

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 114

#### Expansion of trade with foreign countries

279. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) what is the achievement of Government with respect to adding of new areas of trade with the countries having trade relations with India and with other new countries during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total revenue likely to be generated from expansion of such trade areas?

#### Impact of exit of Great Britain from European Union

280. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that after the exit

of Great Britain from European Union there are fears in Indian Industry with regard to business with UK;

(b) if so, the details thereof both in long term and short term; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take to allay the fears of Indian industry?

#### Impact of slowdown in manufacturing sector on job creation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the creation of jobs in the country has weakened due to the downturn in the manufacturing and export sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of jobs created in the private and Public Sector Undertakings in 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively; and

(c) the State-wise and sector-wise details of employment generated in the country?

**OECD ranking of India in export of fake merchandise goods**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) ranking India 5th globally in the export of fake merchandise goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to check production and export of fake and counterfeit goods?

**Reworking on FTA due to exit of Britain from EU**

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

(a) with Britain deciding to exit from the European Union, whether India will have to rework the proposed Free Trade Agreement with the single-currency bloc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the recalibration would be done?

**Patents for handloom and handicraft products**

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

(a) whether the handloom and handicraft products of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been recognized for their Geographical Indication (GI) under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has enabled registering patents in respect of handloom sarees of Gadwal, Venkatagiri, Naraynapeta, Mangalagiri, Uppada and other centres of excellence in weaving sarees and handloom products like Kondapalli toys;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government would consider patents for these handloom and handicraft products?

**Reservations against 100 per cent FDI in various sectors**

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

(a) whether FDI in nine sectors including 100 per cent in Defence sector has given rise to grave reservation from various quarters, how will Government justify this logic;

(b) similarly 74 per cent FDI in Brownfield and 100 per cent FDI in Greenfield projects in Pharma sector has raised apprehensions, how does Government justify this decision;

(c) whether any shortcomings have been reported in implementing the SEZ policy resulting in revenue loss to Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Impact of import of tyres**

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

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the year-wise and country-wise details of imported tyres/radial tyres including those of trucks and buses in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether import of tyres, particularly from China, has increased in the country;

(c) if so, whether the tyre industry has requested Government to take measures to discontinue import of radial tyres in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Government's reaction to the request and whether Government has taken any steps to protect the domestic tyre industry, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allowing 100 per cent FDI in sensitive sectors**

287. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in various sectors including Defence, Aviation and Retail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons and rationale for change in stand of Government on FDI and allowing 100 per cent FDI in sensitive sectors?

#### **Details of industrial area development projects for Himachal Pradesh**

288. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has cleared two industrial area development

projects for Himachal Pradesh involving an investment of ₹ 112 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amount that have been released for the purpose, project-wise; and

(d) by when the work on both the projects are likely to be started, project-wise?

#### **Capacity building to track trade restrictive measures**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is trying to build capacity to comprehensively track the trade restrictive measures taken by other countries, especially those that hurt India's exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that India has been advocating that certain issues including labour and environment, must be kept out of the WTO's purview and instead be dealt with by the global bodies concerned such as the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Quality standards for import of goods**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a desperate need for India to ensure high quality standards for goods;

(b) whether it is also a fact that increasing tariff or imposing quantitative restrictions alone cannot completely

prevent poor quality and undesirable imports;

(c) whether Government is considering to set a standard for import of goods; and

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

#### **Closing of industrial clusters in Punjab**

291. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's biggest industrial clusters in Punjab are shutting down their industrial units; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Decline in IEM applications**

292. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of total number of Industrial Entrepreneurship Memorandum (IEM) applications have registered a steep decline since 2013; and

(b) if so, the comparative statement of the last three years with regard to the amount contained in IEMs for each year?

#### **Export of fish by MPEDA**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of India's potential of export of a number of excellent varieties of fish including seabass, tilapia and mud crab, which are delicious

and have huge acceptance in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the reasons for which Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is more concerned for export of shrimps only;

(c) the details of various varieties of fish exported by MPEDA during the last three years; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government for export of all varieties of fish and the sea products?

#### **Approval for setting up of IT/ITeS SEZs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the proposal for setting up of IT/ITeS Special Economic Zones in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has given more time to many developers to complete their projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **'Start-up India'-coverage and eligibility**

295. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken note of the media reports which state that barely 1 in every 6 startup applicant qualifies under the 'Start-up India' programme to avail of various benefits under the programme;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken

steps to increase the coverage and eligibility of more startups within the 'Start-up India' programme ;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken steps to improve the participation of rural startup entrepreneurs within the 'Start-up India' programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Crop loss to cardamom farmers due to deficient rainfall**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers producing spices suffer with crop loss due to deficient rainfall and high temperature, especially the cardamom farmers in South India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to support them?

**Setting up of industrial clusters under MIIUS in A.P.**

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

(a) whether Government has proposed any scheme to establish new industries or to develop industrial clusters under Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIIUS) in the newly bifurcated State of Andhra Pradesh in the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including amount allocated for these schemes; and

(c) the details of measures proposed to develop the backward districts industrially in Andhra Pradesh?

**Foreign investment under 'Make in India' programme**

298. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the key achievements of the 'Make in India' programme and its role in increasing FDI;

(b) key areas in which Government proposes to further improve the performance under the 'Make in India' campaign;

(c) the names of the companies, including Multi-National companies which have invested or shown interest to invest in the country under the said programme along with the investment made so far thereunder, sector-wise; and

(d) the year-wise details of increase in Foreign Direct Investment in India in the last three years?

**Protecting Taj Mahal from pollution**

299. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that parts of the Taj Mahal are turning greenish-black because of release of faeces and dirt by an insect called Geoldichironomus;

(b) whether attention of the Central and UP Government has been drawn towards the problem by the environmentalists which has led to consequent breeding of the insect;

(c) what action has been taken by the Central and State Government to check environmental degradation to this historical and natural heritage of the country due to carbon emissions, air, water and noise

pollution and the breeding of the insect; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Declaration of Adams's Bridge as a national heritage monument**

300. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the proposal to declare Ram Setu/Adam's Bridge as a national heritage monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act of 1958; and

(b) whether any affidavit has yet been filed in the Supreme Court in response to the notice issued by the Supreme Court in Transfer case No. 26-27 of 2006?

**Protection of tribal culture and heritage**

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

(a) the measures taken by Government to protect tribal culture and heritage across the country;

(b) whether Government had conducted any study to identify vulnerable cultural groups; and

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

**Establishment of ideal libraries at district level in the country**

†302. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan regarding National Library Mission for upgradation of libraries under the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allotted, State-wise, by Government in this respect; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to establish an ideal library at district level in each State/Union Territory of the country, if so, the details thereof and the State-wise number of libraries established so far?

**Proposal to consider Bhubaneswar as an International Heritage City**

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

(a) what is the status of the proposal to UNESCO to consider Bhubaneswar city of Odisha for declaring it as an 'International Heritage City';

(b) whether the Ministry has pursued the matter with UNESCO; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for monuments in Himachal Pradesh**

304. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has indentified monuments in Himachal Pradesh under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such monuments; and

(c) the funds allocated by Government to the State Governments in this regard?

**Number of cultural institutions**

305. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of cultural institutions under Central Government;

(b) how many of them are headed by Government officials and how many by individuals/committee nominated by Government;

(c) in how many of them have there been complaints about new office bearers that they are not competent to lead them; and

(d) in how many of them office bearers have been changed and in how many of them the stand-off continues?

#### **Entry fee for monuments under ASI**

306. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had ordered a threefold hike in the entry fee for 116 monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for domestic visitors and 100 per cent for foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has also came out with a notification wherein those who purchase high value tickets would be awarded better facilities in the form of free bottled water, wi-fi connectivity, mementoes and CDs with pictures and films of monuments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Role of National Monuments Authority**

307. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the National Monuments Authority (NMA) in protecting ancient and protected monuments all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NMA is charged with ensuring that no illegal construction in violation of the Ancient Monument's Act comes up around the iconic Humayun's tomb and such monuments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NMA has given permission to build high rise buildings around the tomb; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure that laws are implemented to preserve the glory and culture of our country?

#### **Response to Capital Goods Scheme**

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

(a) whether there is a good response to the Ministry's Capital Goods Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Industries which have availed benefits under this scheme till now?

#### **Steps to increase competence of Navratna PSUs**

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

(a) whether Government is implementing any concrete steps to increase the competence of Navratna Public Sector Undertakings in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Strengthening of PSUs in core and strategic areas**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to strengthen Public Sector Undertakings in the core and strategic areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to infuse fresh capital and technology in core PSUs;
- (d) whether Government mulls to stop disinvestment of profit making PSUs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Revival and restoration of old mills**

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

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to revive and restore old mills that have been non-functional for more than five years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with funds released by Government for the same?

**Autonomy to PSUs**

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

- (a) whether the policies of Government is preventing competitive atmosphere for public sector firms in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to

be taken for bringing greater functional autonomy and freedom from bureaucratic control to the PSUs?

**Attack on CRPF personnel in Kashmir**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of attacks on CRPF personnel recently in Kashmir;
- (b) whether the group of suspected terrorists have been identified and whether they had come from across the border;
- (c) whether Standard Operating Procedures were observed while movement of CRPF vehicles, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of compensation paid to the families of jawans martyred, including giving employment to their kin; and
- (e) whether, in view of frequent attacks,, SOPs would be reviewed to make them foolproof and to prevent such attacks in future?

**Review of security arrangement at airports**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of terrorist attacks at various airports recently, security at Indian airports has been reviewed and put on high alert;
- (b) if so, whether meeting of police authorities, airport authorities, State police has been held to ensure safety and security of the airports;



(c) whether latest technology like hydraulic bollards, liquid explosive detectors, explosive detection spray kit, camera-fitted optic fibre endoscope have been provided at all airports, the details thereof; and

(d) whether machinery of intelligence gathering and analysis on the basis of specific inputs has been strengthened?

**Police stations in Delhi overburdened and understaffed**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the police stations in Delhi are overburdened and understaffed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the proposed measures Government is planning to undertake to solve this issue?

**Handing over insurgent operations to CRPF in J&K**

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

(a) whether a number of agencies/ organizations are collecting, collating and disseminating information to a joint cell on insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, why incidents like Pampore in J&K are taking place;

(c) whether the Ministry is mulling to handover insurgent operations only to the CRPF instead of BSF, army and the State police;

(d) if so, whether the intelligence agency will be integrated with the operations headquarters of the CRPF; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Gap in security framework in the country**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there exist huge gap in security framework in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in next five years to reduce the gap in this regard?

**Arrests by NIA**

318. 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 media reports that six youths picked up by NIA in connection with IS threat to Hyderabad were innocent and that they were released immediately; and

(b) if so, whether Government will consider paying adequate compensation to such victims since their reputation and social standing have been badly affected by the NIA arrests?

**Google's request to allow its Street View plan of Indian terrain on Web**

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

(a) whether Google has requested Government to allow its "Street View" plan of Indian Terrain on Web;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of Government in this regard?

#### **Cancellation of FCRA licence of NGOs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cancelled the FCRA licence of some NGOs including activist Teesta Setalvad's NGO Sabrang Trust;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the United Nations human rights experts have urged India to repeal the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), as the law was increasingly obstructing civil society's access to foreign funding; and

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

#### **Escalation of militant violence in Kashmir Valley**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a serious escalation of militant violence in Kashmir Valley in recent times;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents' the number of CRPF, para-military personnel and BSF personnel died/injured in such incidents; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Meeting of Inter State Council**

322. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the Inter

State Council has been held between 2006 and 2015 at the national level;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and decisions arrived at and the details thereof;

(c) if not, the detailed reasons therefor; and

(d) whether non-holding of any meeting of Inter State Council for a long time has any impact on Co-operative Federalism?

#### **Terrorist attacks in the country**

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

(a) the details of terrorist attacks in the country, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir since 1st May, 2016 till date, incident-wise;

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

(c) the details of ex-gratia/compensation announced and paid to victims/families of victims, so far, incident-wise; and

(d) the reasons for steep rise of 47 per cent in militancy related incidents during the current year?

#### **Threat to lonely senior citizens**

324. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the threat to the lonely senior citizens persists even within the gated residential complexes;

(b) whether Government would consider installing panic buttons with distress indicators installed at the Security Office of their complex in such houses where there are senior citizens living all alone so that immediate help could be reached in case of need; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take up the matter with resident welfare associations through the local police stations?

**Security expenditure of Tibetan spiritual leaders**

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

(a) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested the Union Government to bear the entire security expenditure of Tibetan spiritual leaders, Dalai Lama and Karmapa, so that the State's limited resources could be used for strengthening police force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto along with the steps taken/being taken by Government thereon?

**Attacks in Delhi on foreigners and people from other parts of country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that people hailing from other parts of the country and foreigners are attacked off and on in Delhi;

(b) how many such cases have been reported during last three years and in how many of them culprits have been apprehended and proceeded against;

(c) whether there have been instances of laxity on the part of the Delhi Police in such cases; and

(d) is it not advisable to have a police wing to attend to law and order problem in Delhi as different from another wing concentrating on cases of national

importance originating from various places as well?

**Increase in infiltration bids by terrorists in J & K**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration bids by terrorists from across the border along Indo-Pakistan borders in Jammu and Kashmir have recently taken a sudden jump;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to prevent such incidents?

**Security personnel killed in militant attacks in J & K**

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

(a) the number of CRPF and other para-military forces personnel killed in ambush or attacks of militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) the number of such personnel who were grievously hurt during the said period; and

(c) what action Government has taken on these incidents?

**Upgradating trade points into integrated check posts**

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

(a) whether Government in 2013 had decided to upgrade 13 trade points with

neighbouring countries into Integrated Check Posts (ICPs);

(b) if so, the number of ICPs upgraded and opened so far;

(c) the reasons for very slow pace of work in this regard; and

(d) the time by which all the trade points are likely to be upgraded to ICPs?

#### **Trafficking of tribal women to big cities**

330. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of trafficking of tribal women to big cities to engage them illegally as maid servants, bonded labourers or into sex trade have increased during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that many Non-Governmental Organizations have brought before Government the increasing prevalence of such trends across the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has no record of such trafficking; and

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

#### **Busting of terrorist module of IS in Hyderabad by NIA**

†331. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Investigation Agency (NIA) has busted the suspicious terrorist module of IS in Hyderabad and some people have been arrested in this regard;

(b) the parts of the country where the suspicious terrorists of IS are reported to be hiding;

(c) whether it is a fact that flag of IS is repeatedly displayed in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details of such incidents in last two years?

#### **Natural disasters in Goa**

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

(a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding natural disasters that have taken place in Goa in the last four years;

(b) if so, the details of assessment made;

(c) the areas identified where natural disasters have taken place;

(d) the financial assistance given to the State Government in this regard during the last four years; and

(e) whether the Central Government distinguishes between natural calamities and natural disasters?

#### **Accidents involving four wheelers in Delhi**

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

(a) the number of accidents involving four wheelers that have taken place in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) the number of persons who have lost their lives in each case;

(c) the number of cases in which prosecutions have been filed under provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Motor Vehicles Act;

(d) the conviction, if any, that have taken place in each of these cases; and

(e) the details thereof?

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### **Cancellation of registration of NGOs**

334. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has cut down the number of NGOs registered to receive foreign funding;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of NGOs whose registration was cancelled after the NDA Government came to power at the Centre;
- (c) the reasons for cancelling registration of these NGOs;
- (d) whether it has been alleged that Government is taking action against those NGOs who are not towing the ideology of Government/ruling party; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and if not, the further punitive action taken/proposed to be taken against those NGOs who have not declared their foreign funding?

### **Kidney trade racket**

335. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of luring the poor people of the States like Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, etc. by touts for donating kidney and other organs have come to the notice of Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last year and this year, State-wise including Odisha;
- (c) whether a kidney trade racket at a prestigious hospital in Delhi was foiled by Delhi Police recently;
- (d) if so, the complete details thereof; and
- (e) the arrests so far made in this regard

including of the doctors and staff involved in the illegal kidney trade?

### **Adequate security and safety to the elderly**

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

- (a) whether Government has issued any advisory to the States for providing adequate security and safety to the elderly and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has started or proposes to roll out toll free helpline for the elderly in the country;
- (c) if so, the total number of toll free senior citizen helplines set up in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the total number of calls received on all such helplines and the action taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

### **Illegal manufacturing of weapons**

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

- (a) whether illegal manufacturing of weapons has been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of illegal weapons seized/confiscated and persons arrested for involvement in the said activities by the State police and the Central authorities during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, including Jharkhand;
- (c) the action taken against the guilty persons along with the details of the directives issued by Government to the States and the police department in this regard; and

(d) the other measures taken by the Union Government to check such activities in the country?

**Proposal to set up Central Marine Police Force**

338. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted the proposal to set up Central Marine Police Force to protect the sea coast, ports and other vital installations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Maritime Police Academy is also going to be set up for training the marine force;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether more radars would be installed for gapless surveillance of vast sea coast, if so, the details thereof?

**IGI airport becoming transit point of drug smuggling**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) is becoming a transit point of drug smuggling;

(b) the steps taken by Government to check it; and

(c) the details of total number of drug smugglers caught at Indira Gandhi International Airport in last three years and the quantity of drugs seized from them?

**Arrest of foreign drug smugglers by NCB**

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

(a) whether it has been proved by the arrest of foreign drug smugglers by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) that the business of drugs is continuously flourishing in the country;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to check the flourishing business of drugs; and

(c) the quantity of drugs seized in last two years and the number of persons arrested?

**Strengthening internal security and intelligence of the country**

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

(a) whether there is a need to strengthen the internal security and intelligence of the country in view of threats/danger, India is getting from international terrorist organizations;

(b) if so, the action plan of Government in this regard; and

(c) the concrete and effective steps being taken by Government so that the common citizen of the country may feel themselves secured?

**Attacks against foreign citizens**

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

(a) the number of attacks registered against foreign citizens in India as per

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Ministry's record, nationality-wise and State-wise details of the last five years;

(b) what steps the Ministry has taken to ensure safety of foreign citizens in India especially of those from African origin; and

(c) the number of cases in which the culprits were convicted?

**Number of unemployed youths who have been provided jobs**

343. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the number of unemployed particularly youth in the country who have been provided jobs in the country during the last two years;

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

(c) whether Government contemplates to formulate any policy to give more job security to the youths in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Appointment of presiding officer at CGIT-cum-Labour Court at Dhanbad**

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

(a) whether hearings on cases pertaining to labourers have stopped completely in Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court (CGIT-cum-LC), Dhanbad as there is no presiding officer in above court since October, 2015;

(b) by when Government would appoint a presiding officer there; and

(c) by when Government proposes to set up a separate CGIT-cum-LC in Bihar, as even after 15 years of bifurcation of the State, labourers of organised and unorganised sector in Bihar who fall under purview of Centre have to face great difficulties in travelling to Dhanbad in Jharkhand for being present for hearings in labour court, the details thereof?

**Model law for labour for opening malls and shops 24x7**

345. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make a model law for the labour to keep open malls and shopping areas 24x7;

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

(c) what is the justification of Government to change the law to make labour class working in night shifts?

**Construction of ultra modern ESI hospital in Gujarat**

†346. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:  
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to construct ultra modern hospitals throughout the country for workers;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider to construct such hospitals in Gujarat also; and

(c) the number of such hospitals, location-wise details thereof and the time by which they are likely to be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Rising number of bonded labourers**

†347. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of bonded labourers in the country is constantly on the rise;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps to check this; and

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

### **Facilities of ESI hospitals**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study regarding the current number and facilities of ESI hospitals;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to address the demand of improved facilities, if any;

(c) whether more private, non-Government sector hospitals are being empanelled to ensure better facilities to the beneficiaries in the absence of super speciality facilities in several ESI hospitals; and

(d) whether Government is in receipt of any complaints from the beneficiaries regarding the present reimbursement process, for treatments availed from private hospitals?

### **Bonded labourers**

349. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 'The Global Slavery Index' by human rights organization 'Walk Free Foundation' reported that India has more than 18 million people trapped as bonded labourers;

(b) whether Government concurs with said survey report suggesting all forms of modern slavery including inter-generational bonded labour, forced child labour, etc., which constitutes 1.4 per cent of India's population; and

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

### **New norms for empanelment with ESIC**

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

(a) whether as per the new norms for empanelment with Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for super speciality services, hospitals have to obtain National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare (NABH) accreditation;

(b) if so, how many hospitals were empanelled as on 30 May, 2016 and thereafter in Kerala;

(c) whether very few NABH accredited hospitals are empanelled with ESIC restricting the hospital services to the ESI beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the number of NABH accredited hospitals empanelled with ESIC at present and whether Government would consider empanelment of non-NABH accredited hospitals also to provide service to ESI beneficiaries?

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**Bringing of contract workers under EPFO**

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

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to bring contract workers under the ambit of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Collection of construction cess**

352. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 24,000 crores collected by Government as construction cess is remaining in the treasury instead of being spent for workers' welfare;

(b) over how many years has this amount been collected;

(c) whether the amount is to be spent by the Centre alone or is it shared with States and in which ratio; and

(d) how much of the amount collected has been used for workers' welfare so far; if so, the details thereof?

**EPFO investments in stock markets**

353. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a return of 1.57 per cent on the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) investment of ₹ 6577 crore, about 65 per cent of the total EPF amount in Exchange Traded Funds in the stock markets, was positive;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO is considering to enhance the percentage of investments in the market;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO is considering to invest in other avenues as well; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Survey on working condition and household survey by NSSO**

354. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to conduct survey soon on the state of working condition of domestic workers, beedi workers and construction workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) would conduct the household survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Investments of EPFO funds in ETFs**

355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the performance of investments made by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) in the recent past;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the strategy chalked out for further investments of EPFO funds in ETFs?

**Violation of wage and safety regulations in Jharkhand**

356. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some companies in Jharkhand are violating wage and safety regulations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Findings of survey by Labour Bureau**

357. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey conducted by Labour Bureau indicated that India has created less jobs in comparison to entering of lakhs of new people into job market every month;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other findings of the surveys of the last three years;

(c) the reasons for such lackings in creating new jobs; and

(d) the steps taken to create new employment opportunities in the country?

**Union activities during working hours**

358. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an employee can carry on union activities during working hours at the premises of the establishment and whether he can break discipline by loitering outside his place of work without permission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether an employer can give notices to workers' union not to hold union meetings in his premises and if so, the details thereof?

**Employment for manual casual labourers in rural areas**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large share of Scheduled Castes population in rural India depends on manual casual labour for their livelihood;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide sustainable employment to manual casual labourers including SC labourers and the outcome thereof, in last two years including current year; and

(d) the State-wise number of persons belonging to SC community deriving their livelihood from agriculture farming?

**Free gas connections to BPL families**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing free gas connections to the BPL households in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of BPL households provided with free gas connections in the country till now and the number of people provided with free gas connections in Bihar out of the above, the details thereof?

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**Laying of gas pipelines in Tamil Nadu**

361. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps on the basis of the request made by the State of Tamil Nadu on laying of pipelines for Natural Gas in the districts of Coimbatore, Tirupur, Salem, Erode, Namakkal, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Delay in supply of cooking gas in hilly States**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that consumers are facing problems due to inordinate delay in cooking gas supply in hilly States including Uttarakhand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the demand of cooking gas increases in these States during winter season; and

(c) if so, the details of measures taken by Government to deal with this situation?

**Supply of piped gas in Uttarakhand**

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

(a) whether the Ministry will consider to formulate any plan to provide Piped Natural Gas in the cities in the plains of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will provide PNG to Dehradun, Vikasnagar, Haridwar, Roorkee, Manglaur, Bahadrad, Narsan, Kotdwar, Jaspur, Kashipur, Ramnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Haldwani, Tanakpur, Khatima, Sitarganj, etc. in the State;

(c) if so, by when PNG will be provided to the said cities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Theft of oil from Panipat refinery pipelines**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of oil theft with the help of a valve fitted with a 2 inch iron pipe in the pipeline of refinery passing through a field in Sutana, Haryana has come to light in June, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is the second incident of oil theft in Panipat refinery pipeline that has come to light in last five months;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such incidents in future; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to identify people involved in theft of oil?

**Opening of 10,000 new domestic LPG distributorships**

365. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to open 10,000 new domestic LPG distributorships in the country;

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

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(c) what is the policy of reservation in distribution of LPG distributorships;

(d) whether there are any plans to give reservation for women in distributorships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lower LPG penetration in States**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many States that have lower LPG penetration than the national average of 61 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than one crore households have surrendered LPG subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Awards to ONGC**

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

(a) whether the country's upstream oil major ONGC bagged the Most Valuable Company and Most Eco Friendly Company awards in the Maharatna category for its outstanding performance at the India Today PSUs Awards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **LPG connections in A.P. under Ujjwala Scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for issuing 25 lakh LPG connections under Ujjwala Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the request and the action taken by the Ministry on the same; and

(c) the target fixed for release this year under Ujjwala Scheme, State-wise?

#### **Termination of dealership of ROs by OMCs**

369. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniform procedure adopted by OMCs while terminating the dealership of its Retail Outlets (ROs);

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

(c) the details of steps taken by OMCs against its dealers for violation of any clause enshrined under the license agreement; and

(d) whether the dealer is entitled to a first appeal against the decision of the OMCs to a higher authority within OMCs?

#### **Relocation of ROs in U.P.**

370. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Retail Outlets (ROs) belonging to OMCs are operative in Uttar Pradesh on expired leases of land;

(b) the number and details of outlets district-wise operating on expired leases in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to regularise lease by the lessor for the land on which Retail Outlet is operative; and

(d) the details of loss that may incur to OMCs on relocation of Retail Outlets from their present location to a new location in Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Relocation of ROs due to expiry of land lease**

371. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Retail Outlets (ROs) of the OMCs have been relocated due to expiry and non-renewal of lease by the lessor of land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of Retail Outlets of the OMCs presently being operated on expired lease throughout the country for the last five years;

(d) the number of outlets presently inoperative due to relocation arising out of non-renewal of lease; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred by the OMCs on relocation of each outlet due to expiry of land lease?

#### **Construction of gas pipeline in Goa**

372. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of gas pipeline constructed in Goa;

(b) the areas through which the pipeline passes;

(c) the year in which construction of pipeline in Goa was started;

(d) the cost of laying of pipeline in Goa;

(e) by what date the pipeline will be commissioned; and

(f) the total expenditure incurred for laying pipeline in Goa?

#### **Launch of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**

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

(a) whether Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in all the States of the country;

(b) if so, the details of launch, date-wise and State-wise;

(c) how many BPL families have been benefited from this Yojana so far; and

(d) whether Government has marked any eligibility criteria for the beneficiaries of this scheme?

#### **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**

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

(a) the manner in which the number of LPG connections provided in each State under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has been fixed and the State-wise details thereof?

(b) the criteria being adopted for determining the persons living below poverty line under this scheme;

(c) the number of connections provided till now in each State under the Ujjwala Yojana and the name of oil companies through which these connections have been distributed; and

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(d) the State-wise details of number of gas agencies being established by various oil companies in the whole country in view of expansion of Ujjwala Yojana?

**Underperformance of hydrocarbons sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that hydrocarbons sector of the country is underperforming;

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

(c) the measures taken up by Government in this regard?

**Shortage of Natural Gas**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is deficit of natural gas production and has to depend on import of natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such deficiency of natural gas;

(c) whether it is also a fact that unavailability of pipeline network is one of the reasons for such deficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to step up exploration/production of natural gas and for laying pipeline for transportation of natural gas in the country?

**Substitute to mineral fuel**

†377. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any substitute to mineral fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the future plan of Government in this regard?

**Establishment of steel plants in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has examined the feasibility of establishing integrated steel plants at Khammam district of Telangana State and YSR district of Andhra Pradesh as mandated by the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, likely time of establishing the integrated steel plants in both successor States?

**Formation of Tirupati-Chennai-Nellore industrial growth corridor**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to form the Tirupati-Chennai-Nellore as the tri-city industrial growth corridor in which one of the industrial nodes proposed by Government will come up, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the airports and the Krishnapatnam port close to Chennai will enable growth of the industry in the region; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

**Anti-dumping duty on steel products from China**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imposed anti-dumping duty on steel products from China;

(b) if so, the details of duties and items on which anti-dumping duty has been imposed;

(c) whether the duties and items on which duty has been imposed are in consonance with the demand of the steel sector of the country; and

(d) why only 'provisional' duty is imposed and that too only for six months?

**Disinvestment of ITDC hotels**

381. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to sell 14 hotels of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) as part of its disinvestment proposals;

(b) if so, the details of the hotels listed for State disinvestment; and

(c) the expected revenue to be earned from the sale of such properties?

**Funds to States for development of eco-tourism**

382. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central financial assistance released to each State Government/Union Territory

administration for development of eco-tourism during the last three years;

(b) the details of the projects for which these funds were provided along with the funds actually spent by the State Governments/UTs on these projects; and

(c) the further steps being taken by the Union Government for the growth of eco-tourism in the country?

**India's position in international tourist arrivals**

383. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that inspite of having rich cultural heritage, favourable climate and being less expensive, we are unable to attract foreign tourists like other top 19 tourist destinations of the world;

(b) reasons that we could climb only from 47th position in international tourist arrivals in 1995 to just 41st position in 2013;

(c) whether it is a fact that even increase in percentage of medical tourism is not what it ought to have been and reasons therefor; and

(d) how the incidents of attacks on foreign nationals, molestation of women, rapes, etc. are contributing to be discouraging for tourist arrivals?

**Tourism celebrations at airports in A.P. and Telangana**

384. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organized any tourism celebrations at the airports in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far?

**Proposal from AP for development and promotion of tourism**

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

(a) the details of proposals received in the Ministry from Andhra Pradesh for Central Financial Assistance for development and promotion of tourism in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the status of each of the above projects;

(c) whether it is a fact that some projects are still languishing in the Ministry;

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

(e) by when the pending projects are likely to be completed?

**Tourism projects for Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) the details of each of the 31 tourism projects sanctioned during Twelfth Five Year Plan for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount sanctioned, released and spent on each of the above projects, project-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that only five projects have so far been completed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the project-wise status of the other projects?

**Heli-tourism facilities at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad**

387. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organized

any heli-tourism facilities at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far?

**Beautification of tourist places by private sector**

†388. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arrangements have been made to beautify major pilgrimage and tourist places of the country with the help of corporate sector;

(b) if so, the names of the pilgrimage and tourist places and the private sector entities that have been assigned the work of their beautification; and

(c) the State-wise details thereof?

**Foreign tourists**

389. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of foreign tourists visited India in the year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively;

(b) the rank of India in the world tourism industry;

(c) the percentage of jobs generated by the tourism industry in India;

(d) whether it is a fact that North India receives more tourist mobility than rest of India, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of good hotels in the country due to which foreign tourists face problems; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation?

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**Implementation of programmes for development of forest villages**

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

(a) the State/UT-wise number of forest villages/habitations in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government has implemented any programme for development of forest villages in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the basic services and facilities provided thereunder in such villages/habitations; and

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilized so far, State/UT-wise?

**Impact of new National Forest Policy on rights of tribals**

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

(a) whether rights of tribals over forests will be undermined by the new National Forest Policy;

(b) whether the needs of the local tribal community have been taken care of in the new policy and whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been consulted in this regard; and

(c) whether boosting the timber business will not lead to illegal cutting of trees?

**Weakening of the Forest Rights Act**

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to weaken provisions of the Forest Rights Act;

(b) the number of tribals who have been conferred forest land rights so far under the Forest Rights Act; and

(c) the State-wise details of forest land in hectares on which mining work is going on presently and the forest land in hectares which has the potential of carrying mining work?

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