

## 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  
Wednesday, July 22, 2015/Asadha 31, 1937 (Saka)*

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(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Mines; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism;  
Tribal Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Signing of pacts by BRICS nations to stimulate trade in their local currencies

161. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether Brazil, Russia, India, China  
and South Africa (BRICS) nations have  
recently signed pacts to stimulate trade in  
their local currencies and agreed on a joint  
working group to set up a development  
bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with  
the reaction of the importers-exporters on  
such pacts; and

(c) whether trade between BRICS  
nations is likely to improve in the coming  
years, and if so, the details thereof?

#### Decline in exports

162. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether exports have registered  
sharp decline during last six months in the  
country;

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

(c) the details of measures Government  
would take to restore the positive growth  
rate in exports?

#### Strategy to double exports

163. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government has unveiled a  
new strategy to double the country's  
exports in next few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the item-wise and country-wise  
details of steps being taken in this context?

**Effect on unemployment after entry of multinational companies**

†164. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted so far to ascertain the effect on unemployment after the entry of multinational companies;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to create more jobs in the country?

**FDI in e-commerce retail**

165. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of e-commerce retail according to the Ministry;

(b) whether Government plans to introduce Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in e-commerce retail;

(c) if so, the details of proposed plans; and

(d) whether the introduction of FDI will lead to re-structuring of the current tax slabs for e-commerce retailers and if so, the details thereof?

**Area earmarked to ITPO exhibitions**

166. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of area in square meters earmarked/provided to India Trade

Promotion Organization(ITPO) for the exhibition in Delhi;

(b) the tenure and frequency of organizing trade exhibitions/fairs by ITPO in a year;

(c) the percentage of utilised and unutilised area annually; and

(d) the steps taken to augment the capacity and fully utilise the installed capacity?

**Outstanding receivable of STC Ltd.**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large outstanding receivables by the State Trading Corporation (STC) Ltd. from some parties;

(b) if so, the details of all such outstanding receivables;

(c) how much of loss has arisen due to such outstanding receivables in the company's accounts;

(d) what steps Government has taken to minimize the outstanding receivables; and

(e) the details of the disciplinary action taken against the officers concerned for such malpractices along with the name of such officers?

**Project at Medak sanctioned under MIUS**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a project has been sanctioned in Medak district of

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Telangana under Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and status of the project?

#### **Establishment of Dry Ports**

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

(a) whether Government has received any request for establishment of Dry Ports by the State Governments; and

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

#### **Impact of FTAs on domestic plantation and cash crops**

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

(a) whether the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) have negatively impacted the plantation and cash crops in the country leading to drastic fall in domestic production;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any representation from the farmers' forum to ratify Free Trade Agreements so as to encourage agricultural production in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard?

#### **Development of CBIC**

171. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what are

the proposals of Government with regard to the development of Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) and East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) with Chennai-Vizag Industrial Corridor?

#### **Manufacturing cities envisaged in DMIC project**

172. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the list of 24 manufacturing cities envisaged in Delhi-Mumbai Industrial corridor (DMIC) project?

#### **Impact of economic crisis of Greece on India's exports**

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

(a) whether Indian exports are likely to get affected by the economic crisis of Greece and potential global financial crisis, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether measures are being taken to protect Indian exports from being affected by the economic crisis of Greece and potential global financial crisis and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Representations to shift Office of the Salt Commissioner from Jaipur**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of the Salt Commissioner is situated in Jaipur;

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(b) whether representations have been received to shift this office in Gandhinagar or any other place in Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat; and

(c) if so, by when Government proposes to shift this office from Jaipur to any other place in Gujarat?

#### **Constitution of NICDA**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to take the approval of the Cabinet for the constitution of National Industrial Corridor Development Authority (NICDA) for the development of industrial corridors;

(b) whether the objective of Government behind this step is to accelerate the manufacturing and to develop India as a global hub;

(c) the total land required for the development of industrial corridors;

(d) the estimated cost on the development of such corridors; and

(e) the benefits expected to the manufacturing sector and the employment opportunities to be generated from these industrial corridors?

#### **Grants-in-aid to Uttarakhand for tea plantation**

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

(a) whether Government will consider giving special grants-in-aid to the State

Government of Uttarakhand for tea-plantation in place of crops which are being destroyed by wild animals in Uttarakhand;

(b) if not, the details of any other alternative with the Central Government; and

(c) if no, the reservations on the part of Central Government in providing resources for tea plantation with a view to ameliorate the deteriorating economic condition of the farmers of Uttarakhand?

#### **Status of WTO subsidy cap issue**

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

(a) whether Government is working on a solution to World Trade Organization (WTO) subsidy cap issue; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

#### **Introduction of e-Biz platform**

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

(a) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has introduced e-Biz platform to provide a single to cut red tape as well as improve transparency window clearance mechanism for all businesses to apply for all required approvals at one place online;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has completed all the arrangements to integrate all Central Government services on an e-Biz platform and if so, the details thereof?

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**Guidelines set by APEDA for certifying organic farms**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under this Ministry sets guidelines and standards for certifying organic farms; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by APEDA to ensure the genuineness of the organic products available in the country?

(a) how less import of cotton by China is impacting cotton exports and also cotton farmers;

(b) the reasons for less imports by China;

(c) in view of record crop of 39 million bales and reduction in exports, how the Ministry is planning to protect the cotton farmers; and

(d) whether Ministry is searching for alternative markets for export of cotton and if so, the details thereof?

**Worsening situation of natural rubber growers to imports**

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

(a) whether the situation of natural rubber growers in India has worsened by rubber imports to Indian market, which is still continuing and according to Rubber Board, the output of natural rubber in India during the fiscal 2014-15 was as low as 6,55,000 tones, due to the steep fall in the prices (as low as, ₹ 118 per kg for RSS 4 variety);

(b) if so, whether there is any concrete step taken by the Central Government to procure rubber on fair price from farmers and to restrict import; and

(c) if so, what is the decrease in the import of natural rubber after the recent 5 per cent increase in the import duty?

**Impact of less import of cotton by China**

181. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

**Setting up of Industrial Development Centres in MP**

†182. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Industrial Development Centres in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the name-wise and place-wise details of Industrial Development Centres set up in the State so far; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated for this purpose?

**Functioning of Rubber Board**

183. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rubber Board is a functioning Board now;

(b) if not, what is the position taken by Government to constitute the Board; and

(c) whether Rubber Board is having a full time chairperson now?

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**Increasing export of marine food and spices to African countries**

184. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the export of marine food and spices to African countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of Government assistance and subsidies given to marine food exporters and spices exporters?

**No taker of low and medium tobacco in A.P. and Telangana**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there are no takers of low and medium grade tobacco from farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether Government proposes to permit global players to directly take part in the tobacco auction and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for arranging market intervention by the Tobacco Board to provide succour to the tobacco growers and also to avoid distress sale of tobacco?

**Approval of Interest Subvention Scheme**

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

(a) whether any Interest Subvention

Scheme for some select sectors has been approved by Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are details of other steps and stimulus package taken to increase the exports?

**Import duties on edible oils permitted by WTO**

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

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

(a) the maximum and minimum import duties permitted in the rules laid down by World Trade Organisation (WTO) with respect to the import of edible oils and the import duties being charged currently;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of edible oils is increasing steadily due to the excessive rebate in the import of edible oils;

(c) the quantum of edible oils imported during the last five years and the details of the import duties charged, year-wise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the yield of oil seed of the farmers has been adversely affected due to the exceedingly low import duties?

**Ancient places of worship in the country**

188. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified all the ancient places of worship in the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many ancient places of worship in various parts of the country are not under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(d) if so, the State-wise/UT-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the location-wise details of ancient worship places/temples identified in the country during the last three years?

#### **Allegations of misuse of funds at Asiatic Society, Kolkata**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the allegations of gross misuse of funds at Asiatic Society, Kolkata; and

(b) if so, the action initiated thereon?

#### **Survey to identify historical sites in Karnataka**

190. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain sites of historical importance were found during the excavation work carried out in Karnataka in last three years; and

(b) whether Government proposes to conduct a survey to identify such sites/monuments and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken by Government for revival and protection of these sites/monuments?

#### **Revenue earned from Taj Mahal**

191. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned from Taj Mahal during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount spent on its upkeep during the period; and

(c) whether there is any discolouration of the monument by pollutants and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Requirement of manpower and technical staff for monuments**

192. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently assessed the requirement of manpower at various monuments of national importance in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that due to lack of adequate number of trained staff and technical personnel the monuments are being defaced and face extinction;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) what has been done by Government to post required staff at Jhansi Fort and Palace of Rani Laxmibai facing neglect?

#### **Preservation of monuments in U.P.**

†193. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of places in Uttar Pradesh preserved by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from archaeological viewpoint;

(b) the policy details for preservation of archaeological monuments; and

(c) whether Archaeological Survey of India will preserve some more places in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Establishment of museum in Uttarakhand**

†194. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider upon establishing a museum in Uttarakhand with a view to protect and preserve the culture of various tribals of the State;

(b) if so, by when the museum is likely to be established in the State; and

(c) if not, the details of efforts taken so far to protect and preserve the culture of various tribals of the State?

### **Preservation and maintenance of historical monuments**

195. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed any scheme and fixed any target with regard to the renovation, restoration and development of historical places, buildings, forts and other sites in the country; and

(b) if so, the State/UT and monument/fort-wise details of protected monuments and other historical monuments in each of the States of the country along with the funds allocated/ expenditure incurred on preservation/maintenance of these monuments during each of the last three years and the current year?

### **Private museums in the country**

196. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that large number of private museums are existing in the country;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that these private museums particularly in Rajasthan are charging exorbitant entry fees from public, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to control and regulate the private museums across the country and if so, the details thereof?

### **Inmates imprisoned in jails**

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

(a) the details of total number of inmates imprisoned in various jails of the country;

(b) the details of number of undertrial prisoners out of the above who have completed the period of sentence to be delivered or half the period of maximum punishment prescribed for the offence;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the reason for substantial increase in the number of undertrial prisoners is that they are unable to get their cases advocated, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government provides support for the advocacy of the undertrial prisoners and if so, the details of number of the undertrial prisoners who have been given assistance or recommended for the advocacy in the last one year?

### **Crimes in Delhi and Haryana**

198. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of crimes like robbery, rapes, dacoities and

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murders have increased during the last one year in the country especially in Haryana and Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of these crimes committed during the above period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that elderly people living in posh localities are being murdered and robbed of their belongings by various gangs; and

(d) if so, what steps Government has taken or proposes to take to curb these crimes?

#### **Implementation of coastal security scheme in Goa**

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

(a) whether Phase-I and II of the Coastal Security Scheme has been implemented in Goa;

(b) if so, the facilities provided to the State under the two phases;

(c) the item-wise and/or year-wise financial allocations made/assistance given so far; and

(d) whether interceptor boats have been provided to the State of Goa and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Demand of one rank one pension by Paramilitary forces**

200. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the paramilitary forces have started demanding

one rank one pension, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are also seeking parity in special pay, leave, etc.; and

(c) if so, the views of Government in this regard?

#### **Socio-Economic Caste Census**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether in view of the fact that the caste based data of Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 has not been made public, the Ministry would state the names of the castes found eligible to be included under SC and ST at social, economic and educational level by the Registrar General of India on the basis of above Census?

#### **Children missing from Delhi**

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

(a) whether nearly one lakh children go missing in India every year and as per National Crime Records Bureau one child goes missing in the country every eight minutes;

(b) whether 55 per cent of those missing are girls and 45 per cent of all missing children have remained untraceable;

(c) the number of children missing from Delhi during the last two years and how many of them are girls and how many children are still missing; and

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(d) the details of efforts made by Delhi Police to trace each and every missing child along with details of persons arrested for kidnapping children?

#### **Corporate espionage incident**

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

(a) the details of action taken against those booked under the corporate espionage incident in May this year;

(b) whether Government to ensure Hundred per cent deterrence would consider enacting a legislation or amend existing laws like the Criminal Procedure Code; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Steps to secure country's borders**

204. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any independent input suggesting that the terrorists may again try to sneak into our territory through sea-routes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has issued any warning to the State Governments concerned in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to thwart any such attempts in future and to secure our borders?

#### **Undertrial prisoners released as per direction of Supreme Court**

205. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of undertrials are behind bars for more than their sentence had they been convicted;

(b) if so, what are the details of such undertrial prisoners throughout the country;

(c) whether Supreme Court had set a December, 2014 deadline for release of all undertrials who have served half of the maximum sentence prescribed for their offences; and

(d) if so, the total number of such prisoners released in Delhi and other States so far?

#### **Classifying documents**

206. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Committee to examine policy of classifying documents as 'secret', 'top secret' and 'confidential';

(b) whether the report of the committee has been submitted to the Government;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations of the committee;

(d) whether Government is still classifying documents as secret and is not convinced to open and transparent Governance; and

(e) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to stop classifying commercial documents as 'secret', 'confidential' or 'top secrete' forthwith?

#### **Armaments used by Left-Wing Extremists**

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

(a) whether Ministry is aware of the

kind of armaments used by the Left-Wing Extremists (LWE) in the affected areas;

(b) which are the forces that are deployed in the LWE inflicted areas;

(c) whether paramilitary forces are better off than the extremists in comparison to the armaments possessed by the extremists; and

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

#### **Making Yoga compulsory in paramilitary forces**

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

(a) whether Government had issued a circular in May this year for making yoga exercise compulsory in field formations of all seven paramilitary forces;

(b) whether, according to data from 2008-2014, in CRPF, the country's largest paramilitary force, 228 jawans have committed suicide due to mental stress; and

(c) whether Government feels that regular yoga exercises by paramilitary personnel will help resolve their mental stress problems?

#### **Updation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam**

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

(a) whether the recently launched move to update the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam towards settling the long elusive issue of alien migrants has sparked off widespread apprehensions;

(b) whether genuine Indian citizens from other parts of the country who have settled down in Assam after 1971 as tea plantation workers and their descendants, are perturbed over the NRC updation exercise;

(c) whether the latest technology used to detect fictitious claims of family linkages will be applied in the ongoing updation process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-allocation of funds for CCTNS**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to transfer the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) to States from April, 2015, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no money has been allocated for crime Tracking Network and Systems in the current budget allocation; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to non-allocation of money, the project could not commence?

#### **Removal of SBI from the list of authorized banks to disburse freedom fighters pension**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has removed State Bank of India from its list of authorized banks to disburse the freedom fighters pension due to certain unethical practices by the bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to review the decision due to difficulties expressed by the freedom fighter pensioners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Misuse of parking lots in Delhi**

212. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the misuse of parking lots in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi Traffic Police has failed to check the space of various parking lots particularly at Shankar Market, Connaught Place, where vehicles like tempos, trucks, etc. are parked in the space identified for the parking of lighter vehicles viz. two wheelers, cars etc.;

(c) whether Government has received complaints in this regard earlier also; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against the responsible Officers of Delhi Traffic Police in the matter?

#### **Deportation of illegal Bangladeshis**

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

(a) the number of Bangladeshi citizens residing illegally in India;

(b) whether Government has made any plan to deport such Bangladeshi citizens by identifying them;

(c) if so, by when action will be initiated accordingly; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Criteria for allotment of para-military forces in different States**

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

(a) whether any criteria has been set for allotment of the paramilitary forces in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of number of battalions of paramilitary forces posted currently?

#### **Assistance to States under coastal security**

215. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vulnerability with regard to coastal security has been expressed by some State Governments/UTs;

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

(c) the State/UT-wise details of the financial assistance provided and the funds utilized under various heads for coastal security during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether Government proposes to set up more coastal police stations and modernize the existing ones in the country; and

(e) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the assistance provided for the purpose?

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**E-mail threats to officials and celebrities from Islamic State**

216. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many high profile officials, including the Governor of Reserve Bank of India and celebrities have received e-mail threats from dreaded outfit Islamic State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the security for officials/ celebrities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revenge attacks by NSCN(K) militants**

217. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) [NSCN(K)] militants have entered North-Eastern States for revenge attacks following strike on insurgent campus, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has made tight security in North-Eastern States; and if so, the details thereof?

**Terror groups like naxalites active in the country**

218. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many terror groups in the country like naxalites, etc. are operating and their objectives and demand, if any;

(b) the State in which these groups originated and the areas where they are active;

(c) the State/Union Territory-wise details of innocent and other people killed by these groups during last three years and the current year; and

(d) the action taken to subdue and dismantle these terror groups?

**Civilians biggest casualty of naxal violence**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that civilians were the biggest casualty of naxal violence which has caused over 20,000 deaths in the country since 1980;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at least one life is lost every day over a 35 year period beginning 1980;

(c) whether it is also a fact that year 2009-10 was the bloodiest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Gallantry awards to forces engaged in internal security duties**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to confer gallantry awards such as Paramveer Chakra, Shaurya Chakra and Kirti Chakra on those showing exemplary courage in internal security duties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the new policy will entitle forces such as CRPF,

BSF, ITBP, NSG and SSB who are engaged in offensive against Maoists, militants in J & K and North-Eastern States with same benefits and awards as that of armed forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**People killed in terrorist attacks in North-East**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people killed in terrorist attacks in North-East have increased in the last five years;

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

(c) the remedial measures initiated?

**Model Police Act**

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

(a) whether the Union Government has forwarded the Model Police Act to the State Governments for consideration and appropriate action;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the date on which the said Act was forwarded to States and the action taken by the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the salient features of the said Act and the names of the States which have implemented/not yet implemented the said Act?

**Villagers in Jharkhand forced to get branded as naxalites for jobs**

223. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that villagers in the State of Jharkhand are being forced to get branded as naxalites in exchange for jobs in the family members;

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

(c) the measures being taken by Government to avoid such coercions?

**Expediting land acquisition for border fencing and BOP**

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

(a) whether to address the issue of infiltration from Bangladesh, the Union Government has directed the Chief Minister of West Bengal and four North-Eastern States to expedite land acquisition for border fencing and the setting up of border out posts (BOP);

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

(c) the reaction of State Governments on such direction of the Union Government?

**Introduction of new section 357A in CrPC**

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

(a) whether a new section 357A has been introduced in CrPC, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many victims in the country have been given compensation under the said provision so far, the State-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is planning to form any universal policy for the implementation of section 357A under CrPC, if so, by when it will be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Shortage of personnel in ITBP**

226. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of personnel in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to man the 3488 km long border with China stretching from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether ITBP wants to enhance its reserves in the Ladakh sector, as it has some of the most challenging frontiers to guard along the 1597 km long border which Jammu and Kashmir shares with the country's eastern neighbour;

(d) whether ITBP has sought deployment of additional personnel along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the aforesaid sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **NGOs registered under FCRA and blacklisted**

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

(a) the names of the NGOs registered under the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act, 1976 (FCRA) and blacklisted along with the reasons during the last three years, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the names of the NGOs which applied for permission along with the letter of sanction received from the foreign funding agency for collecting foreign funds under FCRA;

(c) whether the activities of the foreign funding agencies have been found to be against the national interest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps and action taken by Government against foreign funding agencies working against the national interest?

#### **Non-implementation of clause 8 of Bodo Accord**

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

(a) the reasons for not implementing clause 8 of Bodo Accord signed between Government of India, Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) on 10th February, 2003;

(b) whether the Bodoland Territorial Council has been receiving the funds as per the population ratio as mentioned in Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) of Bodo Accord;

(c) if so, the details in ratio of State and BTC; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and who is responsible for that?

**Steps to improve condition of jails**

†229. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of inmates in the total established jails of the country and number of inmates who are in excess of the capacity in the present condition;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of inmates imprisoned in the jails presently are three times of their capacity and they are being treated in an inhuman manner; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the condition of the jails and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Doing away with biometric data of foreigners before issuance of travel documents**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to do away with the biometric data of foreigners wanting to travel to India on normal tourist visa before issuance of travel documents to them is being considered; and

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

**Recruitment of youths in terrorists organisations in Southern Kashmir**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of recruitment of youths in terrorist

organisations have come into light in Southern Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government has so far taken a view to take action to prevent such activities; and

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

**Amendment in the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has restricted the number of NGOs and other institutions from receiving foreign funds;

(b) if so, the details of institutions and NGOs denied access to foreign contributions;

(c) whether Government has proposed to amend the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA) for stricter oversight and monitoring; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Second rung defence along IB in J&K**

233. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to create a second rung of defence along the 202 kilometres long international border in J&K;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many terrorists have managed to successfully

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infiltrate through Samba sector and have created havoc in neighbouring areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a high level team of Government recently visited Samba areas; and

(e) if so, the details of the visit?

#### **Police stations at metro stations in Delhi and NCR**

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

(a) whether it is proposed to set up police stations at metro stations to control crime in the metro-rail jurisdiction in Delhi and its NCR region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the crime figures in the above zone have been rising unabatedly;

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

(e) whether it is proposed to deploy women cops in such trains to control crime against women and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Release of persons detained under Public Safety Act in J & K**

235. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sought any report from the State Government of J & K regarding release of persons from detention under the Public Safety Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the security agencies were keeping a close watch

on these developments and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Second phase of scheme of Modernisation of Prisons**

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

(a) whether Government has dropped the second phase scheme of Modernization of Prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the time by when the second phase of the scheme is likely to begin; and

(d) the State-wise latest data on number and percentage of jails with more than 100 per cent occupancy rate?

#### **Attacks on churches in Delhi**

237. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is reported that many churches in Delhi including the St. Sebastians church in Dilshad Garden, the St. Alphonsa church in Vasant Kunj, Syro-Malabar Catholic church at Jasola in Okhla, Our Lady of Graces church in outer Delhi, were vandalized recently;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry to book the guilty in the above incidents;

(c) whether any impartial inquiry was conducted on this issue and anyone is booked; and

(d) if so, whether Government has made any arrangement to ensure adequate security to Christian institutions in the backdrop of repeated attacks?

### **Loss to AP due to State Reorganisation Act**

238. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is losing ₹ 3,800 crores due to State Reorganisation Act which provides for apportionment of assets based on geographical location while liabilities are apportioned based on population ratio of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written a letter to Government to modify the sections to provide equal sharing of revenue realizable from collection of arrears of taxes; and

(c) if so, what action the Ministry has taken to rectify the mistake in the AP Reorganisation Act?

### **Cases of human trafficking**

†239. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of human trafficking have increased/are increasing exorbitantly and there is a large number of children among them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the average age of the victims of human trafficking comes between 9 to 13 as per the report of the National Human Rights Commission;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the year-wise and State-wise details of the last three years in this regard; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

### **Eligibility criteria for issue of domestic LPG connection**

240. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the eligibility criteria being followed by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to issue domestic LPG connection;

(b) what efforts OMCs are making to liquidate the waiting list for new LPG connections;

(c) whether it is a fact that nearly 23,000 applications for domestic LPG connections are pending in the State of Telangana; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof along with reasons for such delay and by when the applications are going to be cleared?

### **Incidents of smuggling and infiltration along Gujarat border**

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

(a) whether incidents of smuggling and infiltration have increased on Indo-Pakistan, Gujarat border;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents;

(c) whether the work of fencing and floodlighting on these borders is yet to be completed;

(d) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(e) whether any time-bound programme has been chalked out to provide fencing and floodlighting on these borders; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### **Pakistani infiltrators caught from Gujarat border**

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

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(a) whether there was incidence of Pakistani infiltrators caught from Gujarat border;

(b) if so, whether the fencing needs to be completed early to stop the infiltration;

(c) if so, what is the time-limit to complete the remaining portion of fencing;

(d) whether there is any plan to repair the fencing which is damaged due to flood and corrosion and also the damaged road at border; and

(e) if so, by when?

**Male and female workforce in agricultural sector**

243. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the State/UT-wise estimated number of women and men workers who do not own land but are engaged as agricultural labourers in the country;

(b) the per thousand distribution of female and male workforce in agriculture sector;

(c) the contribution of this workforce in national income; and

(d) the social security measures undertaken by Government for the above workforce?

**Child labour in shops in Maharashtra and Karnataka**

244. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:  
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) whether cases against those who have engaged the children in shops have been registered during the last three years;

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

(c) the action/survey/monitoring steps taken against it in Maharashtra and Karnataka?

**Amending child labour laws**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering the proposal of amending some child labour laws;

(b) if so, the names of the laws which are proposed to be amended;

(c) whether some of the organizations and experts have expressed their objections with regard to the amendments in child labour laws; and

(d) whether any study has been conducted in order to find out the pros and cons of proposed amendment?

**Amendment to the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966**

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

(a) whether Ministry has any proposal

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to amend the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966; and

(b) if so, whether any draft of amendment has been made to consider before the Parliament and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Study to examine existing Labour Laws**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to examine at existing Labour Laws, policies in the country in the past one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would initiate the process of reforming existing Labour Laws in consultation with the labour unions and groups; and

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

#### **ILO prescribed benchmark ratio for enforcement officials**

248. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has complied with International Labour Organisation (ILO) prescribed benchmark ratio for enforcement officials;

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

(c) the percentage of contract labour employment in labour market in the country?

#### **Upgradation of ESIC hospitals and dispensaries**

249. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade and modernize some Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals and dispensaries in the country;

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

(c) the State/UT-wise number of such hospitals and dispensaries running in rented accommodation; and

(d) the State/UT-wise details of the funds spent on these hospitals and dispensaries during each of the last three years and the current year and the number of labourers/workers benefited from these hospitals and dispensaries during the said period along with the facilities provided to them?

#### **Number of working boys and girls in urban areas**

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

(a) the number of working girls in urban areas on 31st December, 2001 and 31st December, 2014; and

(b) the number of working boys in urban areas on 31st December, 2001 and 31st December, 2014?

#### **Country-wide strike by Central Trade Unions**

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

(a) whether it is known to Government that All Central Trade Unions are going to observe country-wide strike on 2nd September, 2015;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to meet their demands?

#### **Setting up of Labour Courts/ Tribunals**

252. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise number of Labour Courts/Tribunals set up for resolution of various labour disputes;

(b) the Court/Tribunal-wise number of cases pending with them for the last three years, and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware that the orders passed by the Labour Courts/Tribunals are reportedly not being implemented by the employers;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the machinery and monitoring mechanism put in place for ensuring compliance of the orders passed by the Labour Courts/Tribunals by the employers; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Child labourers in MSMEs**

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

(a) whether the practice of engaging child labourers in different enterprises/industries/factories especially in the

factories of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has come to the notice of Government especially from textile markets of Surat and Mumbai;

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

(c) whether any child labourers working in the factories of MSMEs have been freed during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Global Slavery Index, 2014**

254. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Global Slavery Index, 2014, India has 37 per cent of global enslaved people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 2/3rd of Asia's enslaved are in India;

(c) what are the primary causes behind this and how Government is planning to eradicate this; and

(d) whether it means that schemes/programmes being implemented by Government of India are only on paper as there is no improvement on the ground?

#### **National portal for job seekers**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently launched a national portal for job-seekers;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how the portal helps in reducing demand-supply gap of workforce in the country; and
- (d) how this portal and employment exchanges coordinate which in turn help the job seekers?

**Contractual employment in  
Government departments**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that contractual employment has increased in Government departments and institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether educational institution of national importance like IITs are being encouraged for contractual employment of staff;
- (d) if so, the IIT-wise details of IITs staff on contract;
- (e) the reasons for increased contract staff in such institutions;
- (f) whether Government has any policy or plan to regularize contract workers in Government jobs; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and deadline, if any?

**Employment in organised and  
unorganised sector**

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

- (a) the details of total employment in both organised and unorganised sectors;

(b) the percentage of both organised and unorganised work force to total work force;

(c) the details of measures taken by Government to take care of the social security and welfare of unorganised workers; and

(d) how they have been benefited by these measures?

**Social security to tribal and  
unorganised sector workers**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many special steps have been taken by Government during last one year to provide social security to the workers of unorganised sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many special steps have been taken by Government during last one year for providing social security to the tribal workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Scheme for unemployed persons**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to formulate any scheme to provide employment to the workers and the unemployed persons;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any concrete steps so far in this regard; and

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

### **Child labour**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the practice of child labour is still prevalent in the country despite the ban imposed on it by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that the child labourers in large number from Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam are enticed away to the capital and other cities of the country and are engaged as labourers;

(d) the number of child labourers emancipated during the last two years together with the details thereof; and

(e) the details of existing provisions related to child labours in the country and the efforts being made for stringent punishment in this regard?

### **Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996**

261. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996;

(b) the number of construction workers who are presently registered as beneficiaries under Section 12 of the Act;

(c) the number of identity cards issued under Section 13 of the Act; and

(d) the State-wise break-up thereof?

### **Amendment in Child Labour Act to fix responsibility of labour officers**

†262. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite stringent child labour laws in place, the problem of child labour in hazardous industries and in different parts of the country still exists;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating on making amendment in Child Labour Act by fixing responsibility of labour officers for ensuring strict implementation of laws on child labour;

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

(d) whether Government has also received recommendations from different sections including State Governments to make amendments or changes in the above said laws; and

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

### **Increase in unemployment due to decrease in employment opportunities**

†263. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in unemployment percentage in the country following decrease in employment opportunities;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to overcome this problem;

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(c) the percentage of employment generated year-wise by business houses and corporate sector of the country in the past three years and in the current year;

(d) the details of targets fixed as well as achieved for generation of employment opportunities during the said period; and

(e) other measures taken by Government for generation of more employment opportunities in the country?

#### **Non-ratification of ILO convention on labour issues**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has not ratified some of the important International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions such as freedom of association, collective bargaining and protection of child labour; and

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

#### **Employment exchanges in the country**

265. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of employment exchanges in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) the State-wise present status of upgradation and modernization of employment exchanges in the country;

(c) the State-wise funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during the last three years;

(d) whether the progress of the said modernization work is as per the targets

set in this regard in Maharashtra and other States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Model Career Centre in Hyderabad**

266. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Model Career Centre has been approved for Hyderabad in Osmania University in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to become operational?

#### **Relaxation under MMRD Act for bauxite mines in Gujarat**

267. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has recommended 11 bauxite mining lease proposals for mines in Jamnagar and Kutch districts for prior approval of Ministry for relaxation of section 6(1)(b) of the Mines and Mineral Development and Regulation (MMRD) Act, 1957;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether MD, GMDC and Principal Secretary, Industry and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat have requested Central Government to expedite its approval for the above bauxite mining leases in favour of GMDC; and

(d) if so, by when the approval is likely to be accorded?



**Price of petroleum products  
in domestic *vis-a-vis* in  
international market**

268. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR  
SINGH:

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

(a) whether price of petrol and diesel in domestic market has reached around the level of price when crude oil was around 120 dollar per barrel in the international market during previous years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have imported crude oil during last one year at an average of less than half the rate it was imported during previous years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons for higher price being offered to consumers; and

(d) the reasons for not decreasing the price of petroleum products accordingly by OMCs?

**Requirement of LPG in Maharashtra**

†269. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated monthly requirement of LPG in different districts of the State of Maharashtra at present;

(b) the status of its supply;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Central Government to fulfil the requirement of LPG in those districts; and

(d) whether the rural and backward tribal areas of Maharashtra are being

neglected in respect of the supply of LPG and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Fire in ONGC oil well at  
Olpad, Surat**

†270. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA  
SINGH: Will the Minister of  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted following the fire incident during repair of one of the ONGC wells at Dihen village of Olpad town in Surat this year;

(b) whether any negligence has been proved in the enquiry;

(c) the details of the statement issued at Ministry level following the incident of fire and whether the action in line with the same has been taken after the enquiry; and

(d) whether some complaints related to negligence have been received in this matter and if so, the details thereof?

**Delay in transfer of subsidy in  
accounts of LPG subscribers**

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

(a) what is the minimum and maximum time fixed by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to transfer domestic LPG gas subsidy to the account of LPG consumers;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that there is enormous delay in depositing subsidy in the accounts of LPG subscribers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of remedial measures taken to address this;

(d) the month-wise, State-wise and OMC-wise details of complaints received in this regard in the last two years; and

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(e) what steps the Ministry has taken to bring down the complaints?

**Steps to check quality of petroleum products at petrol pumps**

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

(a) whether Government is taking necessary steps in regularly checking the quality of petrol and diesel being supplied at various petrol pumps in the country;

(b) whether any committee/monitoring team has been set up in different places in order to check the adulteration of petrol, diesel and petroleum products; and

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

**Identification of consumers for surrender of cooking gas subsidy**

273. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed the criteria to identify consumers who will be persuaded to surrender cooking gas subsidy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) so far how many consumers have surrendered their cooking gas subsidy, the details of numbers and possible savings on the subsidy?

**Shortage of LPG in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh**

†274. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

the current number of LPG connections in rural Uttar Pradesh is far too low in proportion to fixed targets, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government will achieve the fixed target of providing LPG connections in rural areas?

**Gas leakage in West Bengal**

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

(a) whether Government has received any information of fire on account of leakage in gas pipelines in Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has ordered any enquiry into it;

(c) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(d) the preventive steps taken by Government to check such incidents?

**Profit earned by oil PSUs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that profit of public sector oil companies has increased after implementation of market-linked pricing mechanism;

(b) the total volume of petrol and diesel being supplied at present by these companies and its percentage of the total supply in the country; and

(c) the company-wise and year-wise

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details of profits earned by the public sector oil companies during the last three years?

**MoU with Pan IIT by ONGC for exploration of hydrocarbons**

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Pan IIT to increase the exploration of alternative sources of hydrocarbons and energy in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the procedure to be adopted for executing this Memorandum of Understanding?

**LPG connections**

278. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/Union Territory-wise number of LPG connections in various States in each of the last three years and in the current year along with the number of pending applications;

(b) the State/Union Territory-wise details of the consumption and requirement of LPG for both domestic and commercial purposes during the said period;

(c) the details of the LPG obtained domestically and LPG imported along with the amount of subsidy provided by Government during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken to increase supply of LPG cylinders in the country particularly in rural areas?

**Inquiry into espionage case**

279. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has ordered for an independent inquiry to investigate the espionage issue brought to light in the Ministry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action against Government officials, corporate companies involved in the espionage and theft of copy of official files and documents from the Ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the immediate steps and effective measures taken by Government to monitor, curb and stop such espionage and theft of documents from the Ministry and other related offices of the Ministry?

**Resumption of negotiations on IPI gas pipeline**

280. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the light of the imminent conclusion of the Iran-US agreement on Iran's nuclear programme, preparations are under way to resume negotiations on the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline;

(b) the projections of imported gas requirements till 2030 and the potential to meet this demand by imports from Iran by gas pipeline and LNG; and

(c) whether Government is exploring the feasibility of importing gas from Iran by-passing the overland route through Pakistan?

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### **Extension of BTC Pipeline through Israel**

281. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil from the Caspian is reaching Ceyhan in Turkey through the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline;

(b) whether India is pursuing a project to extend BTC through Israel to the Gulf of Aqaba to make available Caspian oil to countries of the Indian Ocean Rim, including India; and

(c) whether it is proposed to take this up during the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Israel?

### **Fall in crude oil price**

282. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent price of crude oil has fallen internationally during the past one year;

(b) to what extent prices of petroleum products in India have fallen during the period;

(c) to what extent Government have levied additional taxes on petrol and diesel which has caused substantial rise in their prices; and

(d) whether it is a policy of Government not to allow people enjoy the benefit of fall in prices?

### **Non-Supply of CNG to some States**

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

(a) whether the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is not being supplied to some States of the country;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

### **OMC facilities at ports**

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

(a) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are incurring huge expenditure on account of demurrage costs due to lack of requisite infrastructure on domestic ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the demurrage cost incurred by OMCs during the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken up the issue with Port Trust of India with regard to affloading facilities of oil products at various ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by Government to minimise demurrage costs and provide better facilities at ports to OMCs?

### **Modernisation of steel plants in public sector**

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

(a) the status of modernisation of steel plants in the public sector;

(b) whether the programme for

expansion and modernisation of various steel plants under the Steel Authority of India Limited is lagging behind the schedule leading to cost and time overruns;

(c) if so, the plant-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/being taken by Government to address the situation?

#### **Import of steel**

286. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether India consumes about one million tonne of industrial grade stainless steel each year;

(b) if so, whether more than 40 per cent of industrial grade stainless steel is imported;

(c) if so, whether domestic steel industry has been suffering due to import of cheap industrial grade stainless steel from China, Malaysia and South Korea; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to save the domestic industry?

#### **PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry**

287. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various groups in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SCs/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/

provided by Government/PSUs for the SC/ST Welfare Associations viz., Office Accommodation, etc.; and

(e) the ways and means in which PSUs/ Government involve SC/ST Welfare association in the Administrative activities/developmental activities/Management of the PSUs?

#### **Status of Bayyaram Project in Telangana**

288. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the present status of Bayyaram project in Telangana?

#### **UNDP assistance for Promotion of rural tourism**

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

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is offering any assistance for promoting rural tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the scope of such cooperation by the UNDP;

(c) the number of such sites which have been identified for rural tourism; and

(d) the number of such rural tourism circuits which have been operationalized, so far?

#### **Development of rural tourism**

290. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the sites identified for rural tourism;
- (b) the criteria for identifying such sites;
- (c) whether Government has made special scheme to provide road, rail and air linkages to such destinations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Boosting of tourism in Nepal**

291. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is taking any measures to help Nepal boost tourism after the earthquake and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to introduce more means of transport for tourists to travel to Nepal, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of Dhansiri as a tourist spot**

292. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) how far it is a fact that there is a demand to develop Dhansiri Sub-division in North-East as a tourist spot;
- (b) whether there is any demand for scientific research on the artefacts found in the area and better surface communication network; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Foreign tourists**

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

- (a) the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether incidences of harassment, rape and assault on the foreigners have come to the notice of Government;
- (c) if so, the action taken on each of the cases; and
- (d) the policies and programmes of Government to check the occurrence of such incidences in future?

#### **Hurdles foreign tourism face to North-Eastern States**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists face hurdles to visit North Eastern States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action Government proposes to take for making visit of foreign tourists to North Eastern States easier along with details thereof?

#### **Low budget domestic tourism**

295. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government implements any scheme for development of tourism, particularly for the low budget domestic tourists;
- (b) if so, the details and the financing pattern thereof; and
- (c) the State/Union Territory-wise funds sanctioned, released and utilized under

said schemes during each of the last three years and current year?

**Bed and Breakfast/Homestay scheme**

296. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Incredible India, Government is propagating Bed and Breakfast/Homestay Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the scheme has functioned in the Konkan region especially Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra?

**Promotion of Sufi and Jain circuit**

297. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the creation of a Sufi and a Jain circuit as part of its strategy of promoting religious tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total funds allocated and spent so far for creation and implementation of these circuits including three other circuits already announced; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue as a result of creating theme-based circuits?

**Cleanliness in tourist destination**

†298. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the *modus operandi* being followed by Government to maintain cleanliness at tourist spots;

(b) the details of strictness in place so that tourists may not litter;

(c) the details of reasons for not taking any strict action against people who spoil clean ponds or beautiful scenic places; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government thereon?

**Development of eco-tourism**

299. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to increase the volume of tourists arriving in India for eco-tourism; and

(b) the details of sites which are presently being developed as eco-tourism hubs in the country and the expenditure allocated and incurred thereon?

**Implementation of tourism scheme in Goa**

300. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of schemes being implemented in the state of Goa to develop and encourage tourism industry in the State;

(b) the amount allotted towards each of the schemes;

(c) money disbursed towards each of the schemes; and

(d) the details of the demand made by the State Government which are pending with the Union Government?

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**Implementation of Tribal  
Empowerment and  
Livelihood Project**

301. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise status of implementation of Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Project with external assistance under implementation in tribal dominated blocks in the country, including Jharkhand; and

(b) the details of other similar centrally funded projects that are proposed to be launched to fast-track the development of tribal belts in the country including Jharkhand?

**Cases of violation of provisions of  
Forest Rights Act**

302. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:  
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of violation of provisions of (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 being reported/noticed by Government during each of the last three years and the current year in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Jharkhand;

(b) the number of cases disposed of during the aforesaid period along with the number of cases pending as on date and the steps being taken by Government for their early disposal; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by

Government to safeguard the land rights and livelihood of tribals?

**Expansion of Vanbandhu Kalyan  
Yojana**

303. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to expand the programme Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) for the development of tribal people in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and its salient features thereof; and

(c) how much amount has been allocated to various parts of the country during the last one year, particularly in Maharashtra?

**Benefit of Forest Rights Act to tribals**

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

(a) how many tribal families have got the benefit of Forest Rights Act during the past three years;

(b) how many of them have been benefited by the Act so far;

(c) by when Government expects to extend these rights to all Adivasis; and

(d) whether any Adivasis have been denied these rights, if so, the details thereof?

**Exploitation of tribal women**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many tribal women are brought by placement agencies of metro cities from States like Odisha,



Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh to work as domestic helps, if so, what are the latest figures of such tribal women;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such tribal women working as domestic help in metro cities are ill treated and not paid fair wages; and

(c) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking in this regard?

#### **Construction of Integrated Sports Complex in Tamil Nadu**

306. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had identified any Panchayat/Block in Tamil Nadu for construction of Integrated Sports Complex under Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA); and

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

#### **Infrastructural facilities of SAI**

307. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infrastructural facilities available with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are not comparable with the international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to upgrade the infrastructural facilities in our stadia and to make sportspersons compete with the best in the world;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to create such facilities so that our sportspersons can practice all round the year?

#### **Special training to youth from rural and tribal areas**

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

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide special training to the youth of rural and tribal areas in the sports activities; and

(b) if so, the details of such sports activities?

#### **Talent hunt for sports in rural areas**

309. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch talent-hunt for sports in rural areas particularly for newly emerging sports like shooting, archery, etc.;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to identified young talents to purchase expensive sports kit and equipment, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the State-wise and sports-wise details of the funds earmarked and incurred for this purpose during the last three years; and

(e) the strategy chalked out to promote

such emerging sports in rural areas particularly tribal in the country?

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

**Inquiry into attempted suicide of trainee girls at water sports facility, Kerala**

‡310. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four trainee girls tried to commit suicide after being fed up from alleged molestation at a water sports centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Kerala;

(b) whether Government has got investigated the whole episode, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at Alappuzha Centre there is neither primary medical facility nor there is any warden;

(d) whether Government will review all sports institutions and hostel administrations including SAI so that they can be improved; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Enhancing facilities and security to athletes in SAI hostels**

311. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete new steps in order to enhance the facilities and security to the athletes particularly to the female athletes residing in different Sports Authority of India (SAI) hostels in the country; and

**Sports coaching centres in Maharashtra**

312. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up sports coaching institutes in various parts of the State of Maharashtra including rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for the purpose;

(c) whether Government proposes to consult with State Government, people representatives, eminent sports persons to finalize the said proposals and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government also proposes to improve the sports talents of rural youth, sports persons and made provision of reservation for getting jobs and if so, the details thereof?

**Damaged SAI complex at Kokrajhar**

313. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware about the damaged Sports Authority of India (SAI) complex at Kokrajhar of Bodoland;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking any steps for renovating it;

(c) if not, the reasons of communication gap; and

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(d) whether there is any planning to upgrade/modernize the SAI complex, Kokrajhar?

#### **STCs in Uttar Pradesh**

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

(a) the details of Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centres located in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Sports Authority of India Training Centers (STCs) are sufficient in the State of Uttar Pradesh proportionate to its population;

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

(d) the tournament/event-wise details of the medals/trophies won by the athletes/players trained in the STC (Sports Authority of India Training Centres) located in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years?

#### **Creation of sports facilities to prevent lifestyle diseases**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to make provisions for adequate sports facilities, playgrounds, athletic tracks and recreation centres in country to prevent lifestyle diseases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of places in Rajasthan where the above facilities are considered to be provided; and

(d) the budgetary allocations likely to be made for the above in the Financial Year 2015-16?

#### **Women badminton players from AP**

316. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the disquiet and sense of neglect among the national women badminton players particularly doubles players from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to address the players' concerns in matters related to their coaching, training and participation in international tournaments; and

(c) whether Government would advice the badminton body to appoint a separate national coach for women's doubles players?

#### **Inadequate funding for promotion of football**

317. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funding for promotion of football in India is not adequate;

(b) the amount and support given to Indian Football Association by Sports Authority of India (SAI);

(c) whether there is any other source of fund available to Indian Football Association; and

(d) the State-wise facilities available for the players across the country?

**Scheme to attract talents in tribals  
for sports**

‡318. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice providing services of NIS trained trainers by Sports Authority of India (SAI) for Central as well as State schemes has been discontinued, if so, whether it would be started again; and

(b) whether the Central Government has any scheme to discover the hidden sporting talents in young tribal boys/girls aged 9 to 14 and to raise their sports to the highest level of achievement by giving them intensive training all through the year and by opening academies for popular sports in their States?

**Status of CWG investigation**

319. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of the

Commonwealth Games (CWG) investigation;

(b) the details of companies which are being probed for the same; and

(c) whether any charge sheets have been filed in this regard, the case-wise details thereof?

**Enhancing monthly pension of medal-winner olympians**

320. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that several medal-winner olympians are living in acute penury;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to enhance their monthly pension suitably so that they can lead a dignified life; and

(c) whether Government also proposes to extend the monthly pension facility to Arjuna Awardees?

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