coverage scheme for workers in unorganised sector

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

(a) whether Government is working on a massive social security coverage scheme for 450 million workers, primarily for those in the unorganised sector;

(b) whether the benefits under the universal social security coverage will include monetary allowances for preventive medical care, sickness unemployment, old age, employment injury, maternity and invalidity; and

(c) how Government proposes to identify the target workforce?

Investment of PF of workers/labourers in stock market

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is investing the provident fund amount of workers/labourers in stock market despite heavy opposition by Trade Unions, Central Trustees of EPFO and other stake holders;

(b) if so, the compelling reasons for investing hard earned money of labourers/workers in Stock Market, which is known for non-transparency and volatility; and

(c) the details of the amount invested and return earned from the money invested so far?

Implementation of child labour laws

†103. SHRI HARIVANSH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which Labour Department of US has threatened to include India in the category of those countries where child labour is still prevalent;

(b) the measures taken to implement child labour laws effectively in the country; and

(c) whether child labour is still prevailing in some areas, if so, the number of such complaints received and State-wise data thereof?

Restoration of original threshold of employees for coverage under EPFO

104. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to restore the original threshold of 20 employees for any enterprise to be covered under Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO);

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

(c) whether lowering the threshold is anti-ease of doing business as small enterprises preferred to stay small to avoid this hassle; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the threshold limit of workers in an enterprise from 20 to 25 workers?

Decision to double equity investment of employees

105. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees' Provident Fund

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Organisation (EPFO) has decided to double the equity investment of employees in 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details of proposal;

(c) what are the details and amount invested in equity with appreciation, equity-wise as on 31 October, 2016; and

(d) whether there is any plan of EPFO to invest in Mutual Funds and if so, the details thereof?

National Child Labour Project

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

(a) the funds allocated/released/spent by Government under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and Grant-in-aid scheme in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the names and details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) through which the said schemes have been implemented along with the details of funds provided to such NGOs in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of child labourers benefited under NCLP during the said period, year-wise and State/UT-wise?

Buddhist circuit of Odisha

107. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state whether the Ministry would consider to include the Dhauli-Ratnagiri-Lalitgiri-Udayagiri-Langudi in

Buddhist circuit of Odisha in the list of Buddhist circuits announced by the Ministry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

Proposal to reduce interest rate of EPF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to reduce the interest rate of EPF from 2016-17 financial year;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any survey on the impact of lowering interests in EPF therefor; and

(c) the comparative study report with other small saving schemes thereof?

Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 in AP

109. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has collected an amount of ₹ 1153.61 crores under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has so far spent just ₹ 205.46 crores on 15,84,819 workers;

(c) if so, the reasons for spending such paltry amount on workers; and

(d) whether Government would enforce

the provisions of the Act on States which are not spending Cess so collected for welfare and well being of construction workers, particularly on Andhra Pradesh?

National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

110. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam has been identified to implement National Child Labour Project (NCLP) in view of high concentration of child labour there;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made about the implementation of the National Child Labour Project in Visakhapatnam in the last three years;

(c) if so, the outcome of such assessment;

(d) whether the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has sent a team to Visakhapatnam recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of ASPIRE scheme

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

(a) whether the ASPIRE scheme which was launched in March, 2015 has been implemented in all States, including West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the data pertaining to the number of technology and incubation

centres set up in each State and the number of employment opportunities created through the ASPIRE scheme?

Modernisation of Khadi Industry

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

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to modernise Khadi Industry;

(b) whether there has been an increase in sale of Khadi products since 2014; and

(c) if so, by how much?

Scheme framed to provide level playing field in MSME

†113. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been framed by Government and the regulators to provide level playing field in MSME sector keeping in view that it is a very important source of employment generation;

(b) whether labour-based MSMEs have sought tax-rebates based on employment or employment creation for lots of people;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the scheme framed by Government;

(d) whether there is any plan to set up small industrial unit clusters under MSME in the selected districts under Backward Regions Grant-Fund (BRGF) particularly in highly backward areas in the country, including Maharashtra; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Entrepreneurship assistance and development scheme for women

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

(a) the objectives of the trade related entrepreneurship assistance and development scheme for women;

(b) the number of NGO/Institute benefited during 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) the number of women benefited during 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(d) the total grant released during 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(e) the number of NGO and women benefited from the North-East States during 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(f) the total grant released to the North-Eastern States during 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Schemes for tribal areas in Rajasthan

†115. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being run by the Central Government in various tribal areas in Rajasthan and the scheme-wise details of funds allocated for the same; and

(b) whether the Central Government is working towards providing ownership rights to the tribals living on forest lands in the tribal areas in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of small scale industry in villages

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

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to set up at least one small scale industry in each village in order to check migration of people to urban areas in search of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Impact of cheap Chinese imports on domestic MSME sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic MSME manufacturing sector has been adversely suffered due to cheap Chinese imports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister during a recent visit to China, invited Chinese investment in the MSME sector;

(c) what will be the implications of such foreign investment in the MSME sector particularly in view of the fact that most of the MSMEs are proprietary units;

(d) whether the current MSME Act permits foreign investment in the MSMEs regardless of the sectoral FDI cap; and

(e) if not, how can the Chinese investment be made in the MSME sector?

Overstatement of crude oil production by ONGC

118. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

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been drawn to the reported overstatement of crude oil production by the ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the additional subsidy burden borne by the company; and

(d) the impact of overstatement on the company's wage bill?

Faulty blending of ethanol in petrol

†119. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present 10 per cent ethanol is being mixed in petrol;

(b) whether Government is aware that according to the petrol pump operators, the ethanol blended in petrol turns into water as soon as it comes into contact with air due to faulty procedure adopted in blending ethanol in petrol which causes two-wheelers to stop midway;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government so far to improve the situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cooperation in oil and gas sector with Nigeria

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

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

(a) the details of existing cooperation in oil and gas sector between India and Nigeria;

(b) whether any proposal is made to make investment by India in Nigeria as upfront payment for crude purchase, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of points discussed to explore the potential in diversifying the engagement in the hydrocarbon sector between the two countries?

Target for providing free gas connection to BPL families

†121. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target has been fixed for provide free gas connection to five crore BPL families in next three years under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) whether the target to provide free gas connection to 1.5 crore BPL families has been fixed in the current year under this scheme;

(c) whether the identification of BPL families is a major problem for the smooth implementation of the Scheme and its successful solution is being done in consultation with the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Criteria for allotment of petrol pumps

122. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and criteria prescribed for allotment of petrol pumps operated by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country;

(b) the number of petrol pumps directly operated by the OMCs in the country, State/UT-wise including Haryana;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to set up new gas agencies to

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reduce the burden of number of gas connection in various places including Haryana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Haryana?

Promotion of sports by oil PSUs

123. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil PSUs spent money for promoting sports;

(b) if so, the amount spent by them individually during last three years;

(c) what is their interface, direct or indirect, with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports/SAI; and

(d) how much they have contributed to National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) during last three years?

Savings under direct subsidy of LPG

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

(a) the basis of claims that Government could save ₹ 23,316 crores between April, 2015, and December, 2015, due to payment of subsidy of LPG directly in the account of subscriber;

(b) what was the subsidy component in the corresponding period of previous year and from 1 January, 2016 to 30 June, 2016;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CAG has calculated the benefit to only ₹ 1764 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exemption of royalty paid by OIL and ONGC

125. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the selling prices of natural gas fixed by Government is less than the production cost;

(b) whether it is one of the reasons why OIL and ONGC are incurring losses;

(c) how can the Ministry expect that OIL and ONGC sell natural gas at US 2.5/MMBTU dollar when its cost of production is US 5.14/MMBTU dollar;

(d) in view of the above, will the Ministry exempt royalty and other taxes to be paid by OIL and ONGC; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Annual outlays on import of oil and gas

126. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual outlays on import of oil and gas;

(b) whether a road map for reduction of import dependence has been prepared and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether import of and indigenous production of methanol will be an integral part of this road map and if so, the details thereof?

Rules to boost piped gas consumption

127. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government is proposing to boost the piped gas consumption in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to make the distribution companies attract to the policy of Government and expand their business;

(c) the incentives being given to the distributors and the norms being relaxed to boost the consumption of pipeline gas in the urban areas; and

(d) whether Government has incorporated any guidelines for allocation of gas made available to the local industries, power plants before exporting to far off places which incur heavy expense of transportation?

Willingness of private corporates to join PMUY

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

(a) whether a lot of private corporates and individuals have shown interest to be part of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) by paying the subsidy component for LPG connections for BPL families;

(b) whether the PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) will form a society to run this programme;

(c) whether the global oil major Saudi Aramco has expressed interest in this scheme under its global Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives; and

(d) whether many individuals have also come forward to support the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Report on dispute between ONGC and RIL

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

(a) whether the Shah Committee, which was looking into the dispute between ONGC and Reliance Industries Ltd. regarding the flow of gas between their fields in the KG basin has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) whether Government has approved all the recommendations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of ONGC and RIL on the recommendations of the Committee?

Functioning of strategic reserve

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

(a) by when strategic reserve will start functioning as per its full capacity;

(b) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on it; and

(c) the number of days for which oil can be supplied from the reserve in the country during a crisis?

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Gas connections under PMUY

†131. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG connections provided under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the country along with the target set under the said scheme and the eligibility criteria for the beneficiaries; and

(b) the State-wise latest status of the beneficiaries under the said scheme in the country?

Establishment of sales outlet by Cairn India in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Cairn India had given any undertaking/expressed any commitment about establishing sales outlet in Rajasthan only, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Cairn India has established the sales outlets outside Rajasthan in spite of the above commitment/undertaking, if so, whether conditions of the Ministry have been violated, if so, the action to be taken by Government against the company; and

(c) the quantum of losses of sales tax incurred by the Rajasthan Government due to the setting up of sales outlets outside the State and the action to be taken by the Central Government to compensate for the losses incurred by the State Government?

Increase/decrease in prices of petroleum products

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

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

(a) the State-wise retail rate fluctuation in prices of petrol and diesel during the last three years;

(b) the amount of profit/loss to petroleum companies during this duration;

(c) the rate fluctuation in prices of crude petroleum products in international market during the last three years;

(d) at present, the amount of expense on per litre petrol, diesel and kerosene by refining the crude oil to make it usable; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of piped natural gas

†134. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any plan to make piped gas available in all cities of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise details of number of proposed gas pipeline projects in the country;

(c) whether Jagdishpur-Haldia-Paradip

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gas pipeline project is proposed, if so, by when work on this project would begin, the details thereof;

(d) the details of reasons for delay in the said project; and

(e) the name of the industries which would be supplied piped gas in Maharashtra under the said project, the details thereof?

Black marketing of kerosene

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the rise in black marketing of kerosene in various States of the country, including Punjab, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures, if any, taken/being taken by Government to curb this menace;

(c) whether Government has plans to make the States kerosene-free; and

(d) if so, what are the alternatives that will be put in place for the rural people who use kerosene as fuel?

Establishment of oil refinery in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish oil refineries along seashores in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal of establishing such oil refinery in Andhra Pradesh which is having long seashore and

also conducive for establishing an oil refinery; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Central Government to set up an oil refinery in Andhra Pradesh as the State is not having any major refinery in it?

Production capacity of Barauni refinery

†137. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) the production capacity of Barauni refinery at present and whether its production is as per its capacity and the details of the year-wise production in the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposes to enhance the capacity of Barauni Refinery; and

(c) if so, the details of the plan?

Inefficiency in PSUs in steel industry

138. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the steel industry most of the Public Sector Units (PSUs) are plagued by inefficiency caused by heavy investment on social overheads, poor labour relations, inefficient management, under-utilization of capacity, etc. which hinders proper functioning of the steel plants and results in heavy losses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

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Inferior quality of steel produced in the country

139. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the lack of modern technological and capital inputs and weak infrastructural facilities leads to a process of steel making which is more time consuming, expensive and yields inferior variety of goods in the country and situation forces us to import better quality steel from abroad?

Steel industry suffering from lack of technology

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel industry in the country is suffering from lack of technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the initiative of Government to improve the technology support and labour productivity to the industry?

Setting up of industry driven SRTMI

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

(a) whether Government is facilitating setting up of an industry driven Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI) in association with the public and private sector steel companies to spearhead research and development activities in the iron and steel industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its management and the estimated combined investment level of turnover in India;

(c) whether the SRTMI meets the international bench mark in the research field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of steel plant in Khammam

142. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has given report about setting up of steel plant in Khammam as per AP Reorganisation Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that SAIL reported that it is financially not feasible to set up a plant at Bayyaram in Khammam district of Telangana;

(c) if so, what Government is planning to do in this regard;

(d) whether Government sought suggestions from other steel companies to find out the viability of the project; and

(e) why cannot Government ask other steel PSUs or private steel companies to set up steel plant in Khammam?

Production, import, demand and supply of steel in the country

†143. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status regarding total capacity of production of steel its import, demand and supply in the country;

(b) the producer-wise details of the production capacity and quantity of chief steel producers with reference to part (a) above during each of the last three years; and

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(c) the details of the prevailing market sale price per ton of steel produced by each produce of similar steel grade with reference to part (a) and (b) above?

Contribution of steel sector to India's GDP

144. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of the steel sector to India's overall GDP in 2015-16;
- (b) the total percentage contributed by the steel industry into public sector banks' Non Performing Assets (NPAs);
- (c) whether Government has undertaken measures to help steel companies repay their debts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Plan to mandate galvanization of steel

145. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to mandate galvanization of steel in automobile, construction and infrastructure, if so, is there any other sector in which it wants to mandate this;
- (b) whether the Ministry has held talks on various issues arising out of this decision with other stakeholder ministries, if so, what has been their response;
- (c) whether this decision of Government has faced any opposition from any quarters of the society, if so, what has been the Ministry's response; and
- (d) whether Government has considered any alternative measure to avoid rusting of steel, if so, will they be mandated too?

Accidents in steel plants

†146. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) plant-wise number of and the types of accidents occurred in various steel plants in the country during the last three years;
- (b) year-wise number of persons who got injuries/died in these accidents and the details of total loss of property;
- (c) amount of compensation given to injured persons and the families of persons died in these incidents;
- (d) the details of average annual expenditure occurred on these plants and maintenance of their equipments during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to avoid occurrence of such incidents in future?

Setting up of tourism hubs in various States

147. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set-up tourism hubs in various States in the country especially Haryana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received proposals from the State Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government on such proposals?

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Tourism projects in West Bengal

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

(a) the names of the tourism projects which were considered by the Ministry for execution in the year 2014-15 with respect to West Bengal;

(b) whether detailed project reports have been submitted by the State Government; and

(c) the position of sanction, release of funds and the progress in the execution of each of these projects along with reasons of delay in each case?

Special projects in North-East to improve tourism

149. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise major projects undertaken for the development of tourism in the country and funds provided for the same in last three years;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of utilization of funds reported out of sanctioned funds under the major projects initiated for the development of tourism;

(c) whether special projects are initiated in the States of North-East to improve tourism;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds provided for the tourism projects in North-East during the last three years?

Foreign tourists arrivals

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

(a) whether there is an increase in the number of foreign tourists visiting the country from financial year 2014-15 till date;

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

(c) if not, whether Government has announced any special package in order to attract foreign tourists; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of tourism circuits and infrastructure

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

(a) whether it is a fact that rich Indian culture attracts foreign tourists, the most;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tourist infrastructure in the country including travel facilities, lodging and boarding, etc. are not of international standards;

(c) if so, whether Government has any systematic plan to develop such cultural tourist circuits; and

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

Proposals from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

152. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any project proposal from various State Governments, particularly from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West

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Bengal for the schemes Revenue Generating Project including Integrated Development of Tourist circuits and Destination Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and present status of these projects; and

(c) the details of total outlay, annual allocation, amount released, utilization, progress and achievement made in this regard?

E-Visa scheme for tourists

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

(a) how would modifying e-Tourist Visa scheme into e-Visa scheme simplify the visa regime;

(b) whether it would have a positive influence on increasing inbound tourism in the country; and

(c) whether e-Visa scheme would open up vacancies in the tourism sector?

Maintenance, beautification and development of tourist spots in Rajasthan

†154. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plan formulated by the Centre for maintenance, beautification and development of all the tourist spots in Rajasthan State and the quantum of funds allocated for the above during the last three years ; and

(b) whether Government proposes to provide financial help for the construction of Ravindra Rang Manch (Auditorium) at

Bikaner in Rajasthan under the Tagore Cultural Complex Scheme, if so, the details thereof and by when?

Development of Kushinagar in U.P. as Buddhist Circuit

†155. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh as Buddhist Circuit; and

(b) the manner in which Ramgarhtal project, planetarium and Buddhist museum of Gorakhpur is proposed to be used in this circuit?

Literacy scheme for tribal girls

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

(a) the number of districts and girls covered under the Strengthening Education among ST girls in Low Literacy Districts Scheme in the country; and

(b) whether there has been an increase in literacy among girls covered under the scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas Scheme

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

(a) what has been the progress of the Central Government scheme, namely 'Vocational Training in Tribal Areas' in the last two years; and

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(b) the areas where the scheme has not done well and the reasons behind it?

Budgetary allocation for tribals

158. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been budgetary allocation for tribals during this and last three financial years;

(b) how much have been spent from these funds;

(c) whether other funds have been allocated for tribals during these years;

(d) what has been the per capita allocation for tribals during last three years; and

(e) how much have been actually spent?

Annual organisation of National Tribal Carnival

159. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to organise the 'National Tribal Carnival' every year in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many delegates and organizations had participated in the First National Tribal Carnival which was organised in New Delhi and what was its outcome?

ST status to Dhangar community in Maharashtra

160. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Dhangar community in Maharashtra is very backward, the community is already in the list of Scheduled Tribe at serial number 36 in Maharashtra, in 2014 election manifesto of BJP it was promised to implement the ST status to Dhangar community, but still the certificates are not issued; and

(b) by when this will be implemented and what will be the procedure adapted?

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