

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

Process for obtaining industrial output data

1921. SHRI MANSUKH L.
MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) the manner/process through which
the Central Government obtains the figures
of industrial output data;

(b) whether such data is accurate or
Government is contemplating any changes
in the process of obtaining such data, as
the GDP figures are also linked to such
data/information; and

(c) the action taken/contemplated by
Government to get accurate data/figures of
industrial output in view of its importance?

Progress of 'Make in India' campaign

1922. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) what is the progress of 'Make in
India' campaign launched in the country;

(b) whether construction equipment
industry has come forward to play a role in
the campaign; and

(c) if so, the details of facilitations and
assistance to be extended for setting up the
industries for export under 'Make in India'
campaign?

Reduction in import of agricultural products

1923. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the import
of agricultural products during the last two
years has increased;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to reduce the import of agricultural products;

(d) if so, whether Government has conducted any study regarding its far reaching consequences on our domestic agriculture and horticulture sectors;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Import of pulses

1924. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) the country-wise details of pulses imported into the country during the last one year;

(b) whether Government is imposing import duty on pulses; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to reduce import duty on pulses in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Identification of cities for development as investment centres

1925. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sectors identified and the new cities identified/to be developed as investment centres to promote industrial activities and make India a manufacturing hub;

(b) the details of the facilities extended to foreign/domestic investors in this regard

and the expected employment likely to be generated thereby; and

(c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make India a global manufacturing hub?

Finalization of National IPR policy

1926. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is finalizing comprehensive National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy to protect IPRs of all innovators;

(b) if so, by when the policy would be ready along with details thereof; and

(c) whether comments called on the draft IPR policy document have been received, if so, the details thereof?

Export from SEZs

1927. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how far the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have helped exports;

(b) what is the exact amount of exports in rupee terms, from the SEZs from across India including Odisha, during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the total amount of exemption, in respect of various taxes, duties/levies granted to the SEZs during each of the aforesaid last three years; and

(d) the details of the upcoming SEZs in the country especially in Odisha?

**Enquiry against violation of
Explosives Rules in Pakur,
Jharkhand**

1928. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was initiated/ conducted by District Authority, Pakur, Jharkhand against a company located in Deoghar District for carrying out illegal blast of explosives in stone mines;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against them for violation of Explosives Rules, 2008;

(c) whether the same company has also been granted P3 License for sale of Ammonium Nitrate by Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) as per Ammonium Nitrate (AN) rules, 2012; and

(d) if so, whether Government will suspend or revoke its licence for violating Explosives Rules and take action against it, if so, the details thereof?

Trade deficit with China

1929. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has huge bilateral trade deficit with China, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps have been taken to address this issue;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite such trade deficit, Government is negotiating Regional Free Trade Agreement that may also include China; and

(d) if so, what will be the implications

of Free Trade Agreement with China on the bilateral trade deficit?

**Expert Committee on National
Rubber Policy**

1930. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert committee was formed for the National Rubber Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the expert committee is yet to come out with its policy;

(c) whether Government would impose safeguard provisions as rubber imports harm the domestic sector; and

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

**Impact of ban on 700 Indian drugs on
India-EU FTA talks**

1931. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union (EU) has suggested to India to discuss its ban on 700 Indian drugs as a separate issue so that stalled talks on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) can be resumed;

(b) if so, the response of the Ministry to the proposal; and

(c) what speedy steps the Ministry is taking to resolve the issue for mutual benefit to the EU and India?

Cumulative FDI inflow

1932. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(b) the FDI inflow in 2014-15 and the Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) component in the composite FDI received?

Reform measures by Maharashtra to attract investors

1933. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra has been able to attract long term industrial investors due to relaxed norms, tax sops and labour reforms;

(b) if so, the details of reform measures taken by the State of Maharashtra so far;

(c) the domestic investors and global investor-wise details of investment assurances received by Maharashtra since November 2014, till present;

(d) how much of the total investment is likely to be made in the Konkan region of Maharashtra; and

(e) what percentage of the total investment assurances have been realised so far?

Safeguarding interests of Indian exporters

1934. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Indian exporters are facing many challenges in the backdrop of global economic slowdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken by Government to safeguard the interests of Indian exporters?

Delay in purchase of tobacco from farmers by STC

1935. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a crop of tobacco takes four months to grow and pluck in Andhra Pradesh and other tobacco growing States;

(b) whether even after eight months, tobacco has not been purchased by the State Trading Corporation (STC) from the farmers of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for tobacco is very low;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government is taking to persuade STC to purchase tobacco from the farmers?

Environmental impact of import of cheap Chinese goods

†1936. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the waste due to abundance of cheap Chinese manufactured goods in India is increasingly becoming a menace to the environment in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government will establish any channel to monitor goods coming from China; and

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(c) if not, in what manner Government will stop import of cheap and sub-standard goods from China?

Annual production of spices

1937. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual quantity of production of spices in the country;

(b) what percentage of spices produced is exported and released for domestic consumption;

(c) whether the quantity of spices released for the domestic consumption is sufficient to meet the demand;

(d) if not, how does the Ministry propose to meet the demand of the domestic market for the local consumers; and

(e) what is the procedure adopted by Government to strike a balance between the demand of the local market for domestic consumption and the demand of the foreign markets?

Revival of export interest subsidy scheme

1938. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revived the export interest subsidy scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the scheme has been made effective prospectively and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the liability of Government under

the scheme and whether budget is already allocated thereunder; and

(d) the sectors benefited by the scheme?

Strategy to work in WTO system

1939. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a strategy to positively work in World Trade Organization (WTO) system and create larger number of supporters in Nairobi Ministerial level meetings; and

(b) if so, how the plurilateral and bilateral treaties already existing between India and other countries will be protected and revisited keeping in mind specifically the corporate companies dictating to India and creating damaging disputes on the basis of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)?

Trade relation with China

1940. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has trade relations with China;

(b) if so, the year-wise and commodity-wise details of the quantum and value of exports and imports with China, during each of the last three years and this year;

(c) whether it is a fact that trade deficit with China is increasing continuously in the recent years;

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

(e) the steps taken to reduce trade deficit with China?

Growth in investments by other countries

1941. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been substantial growth in investments made by other countries in India;

(b) if so, the year-wise and country-wise details thereof, during each of the last two years and this year;

(c) whether the investors from such countries have shown interest to invest in our country, during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to those countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the agreements signed in this regard with those countries; and

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

India-EU to resume FTA talks

1942. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and the European Union (EU) will resume talks on the proposed Free Trade Agreement after a gap of about 30 months, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the EU has banned the sale of around 700 pharma products, clinically tested by GVK Biosciences; and

(c) whether India and the 28-nation bloc failed to bridge substantial gaps on crucial issues, including data security status for IT sector and if so, the details thereof?

New agri export plan

1943. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come up with a new agri export plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this aims to boost overseas shipment of agricultural products from India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Relaxation in patent protection norms in pharmacy

1944. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the relaxation of norms, allowing for patent protection in pharmacy, in light of the new dialogue with the United States of America, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what impact will this have for the production and supply of cheap and life saving drugs, for many developing countries in Asia and Africa?

Sectors under 'Make in India' programme

1945. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the month-wise and sector-wise details of exports and imports separately, in all the sectors identified under the 'Make in India' programme in the last two financial years and in the current financial year, till date?

Freeing tea plantation of mandatory permission from Tea Board

1946. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to free tea plantation of mandatory permission from the Tea Board, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether tea traders have warned that it could have adverse impact on quality of tea, if it is not regulated, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed change contradicts the policy of Tea Board which stresses the need of Trustea logo for tea producers and small growers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of non-tariff issues stalling exports

1947. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified certain non-tariff issues which are stalling Indian exports;

(b) if so, what action has Government taken to ensure that non-tariff issues and complications are resolved for the benefit of Indian exports;

(c) whether State Governments have been informed of the need for action to ensure that Indian exports are not banned for non-tariff reasons; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to address such issues affecting our exports?

Revamping Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

1948. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revamp Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in the near future;

(b) whether Government also proposes to bring suitable changes in the institutions under the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Preservation and expansion of diverse culture and traditions of NER

†1949. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to preserve and expand the diverse culture, art, customs and traditions of North-East Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any official cultural exchange programme has been organised or proposed to be organised between the other States and the North-East States of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action plan of Government for bringing the art, culture and traditions of the North-East States into the main stream of the nation?

Funds for celebration of the Golden Jubilee of United Karnataka

1950. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request from the State Government of Karnataka for release of ₹ 100 lakhs as a special grant for publication

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of a comprehensive directory as a part of celebration of the Golden Jubilee of United Karnataka, has been received; and

(b) if so, when will the funds as requested will be provided to the State Government?

Unsafe historical monuments

1951. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declared or is planning to declare any historical monument site unsafe keeping in view its structure and risk of collapsing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps in order to repair these sites?

Financial irregularities in Nav Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda

1952. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of acts of commission of gross financial and administrative irregularities like huge payments without following due procedure, making appointments to administrative and teaching staff, etc. without following due procedure of law by Director, Nav Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda, Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government has investigated/proposes to investigate the irregularities and take necessary disciplinary action against the Director; and

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

Recommendations of Ranganath Pathare Committee on Marathi

1953. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the recommendations of the Ranganath Pathare Committee of expert linguists and historians and is planning to accord the status of classical language to Marathi; and

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

Special force to protect monuments

1954. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any special group to protect monuments and art installations in the country and if so, the details thereof and the time by when the special force is likely to be created?

Preservation of white marble of Taj Mahal

1955. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the large scale burning of municipal solid waste has resulted in Taj Mahal's white marble losing its sheen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by the Ministry to preserve the white marble of Taj Mahal?

**Conservation of Sree
Vadakkunnathan
temple, Kerala**

1956. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has won the top UNESCO Award of Excellence, 2015 for the remarkable conservation efforts of the majestic Sree Vadakkunna than temple in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to preserve the monuments of historical importance, the same way the said conservation work was carried out there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cases of dog and monkey bites in
Delhi**

1957. SHRI SALIM ANSARI:
SHRI BALWINDER SINGH
BHUNDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than, 3,500 cases of dog and monkey bites have been reported in Delhi/New Delhi during the last one year;

(b) whether Municipal Corporations of Delhi (MCD) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) have taken any action in the matter; and

(c) whether municipal authorities have any plan for free vaccination in case of bites by dogs and monkeys and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Banned substances found in Tihar
Jail**

†1958. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many banned substances including mobiles have been found in the search drive in Delhi's Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, the details of such banned materials found in the last two years; and

(c) the names of the persons found involved in bringing such banned materials inside the jail and the details of action taken against them?

**Security forces personnel involved in
espionage**

†1959. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that soldiers posted in various security forces including BSF have been arrested on the charges of espionage for Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details of soldiers arrested in the last three years;

(c) the number of ISI agents of Pakistan arrested on the charges of espionage during the above period;

(d) the extent of damage caused by the arrested secret agents and whether any assessment has been made in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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**Atrocities against women in
Delhi**

†1960. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents
of atrocities against women have increased
instead of decreasing after the enactment
of a criminal law following the gang rape
case that took place in Vasant Vihar area of
Delhi in the year 2012;

(b) the details of cases related to sexual
violence against women in the last five
years;

(c) the details of sexual violence
perpetrated in the taxies of NCT Delhi in
the last three years; and

(d) the details of the amount spent in
NCT of Delhi in the last three years on
legal action as well as on creating social
awareness?

**Gag order on media by Assam
Rifles**

1961. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the recent gag order on the
media in Nagaland by the Assam Rifles,
against reporting on certain insurgent group
was ordered by the Central Government;
and

(b) if not, whether necessary
disciplinary action has been taken against
the Assam Rifles?

**Regulation of private detective
agencies**

†1962. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the
illegal activities of private detective agencies
in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any
proposal to regulate the activities of private
detective agencies and to bring them under
the purview of the law;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when it is proposed to be
implemented?

Foreign tourists

1963. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will
the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to
state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who
arrived in India during the last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange earnings
generated through them during the last three
years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to
boost inflow of foreign tourists in the
country?

**Enabling people of A.P. in Telangana
to avail local status in A.P.**

1964. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will
the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of
Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal to

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amend the orders of President of India for Para (4) (Regulation of Admission) of 1974 and Para (7) (Organisation of local cadres and regulation of direct recruitment) Order of 1975 to enable the people of Andhra Pradesh who opt and shift to Andhra Pradesh from Telangana for educational and employment purpose before 2nd June 2017, to avail the local status in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Cadre review in BSF

1965. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether average age of an officer commanding a BSF battalion on Indo-Pak Border is close to 50 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for which no cadre review has been done for the last 25 years; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to create more posts at senior levels so that younger officers can take charge of battalions?

Pension for freedom fighters

†1966. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details alongwith Rajasthan of total number of freedom fighters and the amount of pension being received by them; and

(b) whether Government proposes to provide pension to such guardians of democracy who went to jail under MISA Act and DIR Act to protect democracy

during the emergency in the year 1975, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Dalit children stoned in Haryana

1967. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two dalit children have been stoned in Haryana recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the criminals?

Study to assess damages in Tamil Nadu

1968. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any study conducted by Government to assess the extent of damage in Tamil Nadu due to the North-East monsoon rains that occurred during November, 2015;

(b) whether Government has considered to declare the floods in Chennai and Cuddalore caused by heavy rains, a national disaster; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Granting Powers to BTC to form Armed Security Force

1969. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) which is under 6th Schedule of Constitution of India has

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not been provided Home (Police) powers, as a result many bad elements like terrorists, extremists and jihadists are using this area for their networking centre;

(b) whether local people of Assam are always in threat but Government of Assam does not provide security personnel to this area as prayed by the BTC; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to provide powers to BTC to form/establish/open an Armed Security Force under the supervision of MHA for the purpose of security only?

Non-release of prisoners who have completed their sentence

1970. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of prisoners lodged in various jails, who have completed their jail terms but have not been released so far;

(b) what are the reasons for their non-release despite the fact that they have already completed their sentence;

(c) whether Government is planning to review the status of all Sikh prisoners who have completed their jail term to ensure their early release;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of Sikh prisoners lodged in various jails from 1980 to 1990 are languishing in various jails for no fault of theirs; and

(e) why Government has not ensured that they can also avail the facility of Parole and other benefits as per the Jail Manual and Law?

Conviction rate in child abuse cases

1971. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the conviction rate in child abuse cases in National Capital and other Metropolitan cities in the country during the last three years, year-wise and city-wise; and

(b) what action Government proposes to take to substantially improve the conviction rate?

Lack of fire stations

1972. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has only two per cent of fire stations of required number, if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the fire fighters have not been provided uniform and necessary equipments, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many buildings in India are not fire safe;

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to make sure the buildings are fire safe; and

(e) whether there are penalty provisions in case fire safety rules are violated, if so, the details thereof?

Illegal activities in Raghbir Nagar, New Delhi

1973. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ganja (Cannabis) and liquor are being sold illegally in some residential houses of 12½ yards, Transit Camp, Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi area;

(b) whether satta, gambling and other illegal activities are also running in some residential houses of above-mentioned area;

(c) if so, what actions have been taken to stop these activities;

(d) whether there will be CCTV monitoring and police surveillance over the area; and

(e) if so, by when?

Setting up of State Human Rights Commissions in UTs

1974. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed Union Territories to set up State Human Rights Commissions;

(b) if so, how many of them have not set up so far; and

(c) by when the Union Territories would be asked to set up State Human Rights Commissions?

New Model Police Act

1975. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed in 2006 that a new Model Police Act be prepared by the Central Government and/or the State Governments and pass the requisite legislation;

(b) whether the above directions covered, in its ambit, setting up of three institutions, namely, State Security

Commissions to insulate the State police from extraneous pressures, Police Establishment Board and Police Complaint Redressal Wings;

(c) whether the deadline for compliance of these directions originally set for 31st December, 2006 was later extended to 31st March, 2007; and

(d) the updated status of the implementation of the above directives?

Increasing crimes against senior citizens in Delhi

1976. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against senior citizens are on the increase in Delhi, if so, the details of serious crimes committed against them during the last three years; and

(b) whether the effectiveness of the already taken steps to prevent such crimes have been judged, if not, the details of the more effective steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

Rise in child rape cases

1977. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of child rape cases rose from 5484 in 2009 to 13766 in 2014 according to National Crime Records Bureau which reflect the stark failure on the part of law enforcement agencies to tackle the crime, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the necessary steps taken by Government to get down to address the root cause of the heinous crime to protect the children from sexual offenders?

Construction of barracks and infrastructure at BoPs

1978. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has met target for construction of barracks at Border Out posts (BoPs) manned by CRPF, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and corrective action taken by Government and timeline for completion of the same;

(b) whether all BoPs across the country have sufficient infrastructural connectivity, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure the provision of basic amenities at BoPs across the country?

National policy on Disaster Management

1979. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Policy on Disaster Management;

(b) how far it has performed so far;

(c) whether Government proposes to make changes in the policy on the basis of experience gained so far;

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

(e) the details of the measures taken by Government to ensure promptness of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?

Increase in terrorist violence in J&K

1980. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of Home AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir has gone up this year up to October when compared to 2014 with 169 incidents and killing of 35 security personnel with not much significance in killing of the terrorists; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to contain this?

Death of senior citizen in New Delhi

1981. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various complaints have been made in respect of mysterious death of a senior citizen in Old Rajender Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) whether some VIPs including Member of Parliament have also pointed out the case and requested for impartial enquiry against the suspected behaviour of some officials of Delhi Police;

(c) whether FIR has not been lodged till date, despite many VIP references;

(d) whether post mortem report and Viscera reports have not been provided to her complainant son; and

(e) whether Government contemplates an impartial expeditious enquiry?

SC directions to States to set up Special Juvenile Police

†1982. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had directed to put in place a Special Juvenile Police unit in the States besides filing FIRs in view of continuous rising incidence of children going missing in the country;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that the percentage of children going missing in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu has increased from 100 to 211 per cent;

(c) whether Government is aware that most of the children getting kidnapped belongs to the poor families; and

(d) if so, whether Central Government will issue any guidelines to States to remedy this situation?

Incidents of communal violence

1983. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of incidents of communal violence reported from across the country from January 2015 to July 2015; and

(b) the number of deaths and those injured in communal clashes in the country during the aforesaid period?

Atrocities on Dalits and Adivasis in A.P. and Telangana

1984. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the National Crime Records Bureau, (NCRB) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana account for 12.6 per cent of crimes against Dalits in 2014;

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

(c) how Ministry is planning to work with these two States to bring down the atrocities on Dalits and Adivasis?

Cases against terrorists and armed gangs

1985. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases against terrorists and armed gangs have been registered or are being processed against by Government during last three years and what is the progress in these cases;

(b) in how many cases culprits have been sentenced and in how many cases they were let off;

(c) in how many of these cases there have been re-investigations leading to letting free the first set of culprits and proceeding against another group; and

(d) whether there are complaints that after formation of present Government there have been intervention in investigation of some of these cases?

Recommendations of Committee on missing children

†1986. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Human Rights Commission has set up any committee to inquire into the cases related to missing children in the country;

(b) if so, whether the above committee has submitted its report, if so, the details of recommendations made therein; and

(c) the details of the present status of implementation of all these recommendations?

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Investigation of terror cases by NIA

1987. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigative Agency (NIA) is investigating cases related to terror; and

(b) if so, the progress of each of the case being investigated by the NIA?

Non-implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act

1988. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act have not yet been implemented thus far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any time-bound plan to fulfil all the provisions of the Act?

Resurgence of Naxalite activities in A.P. and Telangana

1989. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the resurgence of naxalite activities in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) if so, what steps are being under taken to check Naxalite menace in these two States and the States bordering them, namely Odisha and Chhattisgarh?

Central Victim Compensation Fund Scheme

1990. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced

a Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) Scheme;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof along with its aims and objectives; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce disparity in quantum of compensation amount notified by different States/UTs for victims of similar crimes?

Women undertrials in AP and Telangana

1991. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of women undertrials languishing in jails across the country for more than six months especially in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether Government has taken any step for immediate release of such women undertrials, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to improve the living conditions of women undertrials in jails across the country and release of women prisoners who have completed half of the period of sentence in lesser offences?

Courts' direction regarding crimes against women in Delhi

1992. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the figures of crimes against women in Delhi are shooting up;

(b) whether a Court in Delhi has taken a serious view of this menace and has asked Government to take up this issue with the concerned police authorities to control this; and

(c) if so, the details with action plan of Government to address this menace seriously?

Increasing involvement of juveniles in heinous crimes

1993. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per National Crime Statistics reports, involvement of juveniles in heinous crimes has been steadily increasing in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has worked out a corrective action plan to address this menace; and

(d) how far has this action plan been implemented and what are its positive results?

Death of prisoners in police custody

1994. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of deaths of prisoners reported in police custody during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the State-wise action taken against the guilty personnel during the said period;

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to check such cases in future; and

(d) the State-wise number of deaths of prisoners in jails on other grounds during the said period?

Representation of minorities in security forces

1995. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation of Muslims in security forces is very low; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to undertake a special drive to recruit minorities in security forces?

Communal violence

1996. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal violence occurred in the country during the last four months, month-wise and location-wise;

(b) the loss of life and property in each case; and

(c) the major causes of the incidents?

Tamil Nadu flood disaster

1997. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government followed the provisions and guidelines of National Disaster Management Authority in the case of Tamil Nadu flood Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Risk assessment and Vulnerability Mapping; and

(b) if so, the details of chronological steps taken by 'Response' role of the Nodal and other Central Ministries and Departments?

Pending mercy petitions

1998. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mercy petitions received by Government during the last one year;

(b) how many petitions have been disposed off and how many are still pending; and

(c) the present status of the pending mercy petitions?

Maoist activists in Chhattisgarh

1999. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many districts of Chhattisgarh have witnessed intensified Maoist activity as the rebels killed two civilian and torched 30 vehicles at different locations recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in spite of taking much measures, the Maoist activities are continuing in this part of India without any relief;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is considering deploying more CRPF personnel to these areas?

Financial assistance for CCTNS

†2000. SHRI HARIVANSH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assured to provide complete financial assistance to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS);

(b) the number of police stations in the country with internet facility and the extent to which this scheme will help in the modernization of police stations; and

(c) the amount allocated for this scheme so far and the amount spent by each State?

Increase in cases of domestic violence

2001. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is rampant increase in the cases of domestic violence;

(b) how many cases of domestic violence have been reported in metropolitan cities during the last two years;

(c) what steps Government has taken or is taking to check this malpractice and bring the culprits to book;

(d) whether Government proposes to bring some more stringent measures to make the existing measures more strong; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposed measures?

Cross-border firing by Pakistani Rangers

2002. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidence of cross-border firing by the Pakistani Rangers on western borders with Pakistan in one and half year;

(b) the number of casualties of BSF Jawans/Officers, army personnel, and civilians during the last one and half year during the period of May 2014 to October 2015; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop the cross-border firing by the Pakistani Rangers?

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Crimes against foreign tourists

2003. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against foreign tourists are increasing day by day in all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of women tourists raped in the last one year in the country; and

(d) what action Government is going to take in this regard?

Introduction of four labour codes

2004. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified four labour codes;

(b) if so, the details of these four labour codes identified by Government; and

(c) whether any targets have been set for their introduction and if so, the details thereof?

Central assistance to Rajasthan

2005. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and scheme-wise details of Central assistance given to Rajasthan under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for labour during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise and scheme-wise number of labourers got benefited from the above schemes during the last three years;

(c) whether the State Government had requested for supplementing its efforts through financial help for schemes/ programmes that it is implementing for the labourers; and

(d) if so, the details of help extended by Central Government for above?

Revamping of Labour Laws

2006. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on revamping the decades old Labour Laws, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that trade unions are showing their solidarity against any changes to the present labour laws, if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to go ahead with changes and make suitable legislation?

Social security schemes for unorganised workers

2007. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various social security schemes for the unorganised sector workers in place today;

(b) how much expenditure was incurred on these schemes by the Central Government during the last three years; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries of these schemes during the last three years?

Social security for domestic workers

†2008. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding the number of domestic workers who are working full time living at the employer's home, if so, whether they are given the benefits of labour rights, minimum wages, leave period, weekly off, social security and other benefits;

(b) whether Government is aware that human trafficking of women and children is taking place on a large scale for cheaper domestic workers through placement agencies throughout India; and

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

Flouting of minimum wages to workers in unorganised sector

2009. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rules pertaining to minimum wages to the workers are openly being flouted in the unorganized sector;

(b) whether the Central Government has any monitoring mechanism to ensure that minimum wages are paid to the workers in all the firms, companies and enterprises; and

(c) what steps is the Ministry taking to ensure better co-ordination with various State Governments in this regard to ensure fair and minimum wage to the workers?

Vacancies of doctors and specialists in ESI hospitals in Telangana

2010. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 15 vacancies of doctors and specialists in Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals in the State of Telangana;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such huge vacancies when the sanctioned strength is 18;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are 35 vacancies against the sanctioned strength of 80 in the sub-cadre of General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs) and 13 vacancies in sub-cadre of Specialists Gr. II Junior scale; and

(d) if so, the vacancy-wise details of posts lying vacant and the efforts made to recruit doctors and specialists?

Low wages to tea garden workers

2011. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of closed tea gardens in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that tea garden workers get very low wages and are deprived of social securities; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to take remedial measures?

Women registered in Employment Exchanges in U.P.

†2012. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will
the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of unemployed women registered in the Employment Exchanges of Uttar Pradesh and the number of women provided employment so far;

(b) whether the procedure of employment provided to women through the Employment Exchanges is satisfactory and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Employment Exchanges have identified certain areas for providing employment to women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps being taken to create employment opportunities for women?

Procedure for factory visit by labour officers

2013. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has changed the procedure for factory visit by labour officers;

(b) if so, the details of the new system; and

(c) how will this new system ensure better condition for labourers, the details thereof?

Poor wages and service conditions of contract workers

2014. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the large scale casualisation of employment in different sectors especially in new generation employment, if so, the details thereof, and

(b) whether Government would seriously intervene into the poor wage structure and service conditions of contract labourers and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of labour-intensive manufacturing

†2015. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to promote labour-intensive manufacturing strategically and to enhance job opportunities in the agriculture and tourism based industries by promoting these sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plan to set up/promote the industries based on agriculture and tourism in the current year and the coming three years, State-wise and the State-wise number of persons proposed to be employed in these sectors?

Reforms in the labour laws

2016. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring in reforms in the labour laws;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that trade unions are opposing the amendments in the labour laws;

(d) if so, the details of their objections in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government thereon and the time by when the labour

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reforms, acceptable to both trade unions and the industry are likely to be put in place?

Central Advisory Committee on Beedi workers

2017. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Central Advisory Committee under the Ministry to look after the issues relating to the problems of Beedi workers;

(b) if so, whether any meeting took place during the current year and the recommendations arrived in the meeting; and

(c) the action taken by the Ministry thereon so far?

Pitiable condition of plantation workers

2018. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers of tea plantations constitute a major portion of the plantation workforce in the country and if so, the details thereof including the number of plantation workers working in tea and other plantation estates;

(b) whether Government is aware of pitiable condition of plantation workers and if so, the details thereof along with various statutes enacted for regulating service conditions and welfare of these workers; and

(c) whether Government proposes to review and amend various provisions of these Acts and if so, the details thereof?

Child Labour Welfare Fund

2019. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise and year-wise amount of funds collected in Child Labour Welfare Fund since it was set up; and

(b) the year-wise amount of funds utilised from this fund, since the fund was set up?

Lacunae in amendments proposed in child labour law

2020. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 to allow children to work in family enterprises and TV and Entertainment Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are some lacunae that have been left unaddressed defeating the entire purpose of the Bill; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to address these lacunae in the proposed amendment Bill?

Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board

†2021. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government keeps a check on ways of collection and utilization of the amount meant for the help and welfare of workers by the Building and Other

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Construction Workers Welfare Boards in various States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of the primary reason due to which building and other construction workers are not getting assistance and facilities; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to make the state commit to solve the problem, if so, the details thereof?

Benefits to unorganised workers under Social Security Act

†2022. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of unorganised workers who have been provided benefits under the social security welfare schemes by the National Social Security Board in the last one year;

(b) the names of the States which have implemented the provisions of the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 and the State-wise details of the provisions being implemented; and

(c) whether any fund has been allocated by the Central Government to implement the provisions of the above Act in a proper manner, if so, the details thereof?

Enactment of law to protect domestic workers

†2023. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the fact that lakhs of girls and women are working as domestic helps but are deprived of their

fundamental rights, Government is planning to formulate any national law in this regard;

(b) in what manner Government intends to ensure that the domestic workers get their fundamental rights; and

(c) the mechanism available with Government to resolve the cases of non-payment to domestic workers?

Report on child labour from an NGO

2024. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received report on child labour in the country from an NGO;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that crores of children are in workforce in our country; and

(c) the State-wise details of the report and the action plan of Government thereon?

Steps taken to curb child labour

2025. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the number of child labourers working in the textile industry in Surat, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of child labourers reported by various States; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to curb child labour in the textile industries and agricultural farms?

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Review of Child Labour Laws

2026. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the number of child labourers as per the latest data available with Government;

(b) the details of existing provisions of laws in the country to curb and prevent the child labourers from exploitation;

(c) the details about effectiveness of the existing laws with reference to the existing child labour laws across several parts of the country;

(d) whether Government has reviewed or proposes to review/revamp the present child labour laws to curb labour in the country; and

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

Unemployed youth in the country

2027. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people are unemployed in the country;

(b) if so, State/Union Territory-wise number of registered unemployed;

(c) the State/Union Territory-wise details of the employment opportunities created in the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether Government has carried out any assessment with regard to requirement of skilled labour force for different activities; and

(e) if so, the various steps taken by Government to provide the necessary skills to the unemployed youths along with the

number of such youth benefited through the said schemes during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

Survey to determine bonded labourers

2028. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry intends to undertake a survey to determine the number of bonded labourers in the informal sector in the country at present, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken steps towards sensitizing the officials regarding the problem of bonded labour, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry has considered working with NGOs in order to investigate this issue and for rehabilitation of released bonded labourers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Strengthening laws/rules against bonded labour

2029. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any steps to strengthen the Rules under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition), Act, 1976, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry plans to take any other steps towards strengthening the laws against bonded labour in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reserves of Gold and Diamonds

†2030. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of mines/ reserves of gold and diamonds in the country as on date;

(b) the State-wise and place-wise details of the quantity and price of gold and diamonds explored in last three years and in current year in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that some foreign companies engaged in the mining of gold and diamonds are not complying with the guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard during the said period and the action taken thereon?

Re-extracting gold from Kolar gold mines

2031. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to re-extract gold from Kolar gold mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for abandoning the mines earlier;

(d) whether there is any proof from Geological Survey of India or from any other agency that gold-bearing veins are still present; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal mining

2032. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise cases of illegal mining reported since January, 2010 till date;

(b) how many recovery notices have been issued in cases of illegal mines since January, 2010 till date, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the State-wise total amount that is sought to be recovered;

(d) how much money has been recovered State-wise against these recovery notices since January, 2010 till date; and

(e) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to implement the recommendations of the Justice M.B. Shah Commission Report?

Identification of mines for auctioning

2033. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified 199 mines for auctioning in the next few months;

(b) if so, whether number of mines proposed to be auctioned in the coming days is on higher or lower side from the previous mining leases; and

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

Targets for production of oil and natural gas

2034. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of targets of production of oil and natural gas fixed by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies in the Twelfth Plan together with the actual achievements made so far;

(b) whether there is tremendous shortfall in the production of crude oil and natural gas during the Twelfth Plan; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor together with the details of measures taken by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies to achieve the targets fixed for the production of oil and natural gas?

Poor public toilets at petrol pumps

†2035. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petrol pumps across the country are just pretending in the name of 'Swachh Bharat Mission' because a number of petrol pumps either do not have public toilet facilities or toilets available there are very filthy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether Government has any mechanism for monitoring 'Swachh Bharat Mission'; and

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

Auction of oil fields of ONGC and OIL India to private companies

2036. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to auction small and marginal oil fields of

ONGC and OIL India to private companies, if so, the details thereof, the terms under which auction will be undertaken and timeline for the same;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that up to date geo-seismic data is available to all competitors;

(c) whether for the auction of these small and marginal oil fields, Government is planning to shift from profit sharing contracts to the revenue sharing model, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government proposes to undertake measures to reduce the risk of explorers?

Sale of subsidised gas cylinders in black market

2037. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) what is the response from the subscribers for giving up subsidy on gas cylinders in the country for which a campaign is going on;

(b) whether Government is aware that subsidised gas cylinders are being sold in the black market;

(c) if so, the State-wise action taken, including monitoring and vigilance, and cases reported; and

(d) whether with direct benefit transfer facility the incidence of malpractices has come down, if so, the details thereof?

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Modernisation of oil refineries

2038. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to undertake modernisation/upgradation of the oil refineries across the country in accordance with the international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked, targets set for expansion of refining capacity and likely achievements in this regard;

(c) whether Government also proposes to take adequate measures to upgrade the fuel quality norms and bring at par with global norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the action plan chalked out in this regard?

Doubling refinery capacity of BPCL

2039. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has decided to double the capacity of some of its refineries in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the BPCL has made many joint venture companies to carry forward its ambitious plan for increasing its production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Import of crude oil by OMCs

2040. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and company-wise details of quantity of crude oil imported by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, so far;

(b) the year-wise and company-wise details of cost incurred on above imports during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(c) the details of fall/increase in crude oil import bill in percentage during 2014-15 and 2015-16 in comparison to respective previous years?

IPI and TAPI gas pipeline projects

2041. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revived gas pipeline projects between Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) and Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) have been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the role of Pakistan in these projects; and

(d) the details of security aspects to implement the gas projects?

Refining cost of petroleum products

2042. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per barrel refining cost of different oil products;

(b) the basis on which per litre production cost of petrol and diesel is estimated;

(c) whether the production cost with regard to different oil products is higher in the public sector oil refineries in comparison to the private sector oil refineries and if so,

the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to reduce the cost of production; and

(d) the rate on which the upstream companies including Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India Limited (ONGC) sells crude oil to oil refineries?

Increase in domestic production of natural gas and crude oil

2043. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic production of natural gas and crude oil have been increased continuously for the last six months;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the extent to which it has been increased;

(c) whether the private sector producers have reported marginal dip in their production levels during the same period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Central Government has prepared a road map for marketing of petroleum products in a competitive environment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Temperature for supply of petroleum products

2044. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector oil companies are mandatorily required to supply petrol, diesel and other petroleum products at a particular temperature; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure quality and quantity of

petroleum products supplied by the oil companies to the public?

Decline in natural gas production

2045. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the natural gas production in the country declined 1.8 per cent in October, 2015 compared to the same month last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the crude oil production also fell 2.1 per cent in the same month; and

(c) whether the natural gas production increased for the first time in five years in August, 2015 and then grew again in September, but has now again reverted to its normal scenario of contracting year by year?

Progress of Jagdishpur-Haldia gas pipeline project

2046. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that despite its authorization in 2007, Jagdishpur-Haldia natural gas pipeline project remains incomplete;

(b) the current status of project including progress of cadastral survey due for completion in June, 2015 and expected period of project completion, phase-wise;

(c) the year-wise and State-wise details of estimated and actual investment made in the project till date;

(d) whether any relief shall be given to customers of natural gas from this project in West Bengal due to unfathomable delay in completion; and

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

Requirement of gas for power generating stations

2047. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of gas based power generating stations in the country;

(b) the requirement of natural gas to operate these stations at full load;

(c) quantum of indigenous natural gas available for power generation;

(d) quantum of long term contracted Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) available for power generation;

(e) how much gas based generating capacity is lying idle in the country on account of inadequate availability of gas on long term basis;

(f) what steps Government is taking for utilization of idle capacity of gas based stations;

(g) whether Government is considering to allocate more natural gas power generation; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Auction of small oil and gas fields

2048. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has decided to auction small oil and gas fields surrendered by State-run explorers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Domestic and foreign direct investment in steel

†2049. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new investment in the steel sector has declined, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is taking any step to promote domestic investment and the efforts being made to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the steel sector; and

(c) if so, the details of efforts being made?

Production, import and export of steel

2050. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent rise in prices of steel and steel related products have affected production and supply of steel in India;

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

(c) the total quantity and value of steel produced in the country in the last five years and the domestic demand and supply achieved during the corresponding five years; and

(d) the total quantity and value of steel imported in the last five years and the total quantity and value of steel exported during the corresponding five years?

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Reduction of import of steel

2051. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on reduction of steel imports from National and Eastern Countries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steel imports for the last 2 years including semi-finished steel;

(c) whether the imports are increasing year to year, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to protect the domestic steel industry and unwanted dumping of steel?

Reduction in export duty on iron ore fines

2052. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to reduce the export duty on iron ore fines; and

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

Decline in demand for steel

2053. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for steel has declined in the domestic and international market during the last one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to insulate the steel industry from demand slowdown?

Scheme to boost tourism in areas of religious and cultural importance

†2054. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared any special scheme to boost tourism in the areas of religious and cultural importance across the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise areas selected or likely to be selected;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tourists going to religious places often become victims of stampede or accidents, if so, whether the Ministry is formulating any scheme along with concerned local authorities, trusts and State Governments with a view to avoid repetition of such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken to ensure safe journey of tourists visiting these places?

Proposals from Himachal Pradesh for promotion of tourism

2055. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh under various schemes for the promotion of tourism in the State during the current year and the said proposals are still pending;

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

(c) the time by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

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Scheme to promote tourist sites in States

2056. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing development works and maintenance of present tourist sites in the country;

(b) the location-wise details of new tourist sites developed in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate any special scheme to promote tourist sites in the country including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and if so, the details thereof?

Development of new tourism spots in Uttarakhand

†2057. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that Uttarakhand is endowed with natural beauty;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider providing special economic package for tapping the natural beauty potentials of the State and development of new tourist spots; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funding of Nila tourism corridor project in Kerala

2058. SHR K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is planning to fund the Nila tourism corridor project in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any fund has already been sanctioned for the project; and

(c) what are the other tourism projects in Kerala that the Centre is considering for funding support?

Buddhist Circuit

2059. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has identified Amaravathi, Nagarjunakonda and Vizag as one of the three circuits under Buddhist Heritage Trails to be developed as Buddhist Circuit; and

(b) if so, the present status of development of the above circuit?

PIDDC Scheme

2060. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes started under Project/Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme to improve tourism in the country;

(b) the funds allocated and utilized under this scheme;

(c) the status of Ganga heritage river cruise circuits and funds released to this project;

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(d) the approximate date of completion of this project and funds required for the same;

(e) the steps taken by Government to increase tourism potential of Union Territories like Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(f) the details of funds allocated for the same?

Impact of the circular empowering Forest Department to declare wild life habitat

†2061. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has issued a circular empowering the Forest Department to declare any region as an important wild life habitat;

(b) if so, the details of the above circular;

(c) whether this is not against the conservation rights of tribals and other forest dwellers; and

(d) if so, the way the Ministry looks at this circular and the efforts being made/to be made by it to get this circular cancelled?

Steps to protect forest villages

2062. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to protect and develop forest villages for tribals; and

(b) the State-wise details of the amount sanctioned by the Central Government for various States including Himachal Pradesh

along with the amount spent during each of the last three years and current year in this regard?

Preservation of rich and age-old tribal cultures

2063. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rich and age-old tribal cultures throughout the country are on wane;

(b) whether any stock-taking study has been conducted by the Ministry in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to preserve and promote these rich tribal cultures of India?

Tribal population

†2064. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the total tribal population in the country;

(b) whether Government has ever paid attention towards the population of such people who are still cutting and selling woods from jungles for their livelihood;

(c) whether Government also proposes to connect the children of such people with education who are living in tents on roadsides in the capital city of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rejection of claims under FRA

2065. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that 60 per cent of the claims of tribals under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) have been rejected all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been a demand to enhance the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) to 8.6 per cent in the next budget for 2016-17 against the four per cent allocated in 2015-16; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ST status for Assamese tribes

2066. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of granting ST status to six Assamese tribes—the Koch-Rajbongshis, Tea Tribes (Adivasis), Tai Ahoms, Morans, Motoks and Sutiya is under the consideration of Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps/measures taken by Government and what is the current status of these issue?

Allocation of funds for tribals

2067. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects and allocation of funds sanctioned towards development of tribal areas in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the State-wise tribal density and the proposal for next five years thereof?

Pending applications for inclusion in ST

†2068. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number and details of communities which have applied for being included in the Scheduled Tribes;

(b) since when these applications are pending and the steps taken by the Ministry on these applications so far; and

(c) whether there is any plan to make any changes in the norms for inclusion among Scheduled Tribes?

Requirement of upgradation works in SAI Regional Centre, Kolkata

2069. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of facilities/buildings/equipments need upgradation/renovation/modernisation in Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the main problems that are being faced in doing these works?

Annual games and sports competitions at block panchayat levels

2070. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is conducting annual games and sports competitions at the village and block panchayat levels; and

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(b) if so, the details of the games and sports competitions that were conducted in each village and block panchayats in the State of Uttar Pradesh since 2008?

Separate National School Games for boys and girls

2071. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to conduct National School Games separately for boys and girls;

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

(c) whether some sportspersons particularly from Kerala have opposed this move as it will encourage gender discrimination, if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Developing activities of Yuva Kendras

2072. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to develop the activities of Yuva Kendras across the country;

(b) the measures taken by Government to make Yuva Kendras socially vibrant and productive and works for national welfare and integration;

(c) the total amount allocated, disbursed and utilized in the last five years;

(d) whether the posts of Youth Coordinators at Kendra and State levels are adequate; and

(e) if so, the total strength and composition of Yuva Kendras?

Construction of stadiums for national level matches

†2073. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to construct new stadiums for national level matches to promote sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to construct new stadium in Patna, for national level matches and if so, by when, and the details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds provided in the country under this head to construct stadiums in this fiscal year so far?

Development of Youth Development Index

2074. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Youth Development Index has been developed for the assessment of the status of the youth in the country and identification of their needs;

(b) if so, the details of measures included in the index and States' performance; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Common pool of funds for uniform growth of sports

2075. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry will consider having a common pool of funds generated

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through sponsors and advertisements to ensure uniform growth of all the sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry considers bringing in legislation to bring into effect the common pool of funds; and

(c) if not, what other measure would the Ministry suggest to ensure uniform funding and growth of all the sports activities in the country?

Delay in modernisation plans for SAI Regional Centre, Bengaluru

2076. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of modernisation plans have been delayed in Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre in Bengaluru;

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

(c) what is being done to expedite these projects?

Corruption and nepotism in sports arena

2077. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that sports has become an arena of big business and politicking leading to corruption and nepotism where really talented do not often get an entry;

(b) whether Government would see that this field promotes sportspersons and sportsmanship and all other trends are discouraged; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that sports get enough funds from Government and other sources in a transparent manner?

Non-disbursement of funds for development of sports in West Bengal

2078. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not allotted and disbursed enough funds for the development of sports in West Bengal;

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

(c) the details of Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres operationalized in the State of West Bengal; and

(d) the amount of funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred for the promotion of sports in last three years in West Bengal?

Funds for schemes for benefit of youth and sports activities

2079. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate funds are available for the implementation of various schemes/programmes for the benefit/welfare of youth and sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to expand the scope of various schemes in the country?

**Lack of infrastructure for
differently-abled athletes**

2080. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that differently-abled athletes face tremendous difficulties in representing country for various sports specially in terms of lack of infrastructure to suit their needs;

(b) if so, the steps taken to address this issue;

(c) the State-wise and sports-wise details of allocation and utilization of funds for development of infrastructure for disabled athletes during last three years; and

(d) the State-wise and sports-wise details of schemes and programmes run to promote sports among differently-abled athletes including financial assistance given along with details of funds spent and beneficiaries under these schemes during last three years?

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