

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, November 23, 2016/Agrahayana 2, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and  
Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro,  
Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas;  
Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Withdrawal of MFN status given to Pakistan

801. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has reviewed/will review Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status it extended unilaterally to Pakistan two decades ago in response to the recent attacks on the Uri military camp;

(b) whether New Delhi will be flouting WTO norms if it withdraws MFN status from Pakistan;

(c) whether trade ban could hit Indian interests more than Pakistan;

(d) whether a ban on LoC trade could create a lot of unemployment across both sides of the border which could add to the unrest; and

(e) if so, what pragmatic steps India is taking in the matter?

#### Impact of FTA on valuation of rupee

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

(a) whether there has been any impact on India's existing Free Trade Agreements on employment generation and domestic economy;

(b) if so, the data regarding employment being generated per sector per annum; and

(c) the data regarding balance of trade and its impact on the valuation of the rupee?

#### Slowdown in exports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a continuous slowdown in exports of the country;

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

(c) whether Government is planning for a better exchange rate policy to ensure the rupee-dollar exchange rate reflects the realistic value of the rupee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what are the other steps taken/being taken to boost exports as well as for increasing competitiveness of our products?

#### **Impact of WTO deliberations on services**

804. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:  
SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

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

(a) the details of World Trade Organisation (WTO) deliberations that have taken place last month at Oslo;

(b) what are the reasons that India is not able to push hard Trade Facilitation Agreement on services at the WTO; and

(c) what are the constraints that India is facing and how it is planning to overcome the same and get the support from other countries?

#### **Import of artificial diamonds from China**

†805. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that artificial diamonds are being imported from China in large numbers which look like real ones but have no resale value;

(b) whether Government is also aware

that Indian consumers are being cheated due to lack of identification of genuineness of imported artificial diamonds from China;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to save the Indian consumers from cheating; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Projects under 'Make in India' scheme**

806. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects which started production under the 'Make in India' scheme since the start of this scheme in 2014 and its sector-wise breakup; and

(b) the number of employment generated so far under this scheme?

#### **Impact of 'Make in India' programme**

807. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Make in India' slogan, in spite of its wide publicity is not making any impact on Indian industrial production, capital formation and employment generation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to improve the situation?

#### **Promotion of export of spices**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of

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spices has not shown considerable improvement in the country despite having good demand abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to constitute additional Boards for promotion of spices; and

(c) what is the total earning of the country from exports and what is the percentage of earnings in it from export of spices?

#### **Jobs created by SEZs**

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

(a) whether Government has the details about the total number of jobs created by Special Economic Zones (SEZs) over the last three years; and

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

#### **Signing of trade agreements and pacts**

810. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise list of the trade agreements and pacts signed during last three years by India with other countries;

(b) the details of the trade carried out by India with the above mentioned countries including the revenue generated from the same during last three years, year-wise, country-wise and the details regarding the change in quantum of trade before and after signing the above agreements; and

(c) the details of steps taken for promotion and facilitation of trade with foreign countries during the last 18 months, country-wise?

#### **Contraction of goods' exports**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's goods exports have contracted regularly since December, 2014, barring a marginal expansion in June this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India's export slowdown may have bottomed out and the recovery in outbound shipments is expected to be slow but steady in the coming months; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a slump in commodity prices, economic slowdown in key markets and an appreciation of the real exchange rate of the rupee have been the reasons for the slowdown of India's exports along with lack of competitiveness in certain segments for the export debacle?

#### **Loss of revenue under MEIS**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is losing revenue under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) to the tune of ₹ 23,500 crores annually;

(b) what are the reasons that in spite of MEIS, exports are not going up as expected;

(c) whether it is also a fact that sluggish exports are also due to failure to bring in reforms in labour laws and non-implementation of ₹ 6,000 crore package to garment sector; and

(d) if so, how much time will Government take to notify the package and bring in labour reforms to push exports?

**Targeted approach to boost FDI inflows**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has now turned to a more targeted approach to boost Foreign Direct Investment inflows;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified 150 companies as potential investors;

(c) whether country specific modules are being prepared with special focus to middle rung companies, some of which are larger than Indian companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Conditions for ports on import of metallic scrap**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made it mandatory that any sea port to be designated for import of unshredded metallic scrap will have to install radiation portal monitors and container scanners by March, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only entry sea ports will be designated and notified for imports of these scraps; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of leather sector**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to spend a huge amount on leather sector during

the Twelfth Plan period under Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDLP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to promote leather sector in the country?

**Acquisition of GSPC by ONGC**

816. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for acquisition of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) by ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any study to understand the financial viability of the acquisition; and

(d) if so, the detail findings of any such study?

**Fall in exports**

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

(a) whether exports have fallen in last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on our revenue; and

(c) steps taken to improve the situation and details of identified products and affected persons?

**Ranking of States in 'Ease of Doing Business'**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the

findings of 'Ease of Doing Business' in the country, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana topped the list;

(b) if so, the details thereof and business-friendly reforms being implemented in both the States;

(c) whether final rankings have been released;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how Ministry is going to help, technically, financially and otherwise, the States which are performing exceptionally well like A.P. and Telangana?

#### **Review of MFN status given to Pakistan**

819. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status given to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of any such proposal; and

(c) the trade details including volume of trade between India and Pakistan during the last three years, import-wise and export-wise?

#### **Demolition of ITPO's Hall of Nations**

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

(a) whether any decision with regard to razing of India Trade Promotion Organisation's (ITPO's) Hall of Nations and Nehru Pavilion has been taken;

(b) whether international organisations have written to the Ministry to save these

two buildings claiming they represented 20th century iconic structures; and

(c) if so, Government's decision to this effect?

#### **Trend in exports**

821. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has been able to arrest the declining trend in exports;

(b) if so, trends in exports during first six months of 2016-17; and

(c) the details of measures taken by Government to increase exports?

#### **Balance of Trade**

822. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the year-wise Balance of Trade position in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) what was the quantum of exports in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) what was the quantum of imports in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(d) what are the factors responsible for rise/decline in the aforesaid fields; and

(e) remedial measures, if any, adopted in these respect?

#### **Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme**

†823. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme is being run by the

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Central Government for increasing cultural awareness and mutual understanding and respect among the youth with a view to develop proper leadership qualities among them and for making them more aware about their culture in order to inculcate love for India's rich heritage in their minds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the main focus of this programme is on the youth residing in backward areas who have comparatively less access to resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of boundary walls and toilets at all monuments**

824. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reserved a fund for the construction of boundary walls and toilets at all monuments which are under protection of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(b) if so, the list of monuments identified for the purpose, State-wise and details of the funds earmarked for each of the monuments?

**Preservation of Sonar Fort, Jaisalmer**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Sonar Fort in Jaisalmer has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the base of Sonar Fort is getting weak and the walls have started crumbling;

(c) if so, whether Archaeological Survey of India has investigated its reasons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to save Sonar Fort?

**Projects sanctioned for Maharashtra under Central Financial Assistance**

826. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extends exclusive Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the States/UTs for preservation of cultural heritage;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the projects, including expenditure incurred till 2015-16 thereupon in the last three years, and

(c) what are the important projects sanctioned for Maharashtra under CFA and implementation status and expenditure incurred for the last three years in each case?

**Comprehensive conservation and development plan for forts in Maharashtra**

827. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had under his occupation more than 350 forts located not only in Maharashtra but in other adjoining States also;

(b) if so, a State-wise list of these forts duly mentioning which one of them are under the protection of Central

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Government or respective State Governments or otherwise;

(c) whether the Central Government has prepared any comprehensive conservation and development plan for the forts under ASI's protection in Maharashtra from tourism point of view; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when this exercise would be completed?

#### **Setting up of science cities**

828. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the science cities set up in the country;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to set up at least one science city in each State/UT;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Haryana; and

(d) the action taken by Government along with the time by when such cities are likely to be set up in all States/UTs in the country?

#### **Funds for conservation of traditional cultural activities in Madhya Pradesh**

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

(a) whether Government has allocated any funds for conservation of traditional cultural activities of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing projects running for conservation, promotion and preservation of traditional arts of Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether any projects/scheme of Government is also running for conservation of traditional tribal arts; and

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

#### **Improving indigenous industries for tribals**

830. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to improve the handicrafts and indigenous industries that can serve as a livelihood to the tribal community.

(b) whether there is a streamline process of engagement across the Central Government, State Governments and administration at the district level in effective implementation of such schemes; and

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

#### **Renovation/restoration of Saptakoteshwar Temple**

831. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to renovate/restore Saptakoteshwar Temple;

(b) if so, the details of items taken up for renovation/restoration;

(c) the estimate of amount likely to be incurred on each of the item;

(d) the source of funding for the project; and

(e) by what date the project is going to be completed?

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**Preservation of cultural heritage of  
Himalayas**

832. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to promote, protect and preserve the cultural heritage of Himalayas under the Scheme for Development of the Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas;

(b) the State-wise details of the achievement of the scheme thus far;

(c) what criteria are followed to select the organizations for grant of assistance under this scheme; and

(d) what mechanisms are in place to check the misuse of funds granted under this scheme?

**Heritage status buildings and  
monuments in Kerala**

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

(a) the list of World Heritage Status buildings and monuments approved by UNESCO in Kerala State; and

(b) the expenditure incurred upon such buildings for their upkeep during each of the last three years?

**Threat of extinction of Indian music  
and dance forms**

834. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the extinction threat to Indian music and dance forms;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to promote Indian music and

dance forms at educational institutions and other places; and

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

**Closure of sick PSUs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to shut down a number of sick PSUs;

(b) if so, the details of number of PSUs being shut and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to re-employ the employees of PSUs shut in the past; and

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

**Regulator for monitoring safety  
defects of cars**

836. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received complaints against a leading German luxury car manufacturer for emission norms and other manufacturing defects in their cars;

(b) if so, what action Government has taken on the complaints received in this regard;

(c) whether Government does not have any legal framework with regard to defective vehicles or their standardization; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take for setting up of a



regulator for strictly monitoring the safety defects of car manufacturers?

Government to encourage these sectors to meet the targets?

#### **Contribution of PSUs in GDP**

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

(a) whether the contribution of Public Sector Undertakings in the Gross Domestic Product has not been satisfactory and if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government has fixed any targets to increase the above percentage during the remaining period of current Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to help the CPSUs, including those incurring losses to set up subsidiaries or form joint ventures with State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in certain African countries and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Growth rate of industries**

838. SHRIMATIRAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the growth registered in various industries of the country such as heavy engineering equipment and machine tools, automotives, heavy electrical engineering, etc., during each of the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;

(b) whether Government has achieved the growth target in the fields during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by

#### **Taking over of MAMC**

839. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after taking over of the Mining and Allied Machineries Corporation (MAMC) after its liquidation by the Consortium of three CPSUs, viz, BEML, CIL and DVC, the production activities have already been started;

(b) if so, from which date and the products being manufactured by the new company; and

(c) if not, why no initiative has been taken/activities initiated even after more than a decade of the company's liquidation?

#### **Fame India Scheme**

†840. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared Fame India Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the categories of vehicles to be manufactured under this scheme; and

(c) the progress made so far after the implementation of this scheme and whether this scheme has been successful in the direction to fulfil its objectives?

#### **Challenges faced by SMEs**

841. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the SMEs still face challenges in developing new products and processes due to their smaller scale, inadequate institutional mechanisms, limited access to capital, low awareness and compliance with international standards; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

**Security services in PSEs  
from organisations of  
ex-servicemen**

†842. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Public Enterprises instructed to all Public Enterprises *vide* their letter no. DPE OM No. 6/22/93/GL 15/DPE(SC/ST) dated 1 February, 1999 that all PSEs should receive security services only from the organisations of ex-servicemen registered by DGR;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that Parliament of India has passed the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 29/2005 and it is in force since 2005 and under it all security agencies including DGR are required to get license; and

(c) keeping in view the above, whether Ministry proposes to revoke its earlier orders?

**Closure of cement factories**

843. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cement factories

under Government control, how many are sick and how many are functional, what was and is the production capacity;

(b) in the same time how many private industries came and what is their production capacity now; and

(c) the reasons for closure of Public Sector Undertakings and many cement factories?

**Proposal from Telangana for increase  
of Legislative Assembly seats**

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Telangana requesting for increase of Legislative Assembly seats in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government in this regard?

**Presence of terrorists in J and K  
Valley**

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

(a) whether there are nearly 200 terrorists in the Jammu and Kashmir Valley at present;

(b) whether terrorists have sneaked into the Indian side of the Line of Control in large numbers to create trouble; and

(c) if so, what fool-proof steps Government is taking to protect the life

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and property of the people and security forces?

**Western coast of the country vulnerable to terrorist attacks**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the western coast of the country is very vulnerable to terrorist attacks and many such activities have come to light recently ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate measures have been taken/are being taken for better surveillance of the western coast; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Violent incidents in States**

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

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to discuss in Inter-State Council about violent incidents arising due to difference of opinion between two States and damage being caused to men and material and also to formulate Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in such times ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Precautions by security forces to prevent attack of Uri camp**

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

(a) whether any precautions were in

place by the security forces to prevent at attack in Uri camp in September, 2016 especially in the backdrop of ongoing huge political and security unrest in Kashmir Valley; and

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

**Delegation of senior most Parliamentarians to Kashmir**

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

(a) whether Government is considering any plan to send a delegation of senior most Parliamentarians to Kashmir for second time, in order to contain the volatile situation created by unrest and long and unprecedented curfew; and

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

**Codes for various categories of Visa**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce distinct codes for various categories and sub-categories of Visa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to minimize room for discretion on part of immigration officers while quizzing foreign visitors as part of immigration checks?

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**Permanent Residency Status to foreign investors**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to grant Permanent Residency Status (PRS) to certain category of foreign investors;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the relevant conditions specified for the purpose; and

(c) the employment opportunities likely to be generated due to this step of Government?

**Policy to tackle Naxalites**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites have expanded their network upto National Capital Delhi alongwith big cities, due to the lethargic approach of Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the way Government looks at the arrests of Naxalites in large number in Noida (NCR); and

(d) whether Government does not have any stringent policy to tackle Naxalites?

**Funds to border blocks of Jammu and Kashmir under BADP**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that funds are provided to the border blocks of Jammu

and Kashmir State under Border Area Development Plan (BADP); and

(b) if so, will Government increase these funds in order to construct bunkers giving relief to the residents?

**SIM cards to foreign travellers arriving on E-visa**

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

(a) whether Government plans to provide SIM cards to the foreign travellers to India arriving on E-visa;

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

(c) whether this will attract more number of foreign travellers/visitors to the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Arson in schools of J&K**

†855. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in Jammu and Kashmir where arson has been committed which is said to have affected children's studies;

(b) the district-wise details of the torching of schools; and

(c) the details of the action taken against the people involved in the incidents of torching of schools till date and the number of such people?

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**Demand for making BSF's Air Wing independent**

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

- (a) whether there is a proposal/demand for making BSF's Air wing independent;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) what is Government's stand therefor;
- (d) whether it would require clearance from M/o Civil Aviation and M/o Defence; and
- (e) if so, the status thereof?

**Proposal of BSF to buy more aircrafts**

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

- (a) whether BSF has given a proposal for ₹ 1000 crores to buy more aircrafts;
- (b) if so, the details and status thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal in view of prevailing situation at border?

**Source of funds received by Salafist NGOs**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the source of funds received by Salafist NGOs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA);
- (b) whether Government plans to undertake audit and investigation of FCRA

funds received and the bonafides of the recipients of these funds so far;

- (c) the measures to check end use of funds received under FCRA;
- (d) the steps Government is taking to curtail illegal transactions, hawala and misrepresentation by Salafist NGOs;
- (e) whether Government is considering overhauling of FCRA guidelines;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Incorrect data for arrests under Section 66A of IT Act**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the NCRB had reported incorrect data for arrests under Section 66A of the IT Act, under its publication crime in India 2016;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the corrigendum issued by the NCRB in this regard does not clarify on the actual number of arrests under Section 66A; and
- (c) the steps Government proposes to take to investigate this and ensure that no further arrests are made under the repealed section?

**Rules regarding playing of National Song**

†860. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are rules in place to ensure that National Song is performed

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uniformly in one voice, one beat and rhythm, since our National Song enhances our feeling of patriotism and it is mandatory to have rules for National Song;

(b) whether these rules are to be taken seriously as in theaters, it has been often observed that National Song is sung in different tunes and different ways and music is composed in different styles, although there is no objection in showing soldiers or other things in background but people singing this song commit physical movement; and

(c) whether Government is serious towards implementation of such rules?

#### **Cases of honour killing**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of honour killing are increasing in States such as Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Punjab;

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

(c) the steps taken to prevent these?

#### **Kidnapping and trafficking of girls and children**

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

(a) whether heinous crimes like kidnapping and trafficking of girls and children to foreign countries by criminal gangs is going on unabatedly despite strict laws in place;

(b) whether such incidents have

increased or decreased, the details thereof, State-wise for last two years;

(c) whether any responsibility of police has been fixed in such cases; and

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

#### **Steps to make Delhi Police people friendly**

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

(a) whether Delhi Police had arrested, detained and beaten up the family members of an ex-army personnel who committed suicide on 2 November, 2016 alleging non-implementation of OROP properly by Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for arrest and beating up by Delhi Police;

(c) whether Government has inquired into the alleged incident of brutality by Delhi Police and has fixed responsibility in this regard;

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

(e) the steps Government would take to make Delhi Police people friendly?

#### **Status of NATGRID**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that NATGRID has not been made operational yet;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and by when it is likely to be made operational;

(c) what is the current status of NATGRID in terms of budgetary allocation and manpower deployment; and

(d) by when the required physical and digital infrastructure is expected to be ready?

#### **Data on trafficking in India**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is little reliable data on the extent of trafficking in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 20 to 65 million people in India have fallen prey to trafficking;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need to invest in a robust data collection and maintenance system; and

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

#### **FCRA accounts in banks with core banking facilities**

866. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:  
SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are around 33,000 NGOs registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA);

(b) whether it is also a fact that at least 6,000 NGOs do not have their FCRA accounts in banks with core banking facilities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many of them have their FCRA accounts in

cooperative banks or State Government's owned apex banks; and

(d) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has made any request to the Ministry of Finance to make it mandatory for FCRA registered NGOs to have their accounts only in banks with core banking facilities?

#### **Security of Indo-Pak International Border of Punjab**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to introduce latest technology to strengthen the security of Indo-Pak International Border of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Role of NDMA in disasters during year 2014**

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

(a) which were the major disasters that occurred during the year 2014 in India;

(b) what was the role of NDMA in those disasters;

(c) how many of the projects of rehabilitation after those disasters have been completed or are nearing completion;

(d) whether it is a fact that many of the projects are not completed due to shortage of project managers of disasters; and

(e) if so, what steps Government is taking to address this issue?

**Strength of IPS officers in Tamil Nadu**

869. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength of the Indian Police Service Officers in Tamil Nadu and the total number of vacancies;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to fill the vacancies in the IPS posts in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to recognize and award those officers who have demonstrated exceptional performance in carrying out their duties?

**Provisions of FCRA, 2010**

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

(a) the main provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010 ;

(b) the names of the NGOs who are currently in the prior permission category; and

(c) whether any amendment is being proposed under Section 9 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 to deal with application for obtaining registration or prior permission to receive foreign funds?

**Foreign nationals apprehended for spying activities**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign

spies had made access to various high profile establishments across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that many foreign nationals have been apprehended for spying activities in the country;

(d) if so, the number of such cases reported and persons arrested during the last two years; and

(e) the details of corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check spying activities in the country?

**Meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee**

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

(a) the fixed expected date and actual date of calling the regular meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee of each Ministry from one year before and one year after the constitution of present Lok Sabha and every year thereafter in each of this duration and the Ministry-wise status of correspondence with A, B and C regions according to annual programme issued in each meeting; and

(b) the details of the action taken with reference to each Ministry which did not undertake follow up action as prescribed in the annual programme in context to part (a) above?

**Border Security Grid**

873. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided that the entire stretch of

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3323 km border with Pakistan would be completely sealed by 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that to achieve the above, Government is considering to formulate a time-bound action plan;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a border security grid will be formed based on suggestions from stakeholders in border areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Plan to make NATGRID operational**

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any contingency plan to make National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), which was conceived after Mumbai Terror Attacks operational in full-fledged manner by the end of this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) if no such contingency plan has been conceived, the reasons therefor?

#### **Citizenship to persons coming to India due to religious persecution**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken steps for amendment of Constitution of India to confer Indian Citizenship to the Hindu Bengalis, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, etc. who came to India till 31 December, 2014 for shelter due to religious persecution that took place

in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, what is the total number of Bengali Hindu population those who came to Assam from Bangladesh and Pakistan till 31 December, 2014?

#### **Lack of laboratories and forensic experts affecting hearing of cases**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases pending forensic report are increasing due to lack of laboratories and forensic experts, thereby affecting the hearing of different cases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some cases in forensic investigations are of such nature that an early viscera examination is required for good results and if too much time is taken, for examination, then investigation report is likely to get affected; and

(c) the details of efforts being made by the Ministry so that the forensic report takes lesser time and its subsequent for reaching results are satisfactory?

#### **Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits**

877. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to rehabilitate the Kashmiri Pandits;

(b) whether Government has any plan

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to launch any special scheme for rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) why Government has not been able to implement Prime Minister's package for Kashmiri Pandits creating 6000 jobs which was announced in 2009 by the then Prime Minister?

#### **Funds for development of border areas**

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

(a) whether Government has formulated schemes/projects to meet the special developmental needs and well being of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the International Border to check their migration from there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated during the last three years to achieve the objectives of the said schemes and projects; and

(d) whether the funds allocated for the development of border areas have been diverted and misutilized and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Multi-pronged strategy at disaster management**

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

(a) whether Government has mooted proposal to involve Civil Defence and Civil Society groups in tackling disaster mitigation efforts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating devising a multi-pronged strategy aimed at disaster management in the future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Curfew in Kashmir Valley**

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

(a) the number of incidents that took place in Kashmir Valley during the last two years and names of the areas where curfew was imposed and duration thereof;

(b) the year in which Kashmir Valley witnessed worst condition of internal security during the last twelve years, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been an increase in migration from Kashmir during the last two years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to bring back normalcy in Kashmir Valley and the results thereof so far?

#### **Supreme Court ruling on making FIR Public**

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

(a) whether the Supreme Court ruled that an FIR must be made public within 24 hours of its registration unless reason is recorded that the offence is sensitive in nature;

(b) whether it has directed the States and Union Territories to ensure that contents of an FIR are uploaded on official

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websites of the State Police or State Governments;

(c) whether it has been a major step to boost transparency in criminal investigations and check harassment of the accused by the Police; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Affected families of 1984 anti-Sikh riots awaiting aid facilities**

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

(a) the number of cases in each State where affected persons/families of 1984 anti-Sikh riots are still awaiting various aid/facilities announced by the Central Government; and

(b) by when all the cases are likely to be disposed off?

**Enquiry about unrest in Jammu and Kashmir**

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

(a) whether Government has instituted any enquiry about the unrest in Jammu and Kashmir which has been going on for the last three months and if so, what is the outcome thereof and remedial measures Government proposes to take to normalise the situation in the Valley; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that unemployment is one of the major problems which has significantly contributed towards the unrest in the valley and if so, what action Government has taken

to provide employment to unemployed persons during the last two years?

**Tapping of phones by telecom company**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received complaint relating to tapping of phones relating to industrialists, bureaucrats and politicians by a private telecom company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the present status of the complaint?

**Security on Indian borders adjoining Pakistan**

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

(a) whether Government is mulling seriously about the security on the Indian borders adjoining Pakistan;

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

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

**Central assistance to Odisha in wake of Cyclone Phailin**

886. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Level Committee, Government of India has reviewed the issue of sanction of Central assistance to Government of Odisha in the wake of

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Cyclone Phailin, 2013 and approved an additional assistance of ₹ 399.83 crore for release to the Government of Odisha out of which only an amount of ₹ 99.96 crore has been released and the State Government has moved the Ministry of Home Affairs to release the balance funds on priority; and

(b) whether the Government of India would take expeditious steps to release the balance fund of ₹ 299.87 crore?

#### **Funds lying under Nirbhaya Fund**

887. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than ₹ 3000 crore are lying under Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) Guidelines issued in October, 2015, Government was to grant ₹ 200 crore corpus to CVCF;

(d) if so, when grant was released and its utilization thereof, State-wise;

(e) how Government thinks that implementation of CVCF in different States with this meagre amount is possible; and

(f) why is there disparity in payment of compensation in various States for similar crimes and how Ministry will ensure that equal compensation is paid to all victims?

#### **Special training to State police forces**

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

(a) whether Government is providing special training to the State police forces to deal with terrorists/naxalites/maoists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) other concrete steps taken by Government for the modernisation of the police forces in this regard?

#### **National Counter Terrorism Centre**

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

(a) whether efforts are being made to set up a National Counter Terrorism Centre, if so, by when it will be started, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the previous Government had held talks with the States for setting up a National Counter Terrorism Centre but some States had vehemently opposed it due to which this Centre could not be set up, if so, the States that had opposed it and the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

#### **Division of Institutions between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has had a meeting with Telangana and Andhra Pradesh representatives over the division of Institutions listed in the Tenth Schedule of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the views of the Ministry on the issues raised by the representatives of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

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(d) the steps being taken by Government to resolve the matter in a justifiable manner?

#### **Constitution of various Committees**

891. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted various Committees, Boards and Councils under the Ministry of Home Affairs and its associated establishments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps so far taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Legal safeguards for women harassed in cyberspace**

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

(a) what are the legal safeguards for women who have been harassed in cyberspace;

(b) whether Government is considering to introduce a new law to regulate the cyber bullying and cyber harassment; and

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

#### **Annual allocation to Rajasthan under SDRF**

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

(a) the maximum limit of the annual allocation received by Rajasthan Government under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF);

(b) whether it is a fact that the amount of financial assistance has increased under many heads after changing SDRF norms, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the annual allocation under SDRF for Rajasthan in the year 2016-17, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Overhaul of CRPF**

894. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating an overhaul of the CRPF and turn it into a world class counter-insurgency force in order to keep pace with the dynamic nature of insurgency and terror situations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to formulate a suitable reorganisation and restructuring plan for CRPF in the light of the requirements due to different threats to internal security in the country and its time-bound implementation/execution?

#### **Setting up of Medical Colleges and Medical Educational Institutions by ESIC**

895. SHRIMATI SASIKALAPUSHPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ESIC has decided not to set up any Medical Colleges and also not to set up any Medical Educational Institutions in future;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the status of the Medical Colleges/ Medical Educational Institutions that were

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already functional and which were recently opened *viz.*, their affiliation, their administrative control will be exercised by whom, etc.?

**Benefits to workers in more sectors under ESIC and EPF**

896. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is planning to extend benefits under the ESIC and EPF for construction workers, auto and cycle-rickshaw drivers, Anganwadi and ASHA workers in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ESI and EPF facilities for construction workers**

897. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to provide ESI and EPF facilities for construction workers also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by which time the Act will come into force?

**Special schools for child labourers**

898. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of special schools (Child Labour Rehabilitation-cum-Welfare Centres) operational in the country at present, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided and utilised by these special schools during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise including Bihar; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by Government for welfare of child labourers in the country?

**Social security schemes for unorganised sector**

899. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of workers in the unorganised sector who have been included in various social security schemes provided by Government, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to identify and register unorganised sector workers in social security schemes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to identify and register unorganised workers, if so, the details thereof, coverage date, time-line for completion, State-wise, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken measures to ensure compliance of unorganised sector with labour legislations, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up of Employment Commission**

900. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up an Employment Commission in the country to generate employment avenues is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether the existing mechanisms to create employment avenues are not adequate;

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

(e) the manner and the extent to which the setting up of Employment Commission is likely to help in solving unemployment problem in the country?

#### **Notification of NCLP societies**

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

(a) whether National Child Labour Project (NCLP) societies have been notified in all the districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the new NCLP societies created to cater to the new Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers?

#### **Threat to jobs from automation**

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

(a) whether Government agrees with the views of World Bank that automation threatens 69 per cent jobs in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) if not, what are the views of Government on this issue?

#### **Effect of setting up of MNCs on unemployment**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study or proposes to conduct any study with regard to unemployment in the country in order to assess the effect of setting up of MNCs;

(b) if so, the salient features of the above study and the results thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures taken by Government to create more employment opportunities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures being taken?

#### **Threshold limit for coverage under ESIC**

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

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

(a) whether Government raised the threshold limit for mandatory coverage of ESIC for organised sector recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the present number of insured persons and what would be the additional number, after increasing the threshold limit;

(c) whether any optional scheme is available for those who go out of threshold coverage due to increase in wages, if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) whether the existing infrastructure like ESI dispensaries, hospitals, manpower are able to meet additional coverage, if not, the action proposed?

#### **Schemes for providing employment**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formed many schemes for giving employment to unemployed people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unemployed people who were given employment during the last two years and the number of people likely to be provided employment in the coming years, details thereof?

#### **Decline in child labour**

†906. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in number of child labour in the country;

(b) if so, the number of children involved in child labour between 2014-15 to September, 2016; and

(c) the age bracket specified by Government with regard to child labour as on date?

#### **Peaking of unemployment among youth and women**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that

unemployment peaked among youths and women during the year 2015-16;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) the details of status of unemployment during last three years; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to deal with this problem?

#### **Law to secure jobs of contractual workers**

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

(a) by when Government will enact a law to secure the jobs of people working on contract basis;

(b) by when it is proposed to bring the workers from unorganised sector under the cover of social security; and

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred for providing housing to all workers by 2022 and the number of people provided with homes in last two years?

#### **Rehabilitation of rescued child labourers in Punjab**

909. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government for rehabilitating the rescued child labourers during the last three years;

(b) the number of child labourers, benefited during this period, State-wise particularly Punjab; and

(c) whether Government acknowledges that child labour is more of a sociological problem, if so, the details thereof?

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**Employment and unemployment survey**

910. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted Employment and Unemployment survey during the last two years in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that unemployment level has risen during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to generate more employment in the country?

**Occupational health and safety measures in unorganised sector**

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

(a) whether Government is implementing occupational health and safety measures in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the estimated cost borne by the Indian economy because of lack of due diligence shown in addressing the safety concerns; and

(d) the measures that Government is exploring to better address occupational health and safety issues in the unorganised sector?

**Shrinking of employment due to change in technology**

†912. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new jobs are shrinking owing to certain reasons like change in technology, digital platform and expansion of internet;

(b) the details of action plan adopted towards creation of new jobs;

(c) whether it is a fact that an indiscriminate adoption of new technologies is leading to displacement of work force in various fields; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Rising unemployment among youth**

913. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of rising unemployment among the country's youth;

(b) if so, the details of steps Government has taken to generate employment in the country; and

(c) the year-wise and sector-wise details of new employments generated in the country in the last three years?

**National Career Platform**

†914. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal to Government for approval of Centre's share for linking employment exchanges with National Career Service Platform and organising employment fares at district level, if so, by when it would be approved; and

(b) whether a proposal to convert structure of employment exchanges of Rajasthan into State-of art career centres is under consideration of Government, if so, by when its approval would be issued, the details thereof?

#### **Problem of unemployment and underemployment**

†915. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an army of unemployed youth is coming up in the country, including Maharashtra;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that more than 23 lakh applications are coming in for 368 vacancies of peons in which there are applications from Graduates, Post Graduates, B. Techs, while the requisite qualification for the post of peon is class 5 pass along with the ability to ride a bicycle; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to the youth according to their qualifications?

#### **Online registration for MSME sector**

916. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has started online registration for MSME sector last year;

(b) if so, the details of MSME units registered since then, State-wise;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Ministry that there are some difficulties in Udyog Aadhar Memorandum (UAM);

(d) if so, how Ministry is planning to resolve them;

(e) whether MSME units registered in Andhra Pradesh under UAM is not so encouraging;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and remedial measures that the Ministry proposes to help Andhra Pradesh; and

(g) how many Udyog Aadhar Numbers have so far been issued to the registered MSME units under UAM, State-wise?

#### **Revision of MSME Policy**

917. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to revise the MSME Policy framed in the year 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Khadi and village industries in Haryana**

918. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of Khadi and Village

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Industries (KVIs) in the country, State/UT-wise including Haryana;

(b) whether Government has undertaken skill development programme for workers in these KVIs;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Haryana:

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts taken by Government for promoting KVI products of the country abroad?

#### **Startup India programme under MSME sector**

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

(a) the main objectives of Startup India programme under MSME sector;

(b) the total number of beneficiaries under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Coir Udyami Yojana (CUY), MUDRA under Startup India programme; and

(c) the total amount of subsidy transferred to the beneficiaries' bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)?

#### **Encouragement to small scale industries**

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

(a) whether the Central Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for providing sufficient encouragement to small

scale industries in view of competition faced from the multinational companies;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Promotion of agro-based rural industries**

921. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by Government for promotion of agro-based rural industries in the country;

(b) whether Government has received any proposals from the States for revival of the said industries in the last two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the status of the proposals, State-wise?

#### **Sales and share of Khadi products**

922. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of Khadi has increased, the details of Khadi sales, profits, and volume in the past three years;

(b) the sector-wise details regarding the increase and decrease of various Khadi products and their share in respect to the volume of overall Khadi Gram Udyog;

(c) whether Government has any plans/schemes/programmes to keep Khadi in competition with private brands;

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(d) if so, the schemes of Government to promote use of Khadi among the public, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of Government's vision for the corporatization of Khadi Gram Udyog on the lines of Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies?

**Model legislation for regulating the functioning of MSMEs**

923. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by Government for creating/providing favourable conditions for the development and promotion of MSMEs under 'the ease of doing business programme' and the extent of success achieved therefrom;

(b) whether Government has enacted a model legislation for regulating the functioning of MSMEs in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the same legislation is being replicated/followed by all the States in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

**Representation from Petrol Pump Dealers' Associations**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation from the Petrol Pump Dealers' Associations seeking justice on their demands;

(b) the details of the demands made by petrol pump dealers; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to alleviate their problems?

**Subsidy on kerosene**

925. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to cut the subsidy on kerosene, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is aware that the usage of kerosene is more in the urban areas; and

(c) whether any study has been made on the usage of kerosene in the household, the details thereof?

**IOC's gas pipeline from Gujarat to Gorakhpur**

†926. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the project of Indian Oil Corporation Limited will be completed wherein a 1,987 km long pipeline has to be laid from the coastal area of Gujarat to Gorakhpur of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total expenditure to be incurred on this project, whether there is any permanent system available to ascertain the progress of this project from time-to-time; and

(c) total supply of LPG in lac tonnes annually will be made through this pipeline?

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**Check on increasing prices of petrol/  
diesel**

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

(a) whether the current level of international product prices of petrol and diesel and Rupee-US dollar exchange rate warrant an increase in selling price of petrol and diesel;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to regulate the market and keep a check on increasing prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Consumption of gas**

†928. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) total consumption of gas during last three years and quantity of gas produced in the country and imported, out of said consumption of the gas;

(b) the basis on which prices of such two kind of gases *i.e.* one indigenously produced and the other imported are fixed;

(c) reasons for not fixing general prices for these gases and whether Government is aware of the fact that these kind of gases are provided to the industries in different States at considerable different prices; and

(d) whether Government earns a portion of its income from the indigenous production and sale of the gas, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Status of City Gas Distribution**

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

(a) present status of City Gas Distribution in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are hurdles with the existing policy which are obstructing expansion of gas distribution; and

(c) if so, whether there are any plans to address (b) above?

**Supply of kerosene to fishing boats at  
cost price in Kerala**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that traditional fishing boats in Kerala fitted with outboard engines use kerosene as fuel and that kerosene allotment to Kerala per month has been successively reduced from 15,000 kilo litre to 1500 kilo litre;

(b) since the price is relatively high, whether Government will supply kerosene to fishing boats at cost price of oil companies without changing excise duties; and

(c) whether allotment of kerosene to Kerala will be refixed taking this matter into consideration?

**Enquiry in exploitation of natural gas  
from KG basin**

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

(a) whether RIL-BP-Niko, exploited natural gas for some years from a block belonging to ONGC in the KG Basin about a decade ago;

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(b) whether this was enquired into by any Government appointed commission which recommended slapping a fine on the accused companies;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on it and it has been implemented; and

(d) whether Government will draw up strict norms to ensure that such incidents which are blots on the industry do not recur?

**Advertisement for selection of rural LPG distributorship in Ballia, UP**

932. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2024 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th May, 2016 and state:

(a) the details of locations advertised on 28 October, 2016 for selection of rural LPG distributors in Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) reasons for not advertising for cancelled locations at Narahi, Majharia and Daulatpur in Ballia district as per the extant rule and assurance in the House;

(c) by when this location is likely to be advertised;

(d) whether Government is aware of wrong advertisement at serial number 71, for location Sohaon which itself is a Gram Panchayat and Lakshmanpur is different one;

(e) if so, the details of correct location; and

(f) the details of corrigendum issued in

this regard and date for application extended?

**Poor women covered under PMUY**

933. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) to provide LPG connections to poor women in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Yojana;

(c) the number of poor women who have so far been covered under PMUY in the State of Maharashtra, with district-wise details thereof;

(d) whether any target has been fixed for the State of Maharashtra for the next two years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Production of rubberized bitumen in refineries**

934. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any project to produce rubberized bitumen in refineries under Public Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether any funds have been allotted for the project, so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, whether any time-frame has been kept for implementation of the project?

**Recovery of amount from RIL on KG Basin**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries and its partners are drawing natural gas belonging to State-owned ONGC in the KG Basin of the Bay of Bengal in the past seven years;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto indicating the details of the committee report in this regard; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to recover the amount from Reliance and its partners?

**Formulation of consumer friendly petroleum price policy**

†936. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken/propose to take steps to formulate a consumer-friendly price policy by abolishing multi-layer tax system and by making production cost a basis for price fixing in view of ever rising prices of petroleum products;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds spent on welfare of locals in Auraiya, UP by GAIL**

937. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether protests of people living

around Pata in Auraiya District of Uttar Pradesh are increasing day-by-day as it has become very difficult to survive in that area due to continuous leakage of poisonous gas of GAIL plant;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to improve the living standard of people living in that area, keeping in view their health related issues;

(c) whether GAIL helps the local people by investing few percentage of its annual income on public in order to improve condition of poor people living in surrounding areas of Pata village in Auraiya district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Decrease in kerosene oil subsidy**

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

(a) whether the kerosene oil subsidy has decreased during fiscal year 2015-16;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government plans to link Aadhaar for Direct Benefit Transfer of kerosene oil subsidy money to the beneficiary in order to check bogus consumers;

(d) the time-limit set for complete Aadhaar link for kerosene oil in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Technology to check adulteration of fuel**

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

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

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(a) whether any technology is developed to prevent adulteration of petrol/diesel from the vending machines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many cases of adulteration in petrol/diesel vending were reported during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) if not, what foolproof method is in place to detect adulterated fuel in the vending machine and make sale of such fuel non-functional?

#### **Storage facilities for strategic oil reserves**

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

(a) whether India has dedicated storage facilities for strategic oil reserves;

(b) if so, the quantity of oil and petroleum products which can be stored in such capacity;

(c) whether there is any proposal to create additional capacities for storage of oil to meet emergency requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foreign investors on crude oil storage facilities**

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

(a) whether India has built 5.33 million tonnes crude storages at Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur to provide for a 12 day exigency supply cover;

(b) whether national oil companies of Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and

also a private oil major, Shell have shown interest in storing crude at these caverns, subject to fiscal incentives from Indian Government; and

(c) whether foreign investors on crude oil storage facilities in India are still awaiting regulatory issues to be sorted out as also India's ban on crude oil exports?

#### **Misuse of CSR funds by Bokaro Steel Plant**

942. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CAG had pointed to misuse of funds earmarked for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that this misuse related to hiring of helicopters by officials;

(c) what action has been taken for this serious irregularity; and

(d) if not, by what time action is proposed to be taken?

#### **Foreign tourist arrivals**

†943. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of growth recorded in arrival of foreign tourists during 2014 to 2016 as compared to that of previous years;

(b) the number of foreign tourists along with the names of the countries from where they visited India, during the last years;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken by Government to increase the number of foreign tourist arrivals?

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**Decline in number of foreign tourists**

†944. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sharp decline has been noticed in the number of foreign tourists coming to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the year-wise details of foreign tourists coming to India in the last three years; and

(d) the name of country from which maximum number of tourists came to India?

**Eco-tourism project at Alisagar in Telangana**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that development of eco-tourism project at Alisagar in Nizamabad district of Telangana has been taken up;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the amount spent on it so far; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

**Promotion of tourism in Eastern and North-Eastern States**

946. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various steps taken or likely to be taken by Government to promote tourism and attract more number of tourists in the Eastern as well as North-Eastern States of the country;

(b) whether Government has recorded

any increase in the number of tourists visiting in these States during this season as compared to the previous years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of rural tourism**

947. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is immense potential to develop rural tourism in the country;

(b) the number of districts/villages identified, developed and declared as rural tourism destinations in the country in the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has received proposals/suggestions from States/UTs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated by Government for the said purpose?

**Funds for cleaning up of pilgrimage places**

948. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank is providing technical and financial assistance to Government for cleaning up of ten iconic places including Taj Mahal and Vaishno Devi on par with international standards;

(b) if so, complete details in this regard with the names of iconic places to be cleaned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the important Hindu temples in Gujarat are not cleaned for want of funds; and

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(d) if so, what steps Government is proposing to provide suitable funds for cleaning of these pilgrimage places?

#### **Strengthening of tourism sector**

†949. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to strengthen tourism sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the State-wise details of tourist places in the country?

#### **New tourism circuits**

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

- (a) whether Ministry proposes to declare certain new tourism circuits in the country to attract foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the names of such places; and
- (c) if not, whether the issue of creating new tourism circuits would be deliberated upon by the Ministry?

#### **Development of tourism in the country**

951. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of measures taken to develop tourism in India;
- (b) the details of plans formulated to organize and develop tourism destinations scattered all over the country;

(c) the steps taken to boost direct as well as indirect investment in tourism; and

(d) the action taken to preserve cultural heritage and environment at tourist destinations to attract more tourists?

#### **Tourism projects for Uttar Pradesh**

†952 SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a project from tourism point of view has been announced by Government in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) details of projects started by Government in Uttar Pradesh to boost tourism during the last three years;

(c) the current status of the said projects, and the extent of economic development and employment opportunities expected to be generated in the State by such projects;

(d) names of projects along with their Heads pending disbursal in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years which may result in cost escalation; and

(e) the actual status thereof?

#### **Safety of tourists coming to border States**

953. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a dip in the number of tourists, foreign and Indian separately, who come to the border States including Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir after the recent terrorist attacks as compared to the same time last year;

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(b) whether steps have been taken to ensure the safety of tourists who come to these States, if so, details of the steps taken; and

(c) whether awareness campaigns have been launched in conjunction with foreign affairs wings to ensure that foreign tourists feel safe to travel to the country?

#### **Degree/diploma in Hotel Management**

954. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether students opting for degree/diploma in Hotel Management are aggrieved against compulsory inclusion of theoretical and practical courses for cooking non-vegetarian food; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to redress the grievance?

#### **Tribals killed by Maoists**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent months a significant number of innocent tribal people have been killed by Maoists in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure safety and security of vulnerable tribal population?

#### **ST status to Dhangar community in Maharashtra**

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

(a) whether Dhangar and Dhangad community are one and the same in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether they are getting the facilities of Scheduled Tribe; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Malnutrition among tribals**

957. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hunger and malnutrition still haunts the tribal, in particular the children in tribal areas of Maharashtra and rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken/proposes to take to get rid of hunger and malnutrition amongst the tribals in Maharashtra and other parts of the country?

#### **Low literacy rates among tribals**

958. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that literacy rate among Scheduled Tribes is 59 per cent as per 2011 Census;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that this is 14 per cent low as compared to literacy rate of total population as per Census 2011;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan to upgrade the literacy rate of STs upto the national average in a time-bound manner; and

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

**Eviction of tribals in West and East  
Godavari districts**

959. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many forest dwellers and tribals have been evicted since January 1, 2015 from villages of Chenogondapalli, Mamidigondhi, Devragondhi, Pydipaka, Singanapalli, Thotagandhi, Itikalakota in Polavaram Mandal in West Godavari district and Devipatnam Mandal in East Godavari district for Polavaram dam;

(b) whether it is a fact that no tribal has since got any benefit under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, in all the above mentioned villages; and

(c) what steps are proposed to halt all evictions in such villages till the Forest Rights Act is fully and satisfactorily implemented?

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**Return of acquired land  
of tribals**

960. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a specific representation on PM's statement stating that 'Tribals must get right to land' from activists who have taken up cause of Polavaram, Devipatnam, Anguluru, Kukunoor and Kunavaram tribals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to return land acquired from tribals in these areas which was acquired by Government for low prices; and

(c) measures proposed to survey all forest dwellers and tribals in that area?

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*Secretary-General.*

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