

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

Total number of questions — 160

Safety measures and programmes for airliners

961. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked
out any safety measure and programme to
enhance and ensure safety of airliners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any
serious note of old aircraft being operated
by certain airlines; and

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

Foreign pilots employed by various airlines in the country

962. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign pilots
employed by various airlines in the country,
airline-wise;

(b) whether the aviation industry is
witnessing any stagnation in terms of
opportunities to Indian pilots to enhance
their training skills;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps
taken by Government to replace foreign
pilots with Indian pilots;

(d) whether Government has assessed
the requirement of pilots in the country, if
so, the details thereof and the measures
taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the anticipated time-frame by when
all the trained foreign pilots of scheduled
carriers would finally be repatriated?

Regional Connectivity Scheme to promote civil aviation

963. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any
proposal to include some nearby centres
of Delhi/NCR/Rajasthan and Maharashtra
in Regional Connectivity Scheme to
promote the aviation industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan outlay regarding the inclusion of urban centres in the aforesaid scheme which already has a long air strip?

Arbitrary increase of fare by private airlines

†964. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private airlines increase their fares arbitrarily because there is no monitoring mechanism by Government in place;

(b) if so, reasons for not bringing the operations of private airlines and their fare determination policy under any regulatory commission so far; and

(c) if not, what steps Government takes to monitor the fares and other matters relating to the private airlines?

Upgradation of Bagdogra airport

965. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken to upgrade Bagdogra airport which is the gateway to Darjeeling, North Bengal and Bhutan; and

(b) whether any policy and programme has been taken to increase the frequency of flights due to steady rise in demand from

major cities such as Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, etc.?

Complaints lodged by passengers against Air India

966. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India had the most number of complaints lodged against it by passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various reasons for complaints were due to flight problem followed by baggage issues and customer service;

(d) whether it is also a fact that staff behaviour, refund fare, disability and catering were the other reasons why passengers had lodged complaints; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extra fees charged by private airlines for seats

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private airlines are charging extra fees from passengers for seat selection and fixing fees for all seats during web check-in which the passengers are bound to pay;

(b) whether the Ministry is showing

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laxity in following rules due to which the airlines are charging such fees from the passengers in an arbitrary manner;

(c) details of action taken against the airlines during the last three years for ignoring complaints and flouting rules; and

(d) whether Government will review the matter regarding system of seat selection fees so that the passengers do not have to pay extra charges?

Policy for flying drones

968. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized policy for regulation for flying drones in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether registration is required for flying drones including nano drones;

(d) whether safety aspects including security interests were kept in mind while allowing drone flying; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

MRO facilities in the country

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

(a) whether Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) in the civil aviation sector of the country is unable to match with the steadily increasing pace of this sector and airline operators fly to other destinations due to the lack of such facilities which results into loss of business as well as foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details of MRO facilities at present in the country and reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) various steps taken by Government to increase MRO facilities and expand business, create employment opportunities and increase foreign exchange in the country in respect of the airlines?

Upgradation of airstrips in Sidhi, Singrauli and Shahbad districts in Madhya Pradesh

†970. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to upgrade and construct airstrips in Sidhi, Singrauli and Shahbad districts in Madhya Pradesh is in operation;

(b) if so, by when work on airstrips would be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Work on another version of RCS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started work on another version of Regional Air Connectivity Scheme (RCS) for tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as many as 56 unserved and 17 underserved airports and 31 heliports would be connected under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Foreign training of Civil Aviation
Officers**

972. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing foreign training to Civil Aviation Officers through the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and if so, progress made under this during the last three years;

(b) distribution of locations in India at which IATA training centres are located, State/UT-wise;

(c) cost at which IATA provides the training to Civil Aviation officers and funds provided by Government to meet training requirements;

(d) whether there is any mechanism in place to monitor and evaluate training programmes, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the monitoring and evaluation mechanism has led to increase in the effectiveness of the training and development programmes?

**Granting approvals for seaplane
operations**

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

(a) whether Government considers granting approvals for seaplane operations and setting up of water aerodromes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where the seaplane operations are proposed to be started and water aerodromes to be set up; and

(d) the criteria laid down in choosing the places where these seaplane services and water aerodromes would be developed?

Pilot training institutes

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

(a) the number of pilot training institutes, both Government and private existing in the country;

(b) the number of pilots coming out from Indian training institutes during the last three years;

(c) if so, whether there are reports that many private institutions without adequate infrastructure are existing in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Harassment of persons with disabilities
at airports**

975. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints have been received by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) from persons with disabilities regarding harassment at airports and their status;

(b) whether it is a fact that the BCAS regards passengers with disabilities as a higher security risk;

(c) whether the BCAS has tested millimetre wave technology for Indian conditions, as a replacement for present scanners, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that persons with disabilities are not harassed at airports while security checking?

**Planning to waive/transfer the loans/
debts of Air India**

976. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to waive or transfer the loans/debts of Air India as part of bailout plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present debt of Air India and how Government proposes to give relief to Air India?

**Aircrafts lying idle in airport
hangers**

977. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of aircraft of Air India including that of ATR planes operated by Air India Express are lying idle in the airport hangers;

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

(c) whether grounding of aircrafts has adversely affected Air India's operations in the country as well as globally;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government/Air India to put its aircrafts after proper servicing into operation and ensure that fund crunch does not hamper Air India's operations?

**Hiring foreign pilots to operate Air
India**

978. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has hired any

foreign pilot to operate Air India/Air India Express flights during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is hiring foreign pilots on exigencies only or on regular basis;

(d) whether Government has taken any concrete step to have adequate number of indigenous pilots; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Flying professional in key posts for
non-scheduled operators**

979. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has recommended the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to ask all non-scheduled operators to have a flying professional at least at one of the key posts in the company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this was based on the findings arising out of a crash of a helicopter that killed all five persons on board recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in baggage related complaints
at airports**

980. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a rise of over 10 per cent increase in baggage related complaints in June, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the complaints shot up from 21 per cent in April, 2018 to 23.9 per cent in May and to 27.5 per cent in June, 2018; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by Government to redress the grievances of baggage related complaints?

Penalty paid by Air India to passengers for flight delay

981. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India may have to pay a penalty of US dollar 8.5 million to 323 passengers of its May 9, 2018, Delhi Chicago flight which was delayed as a fall out of withdrawal of relaxations given on flight duty time limitation of the crew;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the withdrawal of the variation of duty hours by DGCA following a High Court Order forced the airline to arrange for fresh crew which was transported by road to Milwaukee to take charge of the flight; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of overseas properties of Air India

982. SHRI N. GUKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India owns a building in London measuring over 24,000 sq.ft. which may also be made part of the revival process of Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Air

India's properties in other countries would also be made part of strategic sale for the revival of Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revamp of Air India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that following stake sale fiasco, Air India is set for a revamp;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government hopes to have visible change in 18 months time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Flight duty hour restrictions for cabin crew members

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) proposed a new set of norms for the maximum duty time and rest hours for cabin crew members, prohibiting airlines from deploying a fatigued staff and endangering flight safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the latest draft norms prescribe a maximum 22 hours of duty time for cabin crew members operating on ultra long haul flight over 16 hours or more; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disproportionate ratio in employee of aircraft

985. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether employee to aircraft ratio is disproportionate in the case of Air India;

(b) if so, the details of number of aircrafts and total number of employees in national carrier;

(c) what are the per day net losses Air India is making;

(d) whether Government has any plan to rationalise the routes and financial condition of Air India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

International air connectivity under UDAN scheme

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

(a) the details of airports in the country selected as part of the international air connectivity scheme under UDAN, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the details of airline operators in the country selected as part of the international air connectivity scheme under UDAN; and

(c) the details of Government assistance to the States and the airline operators for the international air connectivity scheme?

Commercial aviation service to small cities

†987. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on

any special scheme for linking smaller cities with commercial aviation service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of cities of the country that have been decided upon for linking with commercial aviation service under the said scheme; and

(d) the number of cities thereof where commercial aviation service has begun and until when commercial aviation service would begin in the remaining selected cities?

Complaints on Web check-in fee by airlines

988. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints from passengers that IndiGo and SpiceJet are charging a fee for completing their check-in formalities on the web;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to introduce a new policy on this issue?

Phase-II of UDAN scheme

989. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under the Regional Connectivity Scheme, UDAN in the phase-II of the scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether licenses given to any airlines have been withdrawn;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

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(d) whether Government is planning to introduce bids for the third phase of the scheme;

(e) if so, the progress made so far; and

(f) whether any measures have been taken by Government to ensure the goals of the scheme are achieved?

Ranking of Indian aviation security

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has placed the aviation security of India even below Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar in ranking;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the aviation security of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of Bhogapuram airport in Andhra Pradesh

991. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of Bhogapuram airport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the response of Government to the statement of Airports Authority of India (AAI) that it would not suspend air operations from Visakhapatnam even after Bhogapuram airport comes into operation;

(c) what are the reasons that AAI has written a letter to the Andhra Pradesh Airport Development Corporation Ltd.,

asking it to mention in the tender documents that AAI would continue its flight operations from Visakhapatnam even after Bhogapuram airport comes into operation; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Foreign pilots employed in various airlines in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that number of foreign pilots being employed by various airlines in the country has increased tremendously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has assured the requirement of pilots in the country and accordingly has taken action to remain self-reliant in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sale of Air India subsidiary AIATSL

993. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to completely sell off Air India subsidiary Air India Air Transport Service Limited (AIATSL) by March, 2019;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government could not carry out the disinvestment plans of Air India as there was no bidder?

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**Status of Air Cargo Complex
Visakhapatnam**

994. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest status of the Air Cargo Complex near Visakhapatnam, the details thereof; and

(b) by when, it is likely to be completed and the total cost involved, the details thereof?

VGF under the UDAN-RCS

995. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of funds raised for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under the UDAN-RCS;

(b) the total quantum of funds disbursed under the VGF, the details thereof airline wise;

(c) with regard to Air Deccan and Air Odisha, how many of the routes allotted to these airlines are now operational;

(d) whether there has been a delay in operationalising routes allotted to airlines mentioned in part (c);

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government has an action plan to ease the funding, infrastructure and clearance challenges faced by all airlines under the Scheme; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, including a time-line for implementation?

**Strategy to neutralise drones near
airports**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the aviation security watchdog Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has finalised a strategy to neutralise drones near airports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is set to unveil a framework to regulate unmanned aircraft systems in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the BCAS will now conduct a trial to examine effective technology to neutralise drones, following which it will prepare technical specifications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Air links to boost Buddhist tourism

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering new air links to boost Buddhist tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to make air links with Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam from where a large number of Buddhist tourists wish to visit India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Trade facilitation in services in WTO

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

(a) whether India has submitted any

proposal for trade facilitation in services in WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of steps taken by Government to smoothen up trade facilitation for India around the globe and overcome issues such as work visas, temporary stay norms, permits, taxes, fees, charges and contribution in social security accounting sector?

National policy on rubber

999. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national policy on rubber is under consideration;

(b) if so, whether any time-frame has been kept to release the policy;

(c) if so, the details about the consultations done and the suggestions collected from rubber growers/planters or their collective bodies as part of formulating the policy;

(d) whether any mechanism regarding procurement of rubber on Minimum Support Price is a part of the policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

IBM report on unethical business in startups

1000. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many startups have been started after announcing the policy and how much employment opportunities have been created;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per one study conducted by IBM called 'Entrepreneurial India', nearly 2/3rd startups are doing unethical business and is one of the major reasons for failure of startups;

(c) if so, how Ministry looks at this trend;

(d) in view of the above, whether Ministry is working on any regulatory framework for more effective implementation of startups; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

NIMZ at Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh

1001. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given final approval for National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any further course of action with regard to NIMZ at Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh to make it operational/ functional; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Import of pulses from Kenya

1002. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is importing Tur dal at a price of 410 US dollars (₹ 27,000) per ton from Kenya

whereas it is locally available in the country at ₹ 3,400/- per ton;

(b) the stock of pulses particularly Tur dal, in Government warehouses in the country;

(c) whether Government will continue importing pulses despite having enough stock in Government warehouses besides the stock with the traders and the farmers; and

(d) whether Government will consider restricting the import of pulses to stabilise the prices and protect the interest of the farmers?

Implementation and negotiations on GATS

1003. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) of World Trade Organisation;

(b) the four modes of the agreement; and

(c) negotiations India has done in World Trade Organisation's conferences to push this GATS agreement?

Development of APEDA and marine products exports promotion

1004. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any funds for the development of APEDA and marine products exports promotion in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and total quantity and value of marine products got exported;

(c) the funds allocated to various States/ UTs during the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government has any plans to support Tamil Nadu in increasing the exports of the marine products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Import of smartphones

1005. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smartphones shipments in India grew by 11 per cent to 30 million units in the first three months of this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in contrast about 27 million smartphones were shipped to India in the first quarter of 2017;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 4G feature phone market in India continued to grow at more than 50 per cent quarter on quarter basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Trade with U.K.

1006. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out its strategy on trade with U.K. after Britain got out of the European Union;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ironed out free trade issues with the European Union; and

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

Underpaid research fellows

1007. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lately faced multiple setbacks at the WTO for non-conformity with the covered agreements, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the think tanks established by Government for reviewing country's internal laws to conform to international commitments at the WTO;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the research fellows at these think tanks are extremely underpaid as compared to their foreign counterparts, and hired contractually;

(d) whether Government think that such dis-incentives are the reasons for country's setbacks at the WTO; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to raise pay scales and remedy the situation?

MFN status to Pakistan

1008. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had extended Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status in international trade to Pakistan;

(b) if so, when was the MFN status granted to Pakistan;

(c) whether Government has made any decision whether to continue with this MFN status for Pakistan or to terminate it; and

(d) whether Pakistan has extended MFN status to India?

Impact of US tariff on Indian steel exports

1009. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government has hiked duties on Indian steel exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian steel exports to the US have declined due to such hike in duties;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether export of any other metal to the US has declined in recent quarters; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in exports

1010. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in the exports in major sectors resulting in increase in trade deficit, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, sector-wise and its impact on country's economic growth; and

(b) the details of the problems/ challenges being faced by Indian exporters along with the steps taken by Government to address them including the export incentive schemes announced by Government for exporters?

Industrially Backward Regions of the country

1011. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified

certain areas/regions across the country as 'Industrially Backward Regions';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has committed itself to promote industrial development of those areas/regions which are identified as 'Industrially Backward Regions':

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fast-tracking clearance of FDI proposals

1012. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued instructions not to delay clearance to FDI proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main reasons which led to delays in grant of clearances for FDI and also the major sectors; and

(d) what further steps Government proposes to take to fast-track clearance on FDI proposals?

Demand to increase exports

†1013. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is demand on Government to increase exports;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered this demand so far; and

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

Industrial development after GST and demonetisation

1014. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) steps taken by Government to achieve the target for industrial development in the country after announcement of demonetisation and GST;

(b) if so, the year-wise details thereof indicating the target fixed and achieved in this regard during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise, including Karnataka; and

(c) the further measures taken by Government to achieve the said targets?

Vacancies in CAPFs

1015. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the current strength *vis-a-vis* the sanctioned strength of each of the 7 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs);

(b) since when the vacancies are pending in each of the 7 Central Armed Police Forces, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for pending vacancies; and

(d) what steps Government has taken to fill these vacancies in CAPFs, the details thereof?

Exodus of North Indians from Gujarat

1016. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently

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exodus of North Indians took place from the State of Gujarat;

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

(c) whether inflammatory videos also surfaced during the exodus;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government has taken thereon?

Study about condition of jails

1017. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study about the condition of jails in various States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many States have appointed Board of Visitors who are to regularly inspect prisons to ensure they are in accordance with rules, the details thereof;

(d) whether over-crowding of jails have come to the notice of Government and steps taken to improve the position; and

(e) what is the condition of women prisoners who are languishing in jails and steps taken to improve their condition?

NSG functioning without regular operations commander

1018. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Security Guard (NSG) has been functioning

without a regular operations commander for the past six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the appointment of a full-time IG (operations) in NSG?

Drugs smuggling

1019. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs smuggling from across the border is seriously affecting the people of all ages in Punjab;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some paramilitary forces personnel are alleged to have nexus with drugs smugglers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that drugs are freely supplied to prisoners in jails across the country; and

(d) what action Government is taking to contain the drugs smuggling?

Mob lynching incidents

1020. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mob lynching incidents reported in the country during the last three years and reasons for the same;

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent such violence, the details thereof;

(c) whether these steps have proven to be effective in preventing lynching incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of compensation offered to the affected persons and families?

Population of regions of J&K

1021. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the religion-wise population of all the regions of Jammu and Kashmir, namely Jammu, Ladakh and Kashmir Valley as per the latest census of Government?

Directives for advertisements in official language

†1022. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advertisements along with money spent on them by various Ministries of Government under official language directives in each year since the year, 2014 and language-wise details of the money spent; and

(b) the latest directives with regard to advertisements in official language in view of the above?

Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension

†1023. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether such cases under Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension Scheme have come to the notice of Government in which pension to dependents of Swadhinta Sangram Sainik has not been approved in spite of completing the whole procedure;

(b) whether such cases have also come to the notice of Government in which the pension was earlier being provided to the dependent, but was stopped afterwards in the name of incomplete paper work; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to deal with such matters on priority basis?

Steps to wean away youths from militancy in J&K

1024. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly educated young men including post graduates have started picking up guns in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is the number of such people identified by Government; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to wean them away from militancy and with what result?

Attacks on tribals

1025. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attacks on tribals have increased in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of cases registered in different States during the last three years; and

(c) the proposal to safeguard scheduled tribes specially women?

Working conditions of paramilitary forces

1026. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing

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Committee on Home Affairs in its report dated 11th April, 2014 had expressed concern over the working conditions of paramilitary forces such as CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB etc. observing that they had 16-18 hours shifts, had to commute to their patrol location on foot, lack of basic and medical facilities etc.; and

(b) the reasons for such lamentable conditions in the paramilitary forces despite budget allocation of ₹ 54,985.11 crore, and the proposed steps to improve the same?

Crimes in South West Delhi

1027. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime graph of theft, burglary, rape, murder, snatching, looting etc. has increased in South West District of Delhi, particularly under Dwarka Sector-23 Police Station;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that took place during last one year in South West District of Delhi, particularly under Dwarka Sector 23 Police Station, month-wise;

(c) what kind of measures have been taken by Delhi Police to eliminate such crimes in the area; and

(d) the number of cases solved by Delhi Police so far and number of convictions of criminals during the past one year, month-wise?

Cancellation of registration of NGOs

†1028. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental

Organisations (NGOs) whose registrations were cancelled during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the quantum of funds they received from foreign countries; and

(b) the details of these NGOs along with the funds they received?

Report of Central team on Kerala floods

1029. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any studies to estimate the total loss the State of Kerala has incurred due to flood;

(b) if so, how much is the estimated amount;

(c) if no assessment has been made the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has any report of the Central team that visited Kerala during the floods;

(e) if so, the details of the report submitted; and

(f) if not, by when it is expected to be submitted?

Inhuman treatment of migrants in Assam

1030. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the report recently released by Human Rights NGO 'Amnesty India' on the inhuman treatment of migrants in Assam held in detention camps;

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(b) whether the report reveals that as on September 25, 2018, 1037 people declared foreigners by the Tribunal are being held in detention camps across Assam; and

(c) whether the report says that the detention camps are cordoned-off portions within jails and there are lack of rules governing the rights of detainees due to which the jail manual acts as a default framework?

Identity cards obtained by Rohingya immigrants

1031. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telangana Police have found Aadhar cards, Voter ID cards, PAN cards, Indian Passports and other identity proofs with illegal Rohingya immigrants; and

(b) if so, whether this has been investigated to find out the methods used to obtain these identity cards and what are the steps taken by Government to ensure that it is stopped?

Crimes against women and children

1032. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against women and children are showing rising trend in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, separately during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to initiate effective measures to control such crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response from the States thereto?

LWE a threat to internal security

1033. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is the single internal security threat that affects the large number of States in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are Government's policies to develop the regions affected by LWE?

Crimes against minor girls

†1034. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the cases of crimes against women registered during the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;

(b) the State-wise details of the cases of crimes against children including minor girls registered during 2014, 2015 and 2016; and

(c) the data on which last advisory letter from Central Government was issued to States for stopping crimes against women and children?

Policies to deal with anti-nationalists in J&K

1035. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are two kinds of people in Jammu and Kashmir, one are nationalists and other are anti-nationalists, almost two different ideologies are existing in Jammu and Kashmir;

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(b) what are the constitutional provisions in the Constitution of India to deal with anti-nationalists raising slogans against India, stone pelting on Indian Army and paramilitary forces;

(c) why Government is having such flexible policies to deal with such anti-nationalists in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard as mentioned above?

Increasing crimes in the country

1036. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of various types of crimes have been increasing day-by-day in the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the increase in the crime graph registered during the last three years, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Vacancies in Central Forensic Science Laboratories

1037. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 40 per cent of posts in the Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) under the Directorate of Forensic Science Services is lying vacant and CFSL of the Central Bureau of Investigation has almost 50 per cent vacancy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such a high percentage of vacancies;

(c) by when Government expects to fill all the vacancies in the CFSLS; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to upgrade the forensic divisions in the country?

Financial assistance for improving police infrastructure

1038. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have been extending financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their police infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details of last three years of the financial assistance given to all the States in this regard; and

(c) whether Central Government only advice the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improve the administration of criminal justice system and to ensure prevention of atrocities against women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society or does it extend beyond it, in exceptional circumstances, if so, the details of other such circumstances?

Failure in checking terrorism and naxalism

†1039. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to check terrorism and naxalism, the existing challenge to internal security;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the number of terrorist and naxal attacks across the country during the last three years?

Improving condition of jails

1040. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to improve the condition of jails in the country given the fact that countries like United Kingdom (UK) have expressed serious reservations about repatriating criminals from UK against whom there are serious cases in India; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and budget for such improvements?

Theft and burglary in Timarpur, Delhi

1041. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of theft and burglary cases took place in Sanjay Basti, Timarpur (JJ Colony) under Timarpur Police Station in the North District of Delhi from 1st January, 2018 to October, 2018;
- (b) the number of FIRs registered in this regard, month-wise and name-wise;
- (c) the number of cases solved by Delhi Police so far; and
- (d) when the rest of the cases are to be solved by the Police?

Children missing in Delhi

1042. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of children went

missing in Delhi during the last three years i.e. 2016, 2017 and 2018, till date;

- (b) out of them, how many children were traced during the same period;
- (c) whether there is any check on the Anti-Human Trafficking Units; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Restrictions on issuance of FCRA certificates

1043. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has put restrictions on issuance of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) certificates for voluntary organisations;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) how many FCRA certificates have been issued in the period of 2015-17 to voluntary organisations;
- (d) whether Government is planning to amend rules for providing legal avenues for foreign funding to voluntary organisations; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Illegal stay of Rohingya Muslims in the country

1044. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Rohingya Muslims entered in the country illegally;
- (b) if so, what is the number of such illegal entrants and what is the harmful effect on country's national security and communal harmony;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent further entry and to drive them out of country; and

(d) what special precautions have been taken to ensure that this problem should not become permanent like problem of illegal Bangladeshi Muslims in the country?

Division of Schedule IX and Schedule X institutions under AP Reorganisation Act

1045. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the division of Schedule IX and Schedule X institutions under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act is still pending even after four and a half years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for such pendency, till date; and

(c) how many institutions are to be divided and how many of them were completely divided till date and by what time complete division of these institutions will be completed?

Solitary confinement in prisons

1046. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of solitary confinement is permitted under the law and practiced in prisons in the country and if so, details thereof including reasons why solitary confinement is practiced;

(b) whether Government collects statistics on undertrials and convicts kept in solitary confinements in prisons;

(c) if so, the list of undertrials and

convicts kept in solitary confinement during the last three years, State-wise and prison-wise, along with details including duration of solitary confinement and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any study/survey on the effect of solitary confinement on the mental and physical health of prisoners?

Publicity of good work of police personnel

†1047. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had advised all the Director Generals of Police of State Governments/UTs to make necessary arrangements and put into place a mechanism which will ensure publicity of positive/good work done at police station level or district level or any other police office below them and which may help in changing negative image of police among public;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the police establishments of States/UTs have taken necessary steps in this direction and whether it has yielded positive results?

Long queues for immigration clearance

1048. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

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

Misuse of Aadhaar card and PAN card in purchasing mobile phone

1049. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of CP, Delhi Police, offices of DCP (EOW) and Outer Delhi have received complaints regarding misuse of Aadhaar card and PAN card in purchasing mobile phone and a complaint was also lodged in South Rohini Police Station, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been initiated in this regard so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the complainant has been apprised of the action taken by Delhi Police; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mujra dances after midnight

†1050. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mujra dances are going on within sound proof walls in different areas of Delhi illegally after midnight;

(b) the action taken by Government against the same; and

(c) the number of people against whom cases have been registered in this regard?

Survey on functioning of Delhi Police

1051. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to do a survey focussing on the public perception of the functioning of the Delhi Police, including the aspects of women safety, service level quality of policing, speed and response, etc.;

(b) if so, whether the details of this survey would be considered for sharing in public domain; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that behaviour of Delhi Police Personnel towards public is responsive and courteous?

Killing of paramilitary forces

1052. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of our paramilitary personnel have been killed in recent times;

(b) if so, the number of such casualties during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the modern facilities and equipment provided to them to combat this situation without suffering much or no loss of life?

Attacks on African nationals

1053. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted media reports on a recent incident in a Haryana village where the African

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nationals were attacked on the rumour that they kidnapped a boy and ate him;

(b) whether these kinds of rumours and attacks amount to racial discrimination against the African nationals in India and that brings bad name to the country, if so, reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to punish the rumour mongers and the attackers?

Piling up of cases due to vacancy in forensic labs

1054. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies in the country's forensic labs are alarmingly high affecting the disposal of cases piled up in courts and undertrial prisoners languishing in jails;

(b) if so, the details of the sanctioned posts and vacancies in the six Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) under the Directorate of Forensic Science Services and State Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs); and

(c) the reasons for such a huge number of vacancies in FSLs and measures being taken to fill up the vacancies?

Ensuring transparency in departmental enquiries

1055. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of punishments/departmental actions against the staff/officials and jawans of paramilitary forces after the departmental enquiry has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details of such cases in all paramilitary forces separately during last three years;

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place to ensure transparency to the staff/officials/jawans in paramilitary forces, facing departmental enquiries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure transparency during the departmental enquiries?

Fake currency circulation

1056. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fake currency circulation is rampant in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received complaints about various militant outfits and other agencies involved in the circulation of fake currency in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any serious and stringent measures to put an end to fake currency circulation in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Observation of Supreme Court Judges about condition of jails

1057. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation made by two Supreme Court Judges about the primeval condition in jails where undertrial prisoners are housed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are being taken to improve the condition in the prisons in the capital?

Shifting of CRPF centre to Chandauli, UP

1058. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the CRPF centre in Taralu, Bengaluru is being shifted to Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh, which is causing inconvenience to thousands of employees from South India; and

(b) if so, the steps initiated to reverse the decision?

Mutilation of dead body of Indian jawans

1059. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani forces recently mutilated the dead bodies of Indian jawans after killing them in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken in the matter?

Inclusion of workers of unorganised sectors under Labour Code

1060. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unorganised sector, IT sector employees and administrative staff is not included under the ambit of Labour Code on

occupational safety, health and working conditions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the draft Code looks to reduce safety inspections for companies deploying fewer than 500 people;

(c) if so, how does Government plan to ensure the inclusion of workers in the unorganised sector under the scheme; and

(d) the details of all the social security schemes under the ambit of Labour Code on occupational safety, health and working conditions?

Transformation of EPFO into a fund manager

1061. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to transform Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) into a fund manager by handing over the funds of other social security schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Low job growth rate

1062. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether average job growth during last four years has been 1.9 per cent only as per the recent report;

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

(c) the details of job growth during 2018 till date, month-wise and sector-wise;

(d) whether average job growth rate during 2006-09 has been 3.5 per cent during 2010-14, it has been 2.6 per cent; and

(e) if so, the reasons for failure of Government to address the alarming job situation in the country?

Increasing employment rate

1063. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment rate in the country has increased during the last three/four year period; and

(b) if so, the details of the employment rate during the said period, both in agriculture and non-agriculture sector and what action Government is taking to increase the employment in these sectors?

AYUSH units in all ESI hospitals in Karnataka

1064. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka has the highest number of AYUSH dispensaries in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ESI hospitals does not have AYUSH units in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested the Ministry to start AYUSH units in all ESI hospitals in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, what the Ministry has done with this request and by when the approval is going to be accorded?

Contribution of domestic work in Indian economy

1065. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic work is the largest occupation for women in urban India;

(b) if so, the size of the labour market and the contribution of domestic work in Indian economy; and

(c) whether any budget allocation is made for their social security?

Decrease in employment in the country

1066. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outsourcing of employment in the country by different companies including banks and public sectors has reduced to 50 per cent in the last three years period in comparison to the year 2013-14;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that IT firms of the country continue a slowdown trend of getting contract in the first quarter of 2018; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and plan on proposal with long term strategy of Government to generate and/or making productive employment market therein?

Introduction of Aam Admi Bima Yojana in all States

1067. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY) has been introduced in all the States, if so, the details of enrollment from each States till now; and

(b) the details of benefits distributed among the enrolled beneficiaries from the State of Kerala, the details thereof year-wise?

ILO prescribed standards for domestic workers

1068. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism for regulating working conditions for domestic workers in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has prescribed any standard for regulating working conditions for domestic workers: and

(c) whether the current regulations comply with the ILO prescribed standards, if so, the details thereof?

Welfare schemes for unorganised workers

1069. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several welfare schemes have been formulated and implemented for the unorganised workers particularly for rural and agricultural labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the monitoring mechanism of the schemes particularly in case of accidents;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilised under the schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) the number of agricultural labourers benefited by these schemes during the said period State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government exclusively for the welfare of agricultural labourers in the country?

Scheme for poor child labour

1070. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that children from poor families are being forced to work to support their families;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto along with the provisions of existing law in this regard; and

(c) the details of schemes being implemented by Government to bring such children into the mainstream?

Incentive scheme for women workers in public and private sector

1071. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an incentive scheme has been proposed by Government wherein seven week's wages would be reimbursed to the employers on employing women workers with up to ₹15,000 wage ceiling and 26 weeks paid maternity benefit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposed scheme can be implemented well in the public sector but not in private and contract jobs;

(c) if so, what steps would Government take to ensure the equal implementation of the proposed scheme in the private sector; and

(d) what alternatives does Government have for the women workers in private sector other than the proposed scheme?

Provident Fund trusts

1072. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Provident Fund (PF) trusts exists in the country under the PF Act, 1925;

(b) the details of the number of subscribers availing the services of the PF trusts;

(c) the details of the contributions by the subscribers in these PF trusts; and

(d) the details of the unclaimed amount lying in these trusts?

Cases relating to bonded labour

1073. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where FIR has been registered under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise;

(b) what is the rate of conviction in cases filed under the Act;

(c) whether there are increasing number of inter-State cases of bonded labour;

(d) whether there are any provisions for repatriation of bonded labourers to their home State; and

(e) if so, the designated authority who has the responsibility to conduct the repatriation, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of bonded labourers

1074. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many bonded labourers have

been rehabilitated till 2018 under the Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour Scheme of 2016;

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

(c) the details of the industries in which they have been rehabilitated, new employment opportunities and transaction cost incurred; and

(d) what steps has the Ministry undertaken to put in place a standard labour-contract for these rehabilitated labourers?

Social security of labourers in the textile industry

1075. SHRI BINOY VISWAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the report by International Labour Organisation (ILO) that over half the garment sector in India pays less than legal minimum wage;

(b) whether there is any policy by Government to ensure that statutory minimum wages in the textile sector is reviewed regularly in line with the cost of living, provide adequate income for a decent living standard for workers without the need for excessive overtime hours, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government controls the attempt of manufacturers to devalue the female labour by paying them lesser wages in garment sector?

Women employment

1076. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recent

records of percentage of women employment in the country in formal as well as informal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to reimburse employers for maternity leave in the private sector to encourage overall women employment; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme and its expected time of launch?

Subsidy and other benefits to MSMEs

1077. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide subsidy and other benefits to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

GeM portal

1078. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to use its e-Market (GeM) portal for transparent and open platform to get buyers more choices and sellers including micro and small scale manufacturers to get benefits in doing business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of sellers registered on the GeM portal along with the list of products?

Industrial Potential Profiles

1079. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that office of the Development Commissioner is preparing the Industrial Potential Profiles at the State and district levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any effort to develop any district as well as State on the basis of Industrial Potential Profiles;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/ district-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds to States for development of MSMEs

1080. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any exclusive funds to various States for the overall development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country especially after demonetisation process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the MSME sector during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Tamil Nadu?

Employment generation through KVIC

1081. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to generate employment for crores of persons during the last three years through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes initiated for this purpose; and

(c) the names of States which are likely to benefit from the said proposal including Jammu and Kashmir?

Implementation of National Gas Grid

1082. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of developing additional 13,105 km. gas pipelines as part of National Gas Grid and to increase the availability of natural gas across the country;

(b) the existing geographical area and population covered under the current City Gas Distribution (CGD) network;

(c) the status of projects currently underway under the National Gas Grid and the details thereof;

(d) by when Government expect to complete the laying of additional pipelines and cover 100 per cent of the population; and

(e) the number and length of pipelines completed over the last three years and current year?

Pricing mechanism of petroleum products

1083. SHRISYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria/policy to fix petroleum products prices in the country along with the increase/decrease in the prices during each of the last three years and the current year, product-wise including petrol, diesel, CNG, LPG, ATF and kerosene; and

(b) the details of the prices of crude oil in the international market during the said period and the reasons for not passing the full benefits of lower prices of crude oil in international market to consumers, product-wise including petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, ATF and kerosene etc. along with its likely impact on poor and prices of essential commodities?

Supply of LPG and LNG to Nepal

1084. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Nepal have agreed to explore the possibilities of laying pipelines for supply of LPG and LNG to Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in the matter so far;

(c) the quantum of LPG and LNG proposed to be supplied to the neighbouring nation;

(d) the details of the estimated investment likely to be made for the project and how the funds will be mobilised; and

(e) the other details of the agreement (s) signed between the two countries in this regard?

Irregularities in appointments in ONGC

†1085. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that official procedures have not been followed in some appointments in ONGC Energy Centre which reflects a lack of transparency;

(b) the details of appointments made in ONGC Energy Centre during the last three years;

(c) whether a person has been appointed in ONGC Energy Centre who worked in a private oil company for a long time and official procedure has not been followed in his/her appointment; and

(d) the details of procedures which were followed in this appointment?

Daily revision of Prices of petroleum products

1086. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether the prices of petroleum products has been increasing day-by-day across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the measures being taken to stabilize the prices;

(b) whether the decontrol of the pricing system of petroleum products is practiced only when the price in international market goes up; and

(c) the details thereof and the measures taken by Government to curtail the increasing prices of the petroleum products in view of sanctions imposed on Iran by the US recently?

Revenue earned through taxation on petrol and diesel

†1087. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) detail of profits earned by Indian Oil Corporation Limited and other State-owned petroleum companies during the last three years;

(b) details of amount collected by Government through taxes levied on petrol and diesel during the last three years, year-wise, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that tax collection of Government also surges with rise in prices of petroleum products as a result of which Government receives more revenue in terms of tax; and

(d) whether Government will consider making an arrangement by which taxes are not increased with rise in prices of petroleum products?

Benefits of decline in crude oil price to consumers

1088. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether price of crude oil in

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international market has declined to the lowest level of last 13 months during November-December, 2018;

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

(c) whether Government has not extended full benefits of decline in crude oil prices to public while selling petrol and diesel in retail;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the price of petrol and diesel in retail in Mumbai and Delhi for the month of November and December, 2018 till date, date-wise?

Proposal to export LPG

1089. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to allow some private companies to export LPG;

(b) if so, details of such proposal including names of entities from which such proposal has been received, along with rationale given by them for making such a proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that as of now country needs to import LPG to meet half its demand;

(d) if so, whether Government is considering rejection of the proposal; and

(e) if not, whether Government is considering acceptance of such a proposal and if so, the reasons therefor?

Supply of CNG to petrol pumps in Hazira, Gujarat

†1090. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions governing supply of CNG to petrol pumps at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that petrol pumps located at a distance of 50 km. from the pipeline passing from Hazria are not being supplied CNG;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government to ensure supply of CNG to all petrol pumps in the country as also to ensure its availability at cheaper prices throughout the country?

Fuel prices in domestic market *vis-a-vis* international market

1091. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increase in petroleum prices is not commensurate with the rise in petroleum prices in international market;

(b) the details of crude petroleum imports during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of prices of crude per barrel in international market and the retail price per litre in Indian market; and

(d) the details of average consumption of petrol and diesel annually in the country?

Levy of marketing margin by private sector

1092. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has taken any decision regarding the issue of

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marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas marketeers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government thereto?

Sale of oil/gas fields of ONGC and OIL

1093. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a six-member committee to look at selling off as many as 149 small and marginal oil and gas fields of State-owned ONGC and OIL to private and foreign companies to boost domestic output; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in average of oil basket

1094. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average of country's oil basket declined by 4.74 per cent in October, 2018 while the pump price declined by only 2.14 per cent in October, 2018; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the consumer is being shortchanged by the oil companies?

LNG pipeline from Indore to Amaravati

1095. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil proposed an LNG pipeline from Indore to Amaravati, capital of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time the project will be commissioned and the services provided through this pipeline, the details thereof?

Oil and gas exploration in foreign countries

†1096. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) names of the public sector oil companies which have been assigned the work of exploring oil and gas in foreign countries during the last three years;

(b) names of the countries in which these companies have signed contracts for oil exploration; and

(c) the quantum of production of these companies with regard to the work assigned to them?

Laying of HPCL gas pipeline

1097. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether HPCL is laying a gas pipeline from Ibrahimpatnam in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh to Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether HPCL is acquiring 30sq. mtr. width of land to acquire 250 acres of land in G. Konduru, Veerulapadu, Chandrapadu, Kanchikacherla Mandals, Krishna district and issued notices to 800 farmers in these Mandals;

(c) how HPCL justifies that to make farmer liable if there is any damage to pipeline passing through his land;

(d) reasons why HPCL is paying only 10 per cent cost of land registration as compensation; and

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(e) how Ministry is going to resolve this and pay suitable compensation to farmers?

Collection of personal details of petroleum dealers' employees

1098. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government through Hindustan Petroleum, Indian Oil Corporation has asked the petroleum dealers to share details of the caste, religion and constituency of their employees;

(b) if so, the reasons behind Government move towards getting the personal details of the employees, the details of the notification given to petroleum suppliers; and

(c) whether Government or the public sector oil companies have proposed to block the oil supplies if the details are not shared?

Shortage of CNG filling stations

†1099. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of CNG filling stations is being felt in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to increase its numbers;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Acquisition of oil and gas fields by Indian oil companies

1100. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian oil companies have any aggressive plan to acquire oil and gas fields in overseas countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which are the countries where shares in oil and gas fields have been acquired by Indian oil companies till now; and

(d) the details of the countries where the Indian oil companies already possess shares?

Funds allocated under skill development schemes to Andhra Pradesh

1101. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted/allocated under various skill development schemes to the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds released under various skill development schemes to the State during the last three years; and

(c) the details of funds yet to be released to the State?

Indian Institute of Skills

1102. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to give a boost to 'Skill India' Mission, Government is planning to set up skill institutes in the name of Indian Institute of Skills across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such institutes proposed to be established in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

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Reformation of Sector Skill Councils

1103. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of fund disbursed to each of the Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), since 2014;

(b) the details of per cent utilisation of funds and types of projects funded by each of the SSCs since 2014;

(c) in the light of the Sharda Prasad Committee report on 'Conflict of interest' in the composition and governance of Sector Skill Councils, what steps have been taken for redressal of the same; and

(d) what is the Ministry's stand on the Committee's recommendation that all Sector Skill Councils may be scrapped due to such conflict of interest?

Skill Development Centres in J&K

1104. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts/cities of Jammu and Kashmir where Skill Development Centres (SDCs) have been set up, the location-wise details thereof; and

(b) the number of persons trained and provided employment through these Skill Development Centres during the last three years?

Details of PMKVY in Haryana

1105. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the students certified

under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in the State of Haryana;

(b) the details of the certified students who were placed under the scheme in the State of Haryana; and

(c) the average monthly remuneration offered to the students placed under the scheme in the State of Haryana?

Skill development programme and job opportunities

†1106. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those receiving training under skill development programme are also finding it difficult to get a job;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of persons who have received training under the skill development programme since its inception to till date number of persons who were able to secure employment following this training, the details thereof?

Merger of NCVT and NSDA

1107. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to merge the National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) and the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said decision is likely

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to improve the quality of training for skill development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Youth enrolled under skill development programme

1108. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) total number of youth between the age of 15 and 30, who have been enrolled for any skill development programme or schemes run by Government;

(b) State-wise, district-wise, gender-wise and age-wise details of enrolled youth;

(c) scheme-wise details of enrolled youth; and

(d) details of youth, State-wise, district-wise, gender-wise, age-wise, who have been given employment post the skilling and training?

Apprenticeship for youth in companies

1109. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of registered companies is almost 8 lakh in the country while apprenticeship facility is provided merely by 23,000 companies;

(b) if so, the steps taken or being taken against the companies which does not provide the facility of apprenticeship;

(c) the number of youth availed apprenticeship so far under the skill development programme of Government; and

(d) whether the target of providing apprenticeship under the skill development has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor?

Functioning of the PMKVY

1110. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) details of all the participants, including type of training and placement, in the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), State-wise details, since the inception of the scheme;

(b) Ministry's reasons for the lack of placement opportunities and low placement rates in the scheme;

(c) whether Government conducted any survey regarding the skills required by private sector firms, or regarding existing skill gaps in various industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the PMKVY scheme has any stakeholder engagement initiatives, with industry, workers and other Ministries, if so, the details thereof and results therein?

Growth in skill development through SDCs

†1111. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) names of the States in the country, in chronological order in terms of growth in skill development and entrepreneurship;

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(b) State-wise number of Skill Development Centres (SDCs) established so far during the last three years and the number of unemployed persons provided employment;

(c) the amount provided by Government to the States in the said period under the said scheme; and

(d) whether Government proposes to increase this amount and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation work in SAIL plants

†1112. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the plants of SAIL under Ministry of Steel where upgradation work is being done;

(b) by when this work would be completed; and

(c) the estimated increase expected in the production capacity of SAIL after upgradation as compared to earlier production capacity?

Reviving the handloom/handicrafts sector in PPP mode

1113. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to preserve and revive the handloom/handicrafts sector in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) whether Government has plans to open any handicraft academy for revival of the handloom sector; and

(c) if so, the details of the same, the investment to be incurred therein and the expected time-frame for it?

Employees of textile sector registered under PMPRPY

1114. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employees of textile sector registered under Pradhan Mantri Paridhan Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMPRPY), State-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated under this scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that beneficiaries have not been able to receive their claims due to errors in Aadhaar linkage to their PAN numbers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exempting GST for handloom sector

1115. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government is considering exempting Goods and Services Tax (GST) for handloom sector?

Quality of cotton in the country

†1116. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of cotton is imported every year due to less produce and substandard quality of cotton in the country;

(b) if so, the country-wise details of imported cotton during the last two years; and

(c) whether efforts are being made by Government to increase the production of cotton and improve its quality as per international standards?

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Export competitiveness of Tirupur textile cluster

1117. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating a scheme to provide incentives and special concessions for enhancing the export competitiveness of the Tirupur textile cluster, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to ban the export of cotton and yarn as uncontrolled exports caused severe increases in the price of cotton and yarn in the domestic market, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is addressing the issues related to GST refunds and withdrawal of incentives to protect the MSME units in Tirupur textile cluster?

Promotion of handloom sector

1118. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government has taken to promote handloom sector in the country, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to give subsidy to handloom sector to encourage handloom weavers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Release of dues of bullion parties by HHEC

1119. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Handicrafts and Handloom

Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) have linked, tagged and correlated cases of corrupt and clean bullion parties together for the purpose of releasing their legitimate dues;

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

(c) whether any investigating agency has requested the HHEC to block the payments of MSMEs against whom no cases have been registered so far; and

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

Investigation of cases of bullion parties under HHEC

1120. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is investigating some cases relating to irregularities or misconduct of bullion parties under the Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC);

(b) if so, the names of such bullion parties and present status of the cases;

(c) whether CBI has directed HHEC to withhold payments of bullion parties against whom no allegations have ever been made of dubious transactions;

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

(e) whether HHEC have sought some clarifications on releasing of payments of such parties and if so, response of CBI to HHEC thereto?

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