

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, February 24, 2016/Phalguna 5, 1937 (Saka)*

**(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 — 159

Exports of fruits and vegetables

1. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports of fruits and vegetables from India including the State of Kerala during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) whether many export consignments from India like fruits and vegetables are having entry restrictions in US, UK and European Union and few other countries;

(c) if so, the details regarding the reasons for the ban in these countries; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to negotiate with respective Governments for the lifting of entry restrictions on Indian fruits and vegetables?

Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a drop of 20.66 per cent has been registered in exports in last few months in comparison to previous financial year;

(b) whether provisions of five year Foreign Trade Policy announced in current financial year has failed to help the exporters;

(c) whether main reasons of this decline in export pertains to the cost of Indian exporters and whether they are being edged out by competitors; and

(d) if so, the details of plan of Government to improve this situation of drop in exports and whether any special policy is being formulated for this?

Fall in exports

†2. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the

Meeting of select trade envoys by WTO to discuss SSM

3. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the

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Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Trade Organization had convened a meeting of select trade envoys to discuss the Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM) and whether there is a common ground for such a mechanism in the final Doha agricultural package;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the US has suggested that SSM can only be discussed as part of market access negotiation and that there is no need for SSM, when the level of market access in the Doha negotiation is being recalibrated and if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to States for export infrastructure

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

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

(a) the State-wise financial assistance provided to States, including Maharashtra for development of export infrastructure and allied activities during the last two years and current year;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Central Government for the utilization of Central grants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the performance of each States in export earnings?

Incidents of firing and infiltration on India's international border

†5. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased

to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of firing and infiltration on India's international border have increased during the last one and a half years;

(b) the year-wise number of army personnel/citizens who got injured/lost their lives in such incidents, the number of persons who got displaced, the number of border outposts of security forces that were damaged and the extent of loss of property due to such incidents during the last five years and the current year; and

(c) the retaliatory action taken by Government in such incidents and the results thereof?

Mega Leather Clusters under ILDP

6. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received so far for setting up Mega Leather Clusters (MLCs) under Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP) along with the name of the places;

(b) the reasons for very slow pace of clearance of the proposals received; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the appraisal of proposal is done in a time-bound manner so that the MLCs are established without any further delay?

Special schemes for tea gardens of West Bengal

7. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has planned any special

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schemes for the tea gardens of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Developing more SIZs

8. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has advised Government to develop more Special Industrial Zones (SIZs) with good connectivity and infrastructure to cater to domestic demand and improve trade balance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to implement the proposal to boost the manufacturing sector and generate more employment?

Review of FDI policy

9. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to bring various public sectors under its ambit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Dumping of poor quality goods by foreign companies

10. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of dumping of poor quality goods in Indian market by foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any

action to stop/discourage this illegal dumping of goods; and

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

Coming together to keep Doha Round on WTO agenda

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

(a) whether a group of 47 countries including India have come together to argue that Doha Round remained firmly on World Trade Organizations (WTOs) agenda;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the issues on which both developed and developing countries failed to arrive at any conclusion; and

(d) the details of the new issues developed countries intend to take up?

Fall in exports from A.P. and Telangana

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

(a) whether there is a steep fall in exports from States like A.P. and Telangana;

(b) why the Central Government has failed to reverse the fall; and

(c) what is the present share of A.P. and Telangana in the overall export basket?

Start-up India and Stand-up India missions

13. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the 'Start-up India' and 'Stand-up India' missions launched by the Central Government recently;

(b) the projection of the mission; and

(c) what are the incentives envisaged for the business community under the above programmes?

(c) if so, the rationale of such suspension;

(d) whether Government proposes to amend the existing policy on FDI in Multi Brand Retail Trade; and

(e) if so, by when Government is likely to announce new policy in this regard?

Solar power trade dispute with US

14. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US and India are involved in a long-running solar power trade dispute after the US claimed that India's national solar power programme illegally discriminates against imported solar panels and related products used in its domestic solar power generation facilities;

(b) whether the dispute is now under the adjudication of the World Trade Organization (WTO);

(c) whether India has now sought to reach an out-of-the court settlement with the US on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Current status on FDI policy in Multi Brand Retail Trade

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

(a) what is the current status of policy on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Multi Brand Retail Trade;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has suspended the implementation of pronounced policy in this regard;

Measures to increase exports

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

(a) whether Government has taken any new measures and facilities to increase the total exports from various sectors in the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof about Government's scheme and plans on the development of exports from various sectors in the country;

(c) the country-wise list of countries to which maximum exports are made and total value of exports made in the last three years;

(d) whether Central Government is providing adequate support to various Central and State owned public sector industries to increase their exports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof during last three years in various sectors?

Medicine exports to African, Asian and East European countries

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

(a) the year-wise and country-wise details of drug exports to African, Asian and East European countries by Indian drug manufacturers in the last five years and the current year;

(b) how India is able to compete with China in export of medicines to above countries;

(c) the details of other competitors to India in drug supplies to these countries;

(d) whether India is extending any financial aid to the above countries like China; and

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

Decline in exports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the total export during the first-half of the current financial year was 132.93 billion dollars;

(b) whether this export is 17.36 per cent less than that of the corresponding half-year of the last financial year;

(c) if so, the details of the economic loss to the country due to this fall in export; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to deal with this decline in export?

Seeking comments from States on e-commerce

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sought comments from the State Governments regarding e-commerce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many State Governments have responded to the request of the Central Government;

(d) whether many State Governments have objected to e-commerce and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in multibra and retail; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in e-commerce business

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the rapid increase in e-commerce business in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of e-commerce in the country in the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no definition for e-commerce in the country;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with States in this regard and also on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in e-commerce;

(e) if so, the outcome of the same;

(f) whether any study has been conducted on the impact of e-commerce portals on the retailers in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Trade deficit

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

(a) the details of total rise in trade deficit during the financial year 2014-15 and the reasons therefor;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been a decline in imports and exports during the financial year 2014-15, if so, the industries which were affected the most by this and the details of the total loss and profit; and

(c) the details of the facilities and assistance provided by Government to the industries affected by decline in import and export?

Agenda of WTO meeting in Nairobi

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

(a) the details of the agenda of World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Nairobi;

(b) whether Government has signed any deal in WTO meeting in Nairobi;

(c) if so, the clause-wise details thereof; and

(d) the details of repercussions of WTO deal on India?

Target for increased rate of industrial production

23. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target for increased rate of industrial production in the current year has been fixed;

(b) if so, the target so fixed; and

(c) what has been the increased rate of industrial production in the current financial year?

Export of spices

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of the spices has not shown considerable improvement in the country despite having good demand abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to constitute additional Boards for the 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 the export of spices?

World Heritage Site status for Jantar Mantar

25. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jantar Mantar, Delhi has missed the chance to become capital's fourth UNESCO World Heritage Site;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether frequent protests, rallies, agitations and meetings around Jantar Mantar and the development of several high-rise buildings which overshadow the observatory are the reasons for Jantar Mantar to miss the honour; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to prohibit high-rise buildings around the monument?

Return of awards

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

(a) whether several national award winners from literature and art field have returned their awards recently;

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(b) if so, the State-wise details of such personalities and the reasons for returning their awards;

(c) whether image of Government in the country and image of the country at international level has got tarnished due to returning of these awards;

(d) if so, how it will be compensated;

(e) whether the efforts are being made to address the complaints of these writers and artists; and

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

Promotion of medical tourism sector

27. SHRI D. RAJA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a National Medical and Wellness Tourism Promotion Board and three Sub-committees to promote medical tourism sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of members of this Board and Sub-committees and the measures proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to see that the medical tourists are not cheated by private tour and travel operators in this endeavour?

Surfacing of ancient temples in Nalgonda and Nizamabad districts of AP

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that centuries old temples have recently surfaced in

Nalgonda and Nizamabad districts of Andhra Pradesh after the reservoirs dried up in these two districts; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to preserve/restore/shift these temples?

Monuments in India categorized as ancient

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

(a) the list of monuments in India that have been categorized as ancient;

(b) what is Government's policy regarding preservation and upkeep of these monuments;

(c) to what extent Government has been able to meet its targets; and

(d) the remedial steps, if any, that Government proposes to take in the matter?

Missing monuments

30. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of monuments that have been declared missing by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) the State-wise number of monuments that have been found after their declaration as missing by the ASI;

(c) the procedure currently followed by the ASI to track missing monuments and archaeological sites across the country; and

(d) whether Government proposes to introduce satellite mapping of ancient monuments and archaeological sites to enable better records and maintenance, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Objects found in the excavation of
Chabeli Tila at Fatehpur Sikri
in UP**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the excavation done at Chabeli Tila, Fatehpur Sikri in Uttar Pradesh has yielded lots of idols of Bhagwan Parshwanath, Bhagwan Mahavir and Yakhhinis;

(b) if so, the details of artifacts, cultural and religious objects related to Jainism found at the site;

(c) whether Government is aware that this site was a prominent cultural and religious centre for Jainism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for stopping excavation activities?

**Including Old Delhi Heritage sites in
world heritage list**

32. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from Delhi to be submitted by it to UNESCO to include heritage sites in Old Delhi in world heritage list;

(b) if so, the details and names of such sites; and

(c) the present status of these proposals along with the reasons for pendency for different monuments?

**Criterion for inclusion in UNESCO
World Heritage Sites**

33. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for inclusion of ancient sites, monuments, temples, cities and other

tangible and intangible cultural and natural heritage in the UNESCO's World Heritage list and the details of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of the country included in the said list so far;

(b) the details of benefits derived/ accrued therefrom; and

(c) whether Government proposes to take steps for inclusion of Ahmedabad and Delhi in World Heritage City list, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds allocated to Telangana and
Andhra Pradesh for maintenance
of monuments**

34. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments/sites/ museums in the States of Telangana/Andhra Pradesh which are of national importance;

(b) the year-wise details of funds allocated and spent by Government on the maintenance and conservation of these places in the States during the last three years and in the current year up to 31st January, 2016;

(c) the place-wise income earned through the entry fees from these monuments and museums, during the above period; and

(d) the details of measures taken to provide and enhance the arrangements for basic amenities at these places in both the States?

**Promotion of Indian literature in
foreign countries**

35. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that efforts are not being made for promotion of Indian literature in foreign countries;

(b) the country-wise allocation and utilization of funds for promotion of Indian literature in foreign countries during the last five years and the steps taken to tackle this issue;

(c) the country-wise details of establishment of libraries in foreign countries in last five years;

(d) whether Ministry is contemplating to launch a portal for disseminating the Indian literature across the world; and

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

Digitization and conservation of manuscripts

36. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the centre-wise allocation and utilization of grants made by National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) for Manuscript Conservation Centres (MCCs) in last five years across the country;

(b) whether Ministry is aware that there is an extremely insensitive approach adopted by these centres for conservation of the manuscripts belonging to rich cultural heritage of country;

(c) the centre-wise details of activities conducted by these centres including workshops conducted for imparting training to scholars; and

(d) the complaints received by the Ministry in last five years regarding conservation of manuscripts along with action taken?

Cities/sites declared important from heritage point

37. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of places/cities/sites of the country had been declared important in heritage point of view;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such heritage places/cities/sites;

(c) whether budgetary allocations have been made to maintain the heritage status of those places; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Probe into Pathankot and Gurdaspur terror attacks

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

(a) whether the Central Government has made any probe into the terror attacks at Pathankot and Gurdaspur recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the probe; and

(c) the action taken by the Central Government against the people responsible for these terror acts?

Measures to strengthen various security forces

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

(a) whether Government has taken measures to strengthen the CRPF, BSF, CISF, NSG and STG forces in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their present strength;

(c) whether the Union Government is facilitating various States/UTs to develop the latest state of the art technology, logistics and infrastructure facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the year-wise funds allocated thereon in the last five years to various States/UTs?

Bills of Andhra Pradesh pending for President's assent

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

(a) the details of the Bills of Andhra Pradesh pending with the Ministry for President's assent;

(b) whether it is a fact that five Bills from Andhra Pradesh sent to Ministry in 2015 for President's assent are still pending for consideration of the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay and by when they are likely to be cleared?

Non-inclusion of any city of UP in MCP under MPF

41. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the cities of Uttar Pradesh has been included in the Mega City Policing (MCP) under Modernization of Police Force (MPF) scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will come forward to include existing one under Mega City Policing Scheme; and

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

Allowing private airlines to do ground handling at airports

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

(a) whether the Ministry agrees with the Civil Aviation Ministry's proposal to allow private airlines to do ground handling at airports; and

(b) if so, the details of the action plan of the Ministry to ensure that there is no threat to National security with this new policy?

Cases under UAPA

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

(a) the State-wise details of total number of cases registered under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) till date;

(b) the State-wise total number of persons who are kept in various jails under detention under the "section 43D" of UAPA Act; and

(c) the number of Muslims kept in various jails under detention under the "section 43D" of UAPA Act?

Terrorist attack at Air Force base in Pathankot, Punjab

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

(a) the details of recent terrorist attack at Air Force base in Pathankot, Punjab;

(b) whether the group behind the terrorist attack was identified and if so, the action taken to register protest and asking Pakistan to take action against those persons who were mastermind of the terrorist attack;

(c) the details of security audit if any is proposed in all the major sensitive stations and installations; and

(d) whether Government is exploring deployment of technologies/solutions for improved border surveillance along India-Pakistan border and other vulnerable points from where terrorists can sneak into the borders of the country?

Damages caused in Pathankot airbase attack

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Pathankot airbase was recently attacked by Pakistani terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with lives lost and damages caused in the attack; and

(c) what action Government has taken thereon and what action Government proposes to take to prevent such incidents in future?

Incidents of riots/communal violence in the country

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

(a) the State-wise details of incidents of

riots/communal violence reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the State-wise number of persons killed/injured, gender-wise along with the number of accused arrested/convicted and the action taken against them in each incident separately, during the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government has held consultations with the State Governments to prevent riots and communal violence in the country and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the other corrective measures taken by the Union Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Increase in cases of crimes against children

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp increase in cases of crimes against children in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of cases registered since the year 2013; and

(c) the measures being taken to check this menace?

Making police force more efficient

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

(a) whether it is a fact that latest technology along with social media should

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be used more and more in order to make functioning of police force in the country more efficient and also to regulate it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate policy measures are being taken by Central Government and required assistance is being received from the State Governments in this direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

High suicide rate among young people in India

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

(a) whether India records by far the largest number of suicides in the world;

(b) whether India also has the highest rate of suicides among young people *i.e.* those aged 15 to 29 years;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain factors responsible for these suicides; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in crimes in Delhi

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an increase

has been recorded in the various types of crimes in the National Capital Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the various crimes committed in the National Capital Delhi during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to experts the lack of adequate number of Delhi Police personnels is one of reasons of rising crimes; and

(d) the details of effective steps being contemplated to be taken to rein in the crimes in Delhi?

Fencing work on Indo-Pak border in Kutch district

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

(a) whether Government has completed fencing work in the Indo-Pak border in Kutch district;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the Pakistani nationals caught in Kutch during the last three years?

Busting of racket involved in abduction and selling of children in Delhi

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket involved in abduction and selling of small children and

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forcing them into illegal trades has been busted in Delhi this month;

(b) if so, the information received from this racket and number of cases solved so far;

(c) the gender-wise details of missing children in the country during last three years;

(d) whether there has been continuous increase in the number of missing children, particularly in Delhi; and

(e) whether the parents of the missing children have to run from pillar to post for filing report about their missing child?

Posting of female squad of ITBP on India-China border

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

(a) whether Government is considering to post, for the first time, ITBP's first female squad of 500 freshly trained personnel, in the rank of Constable, on the India-China border;

(b) if so, whether it will be ensured that this female squad is sent to frontier areas for final acclimatisation before being deployed at ITBP posts along the 3,488 km. Sino-India Line of Actual Control (LAC); and

(c) the details about their training in battle craft and mountain survival and high altitude acclimatisation before their deployment to China-India Line of Actual Control (LAC)?

Shortage of forensic laboratories

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

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the reasons for piling of criminal cases in the Courts in the country is severe shortage of forensic laboratories throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the shortage of laboratories; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take in this regard?

Delhi High Court observation regarding false rape allegations

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Delhi High Court has observed that men must be saved from false rape allegations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to implement the observation of the High Court?

Shortage of bullet proof helmets/ Patkas in CRPF

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

(a) whether there is a significant shortage of bullet proof helmets/Patkas in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF);

(b) if so, the details thereof viz. authorized sanction of bullet proof helmets/

Patkas *vis-a-vis* availability along with the reasons for shortage; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to make available required number of lighter bullet proof jackets and bullet proof helmets/Patkas to CRPF in order to facilitate easy movement of troops during operations?

Policy for storage and disposal of seized drugs

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

(a) whether there is any clear cut policy for storage and disposal of seized drugs like Hashish and Ganja;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to check re-routing of seized drugs in the market due to loopholes in the system?

Induction of DANICS officers in IAS

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

(a) whether the DANICS officers with eight years of regular service are eligible to be inducted into IAS;

(b) if so, the reasons for which a large number of DANICS officers are stagnating even after rendering about 25-26 years of service;

(c) if so, the reasons for abnormal delay in the matter;

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Government had decided to introduce the pre-revised pay scale of ₹ 18400-22400 for such officers?

Phone calls to students from Pakistan to get recruited in ISI

†59. SHRILAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students living in different parts of the country are receiving phone calls from Pakistan to get recruited in Inter Services Intelligence (ISI);

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard; and

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

Search for terrorists in connection with Pathankot terror attack

†60. SHRILAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is searching for terrorists after Pathankot terror attack;

(b) if so, whether Government has achieved any success in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the number of terrorists arrested so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

Delhi Government's demand to have control over Delhi Police

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi

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Government has written a letter to the centre demanding a significant role and control over the Delhi Police citing the Supreme Court 2006 ruling on Police reforms; and

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

False cases against Police Personnel involved in counter-terrorism and anti-naxal operations

62. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware and has received representations that police personnel across the country, involved in counter-terrorism and anti-naxal operations, are subjected to filing of false cases against them by vested interests, thereby affecting not only their morale but also their will to act against criminals without fear;

(b) whether Government would consider providing adequate safeguards for police personnel by suitable amendments in Section 197 in CrPc, 1973 to first get nod from concerned State Government before launching of an FIR against such police personnel by any Government agency; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulating the sale of Army, Paramilitary and Police uniforms in the country

63. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many terrorist attack incidents, including the

recent at Pathankot, the militants were wearing army outfits and such uniforms are easily available in open markets in the country;

(b) whether there is no law that the prohibits open sale or at least to regulate the sale of Army, Paramilitary and Police uniforms in the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government, in consultation with the State Governments, intends to bring out any regulation/law in this regard to prevent misuse of uniforms of force personnel by terrorist and miscreants, if so, the details thereof?

Initiative to eliminate naxal violence

64. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the major State-wise initiatives, with dates to curb, control and eliminate the menace of Naxal violence in the country and the results thereof;

(b) what is the cause behind Naxal/ Maoist violence and whether there is role of any ideological support behind them, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government believes that there is any foreign support to Naxals, if so, the details thereof?

Stationery items purchased by Delhi Police

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

(a) the details of stationery items etc. purchased by Delhi Police as per the provisions of Rule 145 and Rule 146 of the General Financial Rules-2005, during

2015-2016 till date, with specification and the purchase price against each item;

(b) the details of the Purchase Committee(s) constituted by the Commissioner, Delhi as per the provisions of Rule 146 of the General Financial Rules-2005;

(c) the quantum of funds incurred by Delhi Police on the purchase of stationery and general items during the last two years; and

(d) the details of reasons for not purchasing stationery etc. from Kendriya Bhandar?

Meeting of terrorists and SP of Punjab Police before Pathankot terror attack

†66. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting took place between terrorists and the SP of Punjab Police, goldsmith and others before attack on the Pathankot Air Force Base;

(b) if so, whether these people have been deemed free from culpability on the basis of the statements given by them during interrogation;

(c) if so, whether the midnight activities of the unarmed patrolling SP and the accompanying goldsmith and others on the border, were not deemed to be suspicious; and

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

Incidents of atrocity/rape/harassment of women in Delhi

†67. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that an increase has been recorded in the incidents of atrocity/rape/harassment of women in Delhi;

(b) if not, the month-wise details of the above incidents concerning women from the financial year 2014-15 to January, 2016; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to avoid excesses on women?

Attacks on dalits and minorities

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

(a) the State-wise details of the total number of attacks on dalits and minorities occurred during the last two years; and

(b) the State-wise details of the total number of cases registered and the offenders arrested for such attacks during the last two years?

Intelligence input about Pathankot terrorist attack

69. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibilities of a terrorist attack was informed by intelligence agencies before the Pathankot terrorist attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was a security lapse

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in foreseeing and in countering terrorist attacks in Pathankot; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Persons protesting against passage of Bills in Manipur killed in Police firing

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

(a) whether nine persons protesting against passage of three bills by the State Legislature of Manipur on 31st August 2015 were killed in police firing and if so, the names and identity of the victims;

(b) whether the Centre or State has declared any compensation for the kith and kin of those killed in police firing; and

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

Divider on Panchsheel-Gitanjali Road in South Delhi

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

(a) whether it is a fact that creating a central verge (divider) on roads in Delhi has brought much relief to the people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that people living in Panchsheel and Shivalik colonies in South Delhi are facing lot of hardship due to traffic snarls everyday as there is no central verge (divider) on Panchsheel-Gitanjali Road; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to divide the Panchsheel-Gitanjali Road in South Delhi so as to relax the traffic situation?

Digital devices in Delhi Police cars to capture traffic violations

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

(a) whether Delhi Police personnel have installed digital devices on the windscreens of their cars that will capture offenders for violations for traffic rules;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether digital devices provide details of speed of the car, time and location which is used as evidence of the offence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and number of offenders registered so far with the help of such digital devices?

Trafficking gang busted in Delhi

73. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trafficking gang engaged in trafficking of girls and children from Jharkhand and nearby States was busted in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, how many people were caught and prosecuted;

(c) the number of girls and children rescued by the police in Delhi during this year and last year;

(d) what kind of coordination Delhi Police has with Railways, States and the NGOs in this regard; and

(e) what is rehabilitation process and how many of girl children have been handed over to their guardians?

Areas in Delhi prone to traffic jam encroachment and parking on road

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

(a) the details of areas in Delhi which are prone to traffic jams as well as encroachment and parking on road;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these problems are well within the knowledge of various Police Stations and they turn a blind eye to the problem; and

(c) the ambitions plans to meet the situation?

Innocent Muslim youths in jails on fake charges of terrorism

75. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 803 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 2014 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of innocent Muslim youths are still in jails on fake charges of terrorism;

(b) the details of cases decided by different Courts during the last 10 months in which such accused have been set free; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure non-implication of innocent people in terrorism cases?

LWE affected districts

76. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of districts identified by Government of India as

affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the country;

(b) the reasons for not giving Integrated Action Plan (IAP) grant to the LWE affected districts; and

(c) whether it is a national problem or not?

United Nations report on violence against women *vis a vis* honour killing in India

77. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a United Nations report on violence against women has specifically included India in the context of honour killing and on other issues;

(b) whether Government would consider collecting the data separately on this crime;

(c) whether Government is aware that many countries view such cases very seriously and have specific laws to deal with this crime; and

(d) if so, the details of those countries?

Rising incidents of acid attacks on women and girls in Delhi

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

(a) whether the incidents of acid attacks on women and girls in the country especially in Delhi, have been rising unabatedly;

(b) if so, the cases registered in various Police stations in the country during the last two years;

(c) whether Government has worked out some corrective action plan to control this abuse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with results thereof?

Unabated rise in incidents of rape of young girls

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

(a) whether the incidents of rape of young girls has been rising up unabatedly in the country;

(b) whether this fact has since been admitted by the Government authorities;

(c) whether is is proposed to work out some strategy to control this shame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal from Delhi Police to increase its personnel

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

(a) whether any proposal from Delhi Police is pending with Government to increase its personnel due to increase in the workload;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in view of the observations made by Delhi High Court in regard to sanction of posts in Delhi Police, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the Delhi Police in a time bound manner; and

(d) whether high technology would be inducted in the Delhi Police in view of rise in incidents of crime, threat perception and

traffic of vehicles and if so, the details thereof?

Terrorist attacks in the country

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

(a) the State-wise details of terrorist attacks in the country during the last three months;

(b) the State-wise and attack-wise details of civilians and security personnel died/injured in terrorist attacks in the country during the last three months;

(c) the case-wise details of compensation announced/actually paid, so far;

(d) whether intelligence agencies had informed about terrorist attacks;

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons for failure of security agencies to check terrorist attacks; and

(f) if not, the reasons for failure of intelligence agencies of Central Government?

Irregularities in construction of houses for personnel of CAPF

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

(a) whether major irregularities and delays in construction of houses for personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) like BSF and CRPF have been reported, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has inquired into the alleged irregularities and delay and has fixed responsibility in this regard; and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rescue and restoration of missing children

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

(a) the State-wise details of number of cases of missing children reported in the country in the last three years and in how many cases child could be rescued and restored to parents/guardians, as on 31.01.2016;

(b) the State-wise details of number of pending cases of missing children;

(c) the steps taken to check and take action against child rackets functioning across the country; and

(d) how far the web portal "Track Child" is effective to rescue missing children in real time and to restore to the original guardians, the details thereof?

Influx of illegal migrants

84. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware about influx of illegal migrants from various countries in India raising threats for national security;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to prevent such illegal immigration from other countries including steps taken to prevent illegal immigration through coastal areas, if any;

(d) the State-wise current state of border fencing in the country including details of the border area in the country which remains to be covered with fencing; and

(e) the State-wise details of the existing detainees in jails accused of illegal immigration?

Preparedness to prevent smuggling to fake currency into the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that we do not have foolproof preparedness to prevent the smuggling of fake currency in the country;

(b) if so, what are the grey areas/shortcomings in this regard; and

(c) what is being done to equip concerned authorities at airports, railway stations and border posts to prevent entry of fake notes in India?

Coverage of RSBY in Puducherry

86. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Employment and Unemployment Survey conducted by the NSSO the casual labour in rural areas in Puducherry is 43 per cent and 21 per cent in urban areas;

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

(c) what are the reasons that only one district has been covered under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to provide health insurance of ₹ 30,000; and

(d) the efforts being made to include labour force from other districts under the above scheme?

Investments by EPFO in AA+ or higher valued bonds

87. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has decided to begin investments in bonds rated AA+ or higher issued by private sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the professional fund managers appointed by the EPFO had asked for relaxing the norms so that more corporate debt becomes eligible for investments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employment in readymade garment sector

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

(a) whether Government has any data of employment in the readymade garment sector in the country; and

(b) the State-wise details thereof specially in Gujarat?

Views of the States on proposed reforms of labour laws

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

(a) whether Government has sought views of the States on the proposed reforms of labour laws and issues of their enforcement and implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the views of the State of Kerala;

(c) whether various trade unions have opposed such amendments in labour laws; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial action taken by Government to address such concerns?

Earning on the investments by EPFO

90. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organisations (EPFOs) investment avenues have not kept pace with the surge in the assets under its watch;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during 2015-16 the EPFO is expected to receive ₹ 1,15,000 crore of fresh accruals from employees' PF contributions; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the savings had earned a return of 8.75 per cent in 2014-15 and if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for a National Minimum Wages Act

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

(a) whether minimum wages is fixed by State Governments and Central Government has no role therein and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Central Government proposes to constitute a National Minimum Wages Act, if so, the details thereof?

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ESI services in A.P. and Telangana

92. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is diluting the labour laws, particularly the social security net offered through Employees' State Insurance, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the existing ESI services in A.P. and Telangana will revamped for better delivery and if so, the details thereof?

Draft model law to allow shops to open round the clock

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

(a) whether Government has framed any draft model law to allow shops to open round the clock in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof and the reasons for introducing such a law;

(c) whether the draft model law has provisions to safeguard the interest of workers especially the women workers; and

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

Building and other Construction Workers Act, 1996

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

(a) what is the status of implementation of the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996;

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

(c) how many identity cards have been issued under Section 13; and

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

Housing, medical facilities for labourers in mining sector

95. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to facilitate housing, medical and educational infra-facilities for labourers of mining sector in the country;

(b) whether Government has any rules and norms for Mining companies in both Private and Public sectors in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is monitoring those mining companies (both Public and Private) functioning in the country, if so, the State/UT-wise details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to punish erring mining companies?

Minimum floor wage

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

(a) whether Government is doing regular assessment related to minimum floor wage for employees engaged in company;

(b) if so, the corrective measures to improve its present status;

(c) whether Government has proposed/ proposing for regulatory body for monitoring timing, environment, salary, facility provided to the employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ratio of unemployment in urban and rural areas

†97. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment has increased in rural areas as against urban areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the ratio of unemployment in urban and rural areas of the country?

Employment to unemployed persons

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to provide employment to the unemployed persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government till date to provide employment to the increasing number of unemployed persons in the country and the number of unemployed persons who have been provided employment?

Labour laws for e-commerce companies

99. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that relevant

labour laws do not apply on the persons working in the operations of e-commerce companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being proposed to be taken to fill up the gaps in the existing legal system?

Allotment of mines without approval of the Ministry

†100. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of instances during the last two years in which the States have not taken mandatory approval from the Ministry for allotting mines and the action taken against them; and

(b) the details of efforts made by the Central Government to make the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMOR) Act, more effective?

Persons from UP registered in National Employment Exchange portal

101. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled youth job seekers in the age group of 15-29, particularly from the State of Uttar Pradesh, registered with the National Employment Exchange portal since its launch;

(b) the details of the job seekers who found desired jobs through this portal till now;

(c) whether Government has formulated any special comprehensive scheme for the

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job seekers from the State of Uttar Pradesh considering its vastness and size; and

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

Illegal mining

†102. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the case of illegal mining in the country;

(b) the number of cases of illegal mining detected in Uttar Pradesh in the last ten years;

(c) the action taken in these cases and the fine recovered by Government of Uttar Pradesh, year-wise; and

(d) whether the existing law has not been successful in curbing illegal mining in the country and whether it is required to enforce a strong and effective legislation for curbing illegal mining, if so, the plan of the Government in this regard?

Construction cess

103. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have raised thousands of crores for welfare of urban labourers through construction cess paid by home buyers, but only a fraction of that amount has been spent for the benefits of daily wage earners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to make it mandatory to use the labour cess collected by the State Government exclusively for the benefit of labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special policy for security of female labourers

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

(a) whether Government has any special policy for female labourers and their security;

(b) if so, the details of the said policy;

(c) whether Government has taken any special action for the security of female labourers during the last year and the current year;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in demand of oil and gas

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

(a) whether it is a fact that demand for oil is to increase in India more than in any other country and the same are projected to reach 10 million barrels a day by 2040;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the natural gas consumption is also expected to triple by that time to 175 billion cubic meters;

(c) whether the domestic production

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will be hard pressed to meet the said demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in LPG distribution in rural areas

†106. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale irregularity and disorder is rampant in the distribution of LPG in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether policy measures have been taken/are being taken by Government to ensure regular and orderly availability of LPG to the consumers in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of cut in natural gas prices on exploration of gas reserves

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 per cent cut in natural gas prices will discourage further investments in exploring and developing new gas reserves;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was the opinion of leading consultants; and

(c) whether the said move is credit negative for producers like ONGC and Oil India Ltd. as it will lower their revenues and cash flows and if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of co-branded lubricants by IOC

108. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India Oil Corporation (IOC) is expanding its portfolio of co-branded lubricants under the Servo tag as leading automakers change tier sales pitch by aggressively pushing extended warranty;

(b) whether the IOC has tied up with various motor manufacturers to jointly launch a range of high performance, co-branded diesel engine oils for commercial vehicles;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are plenty of spurious lubricants available in the same way packaging and name similar to that of IOC?

Reworking of budget estimates by ONGC

109. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is now reworking its budget estimates, aiming to bring down oil production cost by US dollar 10 from US dollar 60 a barrel assumed in the field development plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC has set a target to reduce gas production cost by US dollar 1.2 from US dollar 6-7 a unit taken in the plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Fall in brent oil prices

110. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the brent oil prices dropped to US dollar 45.3 threatening to break below US dollar 45 a barrel for the first time since March, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sharp slide in oil prices also spells good news for Government finances since it reduces the outgo on subsidy and leaves more money for allocation to other welfare programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in demand for bitumen

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for bitumen had increased for laying road projects in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of demand and supply;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite making advance bookings, the supply of bitumen gets delayed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for timely and adequate supply of bitumen for uninterrupted execution of road construction projects?

Fast tracking of strategic crude oil storage facilities

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

(a) whether with international crude

prices hitting a low, with the embargo on Iran lifted, India is fast tracking its strategic crude oil storage facilities;

(b) what is the status of bulk crude storage bunkers India had planned to augment its storage capacity of crude oil; and

(c) whether with the likelihood of crude oil prices staying low for long, India is reviewing its acquisitions of new oil blocks abroad, especially Colombia, Venezuela, etc. including contracts for Shale gas from the US fields?

Linking of subsidy on domestic LPG to individual income

113. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the element of subsidy in PDS kerosene, diesel and domestic LPG;

(b) the number of consumers that have voluntarily given up their subsidy on domestic LPG;

(c) whether Government propose to link subsidy on domestic LPG to individual income of the consumers; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan together with its modalities?

Shifting to uniform licensing regime

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

(a) whether Government is planning to shift to a uniform licensing regime in round X of New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP), if so, the details thereof and its expected effect on time taken for approvals and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the uniform licensing regime is expected to increase the risk of companies in the absence of assured cost recovery, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans on rationalizing the tax procedure for round X; and

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

Crude oil storage for emergent situation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission had stated in its policy on unified energy in 2006 that the country should have oil reserves for 90 days;

(b) whether it is a fact that the price of crude oil is at its lowest level in the last 12 years;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken necessary steps for storage of oil for use in emergency;

(d) if so, the number of days for which the required oil reserves has been set up/is being set-up for being used; and

(e) by when the oil reserves will be set up?

Delay in construction of strategic oil storage facilities

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

(a) what are the reasons for delay in construction of strategic oil storage facilities at Mangalore and Padur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the objective of 5.33 million metric tonnes of crude storage would be defeated due to delay in construction of facilities;

(c) whether there are any plans to increase the storage capacity in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Leakage of confidential documents in Ministry

117. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an episode of spying and theft and leakage of confidential documents has recently taken place in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when this has been going on;

(d) whether there is a large network of unscrupulous elements; and

(e) if so, the mechanism being put in place to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

RSP of petrol and diesel vis-a-vis international crude oil price

118. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that though there is drastic fall in world crude oil prices during the last few months, but Government has not reduced the Retail Selling Price (RSP) of petrol and diesel as per the decrease in price of crude oil;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) whether Government will come forward in future to reduce the Retail Selling Price (RSP) of petrol and diesel according to the prevailing prices of International crude oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Price of crude oil

119. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the per litre rate of petrol and diesel in the country during May, 2014, when crude oil price was 129 dollars per barrel in the international market;

(b) now when price of crude oil at the international market is 29 dollars, what is the per litre price of petrol and diesel in the country as on 15th February, 2016; and

(c) how much excise duty has been increased during May, 2014 till date?

Withdrawing LPG subsidy from those having income of ₹ 10 lakh

120. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to cut LPG subsidy to all those whose annual income is more than ₹ 10 lakh;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) the basis for arriving at the figure of ₹ 10 lakh to remove gas subsidy; and

(d) how much, through the above means, Government is planning to save and how many connections that Government is expected to cut through the above move?

Drop in crude oil prices

121. SHRI P.L. PUNIA:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

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

(a) the details of the prices of crude oil in the international market during the last two years and the reasons for not passing the full benefits of declining prices of crude oil in international market to consumers of petroleum products along with its likely impact on the poor and prices of essential commodities; and

(b) whether the huge drop in the crude oil prices helped the exchequer and oil companies to save more money from the oil subsidy account and if so, the details thereof along with subsidy/cash assistance given by the Central Government?

Non-Monetization of marginal oil and gas fields of ONGC and OIL

122. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of marginal oil and gas fields of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. and Oil India Ltd. could not be monetized so far;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring marginal fields to the production at the earliest so as to augment the domestic production of oil and gas?

Marketing freedom to operators of oil and natural gas fields

123. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering providing marketing freedom to operators of oil and natural gas fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering sorting out the regulatory mechanism and fiscal issues including taxation and if so, the details thereof?

ONGC to add neighbouring reserves to KG deep water project

124. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is planning to add some neighbouring reserves of the company to the KG deep water project so that the overall potential output becomes large and can be exploited using the same infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that ONGC is also working on ways to ensure higher production early on and if so, the details thereof?

Price of petrol and diesel

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

(a) whether even when the price of crude oil in international market was 108

dollar per barrel price of petrol and diesel in India was around 65 and 50 rupees per litre and even when the price of crude oil is around 30 dollar per barrel price of petrol and diesel is more or less at old rates only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the ratio of the price of crude oil and profit of oil companies an year ago and the ratio of the price of crude oil and profit of oil companies at present?

Help to ONGC for KG deep water project

126. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the KG-DWN-982 is going to test ONGC's ability to undertake deep water project which is more difficult and expensive than the shallow water projects the firm has managed in the past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC expects Government support in this regard as this is the only big ticket hydrocarbons project in the country just because it is unviable at current prices and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in prices of subsidized LPG cylinders

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of subsidized LPG cylinders are increasing every month for the last six months without announcing on media/newspapers;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
 (c) whether Government has not made any mechanism to control the prices of LPG cylinders?

Retail facility of petrol and gas to Panchayats

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has resolved to provide facility of sale of diesel, petrol and gas in retail to all the Panchayats of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details and number of Panchayats in the country wherein this facility has been provided or gas agency has been sanctioned, so far?

Measures to develop SAIL and its allied organisations

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

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures to develop the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and its allied organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government provides funds and has created adequate facilities to develop infrastructures and other facilities to promote Steel industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the year-wise details of funds allocated during the last five years?

Export subsidy to steel exporting companies

130. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steel exporting companies from India are getting export subsidies;

(b) if so, the details about such subsidies paid during the last five years and the respective beneficiary companies; and

(c) what is the amount spent to provide subsidy to steel exporters during the last five years?

Scheme to attract foreign tourists in Gujarat

†131. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to attract foreign tourists towards Kutch and Gir forests of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign tourists visiting India

132. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of foreign tourists who visited the country during the last five years;

(b) whether Government has any scheme to attract foreign tourists in the country; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocated to States for development of tourism sector

133. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures to develop the tourism sector in the country and make it very attractive, affordable and easy for both international and domestic tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government provides funds and facilities for various States/UTs to develop infrastructures and other essential facilities to promote tourism industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the State-wise and year-wise funds allocated in the last five years?

Incidents against foreign tourists

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

(a) the State-wise number of reported incidents against foreign tourists in the country in the last three years;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to ensure the safety and security of tourists in the country, particularly women; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to disseminate information to foreign tourists regarding safety and security measures available to them across the country; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Foreign tourists' arrivals in Uttar Pradesh

135. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India has increased over the years;

(b) if so, the details of the Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) during last five years, particularly to the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government had taken any initiative to increase the infrastructure to accommodate more Foreign Tourists; and

(d) if so, the amount spent in this direction to increase the infrastructure assets and details of the infrastructure created?

Financial assistance to Puducherry under PRASAD and Swadesh Darshan Scheme

136. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and project-wise details of Central Financial Assistance provided to Puducherry for tourism projects in the last five years;

(b) the project-wise status of each of the project undertaken in the last five years;

(c) whether infrastructure schemes such as PRASAD and Swadesh Darshan Scheme have been introduced in Puducherry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount so far spent under the above two schemes?

Cruise tourism in the country

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

(a) whether Government proposes to increase cruise tourism in the country, considering its vast coastline;

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

(c) the amount of funds the Centre has allocated for financial assistance in any of the schemes relating to the promotion of cruise tourism; and

(d) the locations that have identified for cruise tourism and the list of parameters on the basis of which these locations have been selected?

Establishment of special tourist zones in the country

†138. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to establish special tourists zones in the country;

(b) if so, whether State-wise areas have been identified for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details of those State/areas;

(d) whether areas of Madhya Pradesh have been included in these areas; and

(e) if so, the details of selected areas?

Performance of medical tourism sector

†139. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of medical tourism sector in India is not going on as per its capacity and target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special efforts are being

carried out or would be carried out to develop the performance of medical tourism sector as per its capacity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Grant of community forest right titles

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

(a) the State-wise number of community forest right titles and total land area granted till date against projected targets;

(b) whether there have been instances of imposition of royalty by State Governments on Minor Forest Products (MFP), if so, details thereof and corrective action taken;

(c) whether Government plans allowing sale of Minor Forest Products in open market along with sale to Government agencies, if so, the details thereof and timeline for same and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government plans to introduce price support for Minor Forest Products, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Extinction of primitive and aboriginal tribes

141. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of primitive and aboriginal tribes existing in the country along with their population;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that several primitive and aboriginal tribes along with their culture are getting extinct in the country;

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(c) if so, the State-wise steps taken in order to address this problem along with allocation and utilization of funds done for the same during last three years; and

(d) the State-wise details of complaints received against exploitation of the population of these tribes and the action taken against the same during last three years?

Preservation of cultural life of tribals of A & N Islands

142. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to have the cultural life of the tribals of Andaman and Nicobar Islands preserved and projected in its glorious form, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plans to highlight the struggle of local tribals for freedom including the battle of Aberdeen, if so, the details thereof?

Funds released for hostels for ST girls and boys

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

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise quantum of funds released during the last three years for the construction of hostels and vocational training centres for the boys and girls belonging to the Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the percentage of success as per the prescribed target, towards which the scheme is heading;

(c) whether it is a fact that the impediments of funds released by the

Central Government is affecting the success of this scheme; and

(d) the details of the students beneficiaries under this scheme during last three years?

Increasing cases of infant deaths at tribal settlements in Attappady, Kerala

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the increased cases of infant deaths, miscarriages and neonatal deaths occurred in 2015 at tribal settlement in Attappady in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are being taken for the proper implementation of the on going Government sponsored tribal welfare schemes in the area?

Tribals in A & N Islands

145. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribe-wise number of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the religion they follow;

(b) whether the policy of keeping Jarawa and Sentinelese tribes yielded any positive result for their progress and preservation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has brought out any literature highlighting the tribal struggle for freedom in Andamans; and

(d) whether there are any special plans for the education and health, specially for their next generation?

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Amount spent by TRIFED to procure tribal products

146. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) to procure tribal products during the last three years;

(b) what is the exact amount passed on to tribal artisans/producers against the purchase of these products during the last three years;

(c) whether the TRIFED or the Ministry has taken any concrete steps to ensure that a fair price for tribal products is passed on to the tribal artisans/producers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Displacement of tribals

147. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any reports about the number of tribal people who were displaced from their habitats during the last 10 years, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any concrete steps have been taken by Government to address such displacements;

(c) whether any measures/schemes for rehabilitation have been mooted or taken by the Centre during the last 10 years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints of nepotism in sports selections

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received complaints of favouritism and nepotism in selections for badminton/cricket/other games;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to address the issue; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider a special audit of various sports bodies and their State level associates to stem the rot?

Criteria for choosing players under TOPS

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

(a) the criteria used for choosing players under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS);

(b) the number of players considered for the scheme; and

(c) the reason for not selecting the rejected players under the scheme?

Lodha Committee report

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

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the Lodha Committee report on the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has taken/ plans to undertake steps to ensure the

enforcement of the Lodha Committee report, if so, the details thereof and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to constitute a similar panel for other sporting bodies to bring about accountability and transparency in their functioning, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds allocated for promotion of sports

151. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme/programme-wise and State-wise funds allocated/released/spent for promotion of sports as well as upliftment of youths during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by Government to implement the National Youth and Sports Policy impartially and ensure transparency therein?

Improving performance of sportspersons in international events

†152. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after providing sufficient Government facilities and expenditure, India's performance in international athletics competitions has not been found to be as per expectation so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is working on any time bound scheme for betterment of

India's performance in international athletics competition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Model Central Shop and Establishment Act

153. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to bring in model Central Shop and Establishment Act;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) the reasons behind trade unions' tooth and nail opposition to legislation;

(d) how the proposed legislation would help the labour and workers working in shops and other establishments;

(e) whether any consultations have been held with trade unions and other stake holders and ministries; and

(f) if so, the outcome of the same?

Improvement of sports infrastructure

154. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports infrastructure plays a crucial role in achieving excellence in global arena of sports, helps in producing sportspersons of international repute and encourages youth to participate in sporting activities to create a culture of sports;

(b) whether poor standard of sports infrastructure is one of the major obstacle in process of development of sports in India;

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(c) the details of schemes introduced to promote sports and sports infrastructure at grass-root level; and

(d) the details of target fixed as to how many gold medals to be won in the coming Olympic games?

Launch of "Youth Leadership Development-Ek Saal, Desh Ke Naam"

155. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to launch a new programme called "Youth Leadership Development-Ek Saal, Desh Ke Naam";

(b) if so, what are the objectives and duration of the programme;

(c) the details of selection process, course content, training, type of projects, compensation etc.; and

(d) whether any funds have been allocated for the programme, if so, the details thereof?

Lukeworm response from Corporates/ PSUs for contribution in NSDF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) has not evoked required response for contribution from Corporates, PSUs institutions, individuals etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what amount has been received in the fund during the last five years; and

(d) when was the issue taken up with them and what was their response?

Initiative in U.P. under NSTSS

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

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative in the State of Uttar Pradesh under National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) which aims at identifying sporting talent among students in the age group of 8-12 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for this purpose during the current financial year?

Sports recognized for differently abled persons

158. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the various sports recognized by Government for differently abled persons in the country;

(b) the category-wise number of games organized in each sport during last five years till date; and

(c) the various steps taken by Government to promote sports among differently abled persons?

Qualified sportspersons for Rio Olympics, 2016 left out of TOPS

159. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sportspersons who have secured qualification to the Rio

Olympics, 2016 have been left out of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS);

Scheme has been reconstituted recently; and

(b) if so, the details of such sportspersons and the reasons cited by them;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the committee and the new initiatives taken by the reconstituted committee of TOPS?

(c) whether the Target Olympic Podium

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