

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016/Vaisakha 7, 1938 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Extension of time to developers of SEZs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has granted more time to developers of 13 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) including Navi Mumbai to implement their projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has approved two proposals for establishing IT/Information Technology enabled Services (ITeS); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Slowdown in SEZs**

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

(a) whether Government is in the process of identifying reasons for the slowdown in the Special Economic Zones;

(b) whether the Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs (EPCES) wants SEZ units to be allowed to sell in the domestic tariff area by shelling out same duty applicable to imports from nations who are free trade agreement partners of India;

(c) whether the imposition of MAT and DDT on SEZs has led to slowdown in terms of growth in exports from these enclaves; and

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

#### **Discriminatory taxation of non-smoking and smoking variants of tobacco**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demands of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka FCV Tobacco Farmers' Associations over discriminatory

taxation between non-smoking and smoking variants of the commodity; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereon?

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

324. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2107 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 2016 and state:

(a) whether the 29 per cent increase in FDI after the 'Make in India' programme started is an indication of the success of this programme;

(b) if so, whether Government has noticed the results of a study reported in an English daily dated 22nd October, 2015 which states that the FDI spurts is not aligned with the spirit of 'Make in India' and Government's claim on this matter is not true; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Contraction of industrial production**

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

(a) whether Government has noticed a study report by Bank of America Merrill Lynch reported in an English daily which states that the old GDP has slipped to 4.6 per cent in the December quarter instead of 7-7.5 per cent expected by Government;

(b) whether the above report has also stated that industrial production has contracted during the first three months of 2016 and the industrial outlook is negative

in spite of the increased effort under 'Make in India' scheme; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Import of pulses**

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

(a) how much quantity of pulses has been imported for 2013-14, 2014-15 and between April, 2015 to February, 2016 and the respective rates thereof;

(b) what was the domestic price of pulses during the said periods; and

(c) the names of the companies through which Government imported pulses during the said years?

#### **Setting up of specified pharmaceutical zones**

327. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been considering for setting up of specified pharmaceutical zones to curb dependence of the pharmaceutical industry on Chinese imports;

(b) what is the annual import of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) required for producing these medicines especially from China;

(c) whether the issues such as delayed environmental clearances are plaguing the manufacturing sector; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to help the manufacturing sector in the country?

**India's ranking on Forbes list of countries for doing business**

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

(a) whether India has been ranked 97 out of 144 nations, behind Kazakhstan and Ghana on Forbes annual list of the best countries for doing business, scoring poorly on trade, monetary freedom and tackling challenges like corruption and violence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has not yet fully addressed the challenges including corruption, poverty, violence and discrimination against women and girls, ineffective power generation and distribution, ineffective enforcement of intellectual property rights, transport and agriculture infrastructure, etc.; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to address these issues?

**Allocation of funds for CEZs in Tamil Nadu**

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

(a) whether Government envisages the Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) as spatial-economic regions around major and minor ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the proposals for the major and minor ports in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the total amount allocated or to be allocated for the CEZs and the employment to be generated in the next three years in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the various steps taken by the Union Government to develop CEZ infrastructure in Tamil Nadu?

**Signing of FTAs**

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

(a) the names of the countries with whom Government has signed Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in the past;

(b) the objectives behind these FTAs;

(c) whether Government intends to take a comprehensive review of these FTAs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with need for such a review?

**Registration of handicraft artisans under IPR**

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

(a) whether there are any initiatives to register handicraft artisans under the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Regime;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government plans to bring about any such reform?

**Allowing 100 per cent FDI in e-commerce entities**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to allow 100 per cent FDI in e-commerce entities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the impact on the small retailers in the country?

### **Ruling of WTO on solar programme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has made a ruling that the domestic content requirement imposed under India's national solar programme is inconsistent with its treaty obligations under the global trading regime;

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

(c) whether there has been criticism in the country that this action of WTO amounts to undermining India's efforts towards promoting the use of clean energy; and

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

### **Seeking Cabinet's approval for WTO's trade facilitation agreement**

334. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry will soon seek the Cabinet's approval for the WTO's trade facilitation agreement which aims at easing customs, procedures to boost commerce;

(b) whether the Ministry has received comments on the draft Cabinet Note from all the Departments and now the final note would soon be sent for Cabinet's consideration;

(c) whether the agreement aims at simplifying customs rules, increasing transparency and reducing transaction costs for traders; and

(d) whether as part of the agreement, India would take further steps to ease customs procedures to boost trade?

### **Depreciating value of Indian rupee**

335. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry thinks that a depreciating rupee against the dollar is the right tool to boost exports;

(b) if so, the reasons for the belief and if not, the reasons for such a view;

(c) the details of the impact of the depreciating rupee on the cost of imports especially crude oil;

(d) whether the Ministry plans to take active measures to revive the value of the rupee against the US dollar; and

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

### **Serious condition of export sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation of export sector of the country has consistently become serious and there is a need to take more effective steps soon to increase the exports which are decreasing continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the measures like revival of special export sectors and inclusion of export sector into the priority sector are under consideration to increase export and bail out the export sector from crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Trade by EOUs

337. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise percentage of trade by export-oriented industrial units in the total import-export trade of the country during the last 22 months;

(b) the foreign exchange earned from this trade during the said period;

(c) whether these units are getting many financial concessions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Contribution of States under 'Make in India' campaign

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

(a) the serial-wise details of the top 10 States making major contribution regarding production under 'Make in India' campaign;

(b) the production area in which above States have made best contribution and the details of the status of contribution by other States under this campaign;

(c) whether States are holding meetings with investors under this campaign, if so, the names of the States where such meetings have taken place; and

(d) whether Central Government proposes to grant financial package to these States, if so, the details of amount specified for the proposed package?

### Foreign investments under 'Make in India' programme

339. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the

Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals and foreign investment received under 'Make in India', 'Start-up India' and 'Stand-up India' schemes;

(b) whether Government has set up Electronics Hardware and Software as well as IT and Information Technology enabled Services (ITeS) in Tamil Nadu to tap its maximum potential and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the complete details of the benefits extended to public/private industries by the Central Government; and

(d) the target fixed for the next three years, in 'Make in India', and 'Start-up India' programmes?

### Irregularities in STC Bengaluru

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Division has unearthed large scale irregularities in STC Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Vigilance Division has recommended that the case be referred to CBI;

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

(e) the details of any action taken against the responsible officers for above irregularities; and

(f) the total loss of money to the exchequer?

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**Trade with neighbouring countries**

341. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

- (a) the main features of India's trade with neighbouring countries;
- (b) how the trade relations among these countries moved during the last three years;
- (c) what is the scope for strengthening trade relations with neighbouring countries; and
- (d) the details of the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

**Proposal for Coastal Security Scheme**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 15 coastal police stations and 7 jetties are proposed in Andhra Pradesh under Phase-II of the Coastal Security Scheme;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that only ₹ 10 crores have been released for this purpose;
- (c) what is the total money required for 15 stations and 7 jetties;
- (d) by when the remaining money would be released; and
- (e) by when these are likely to be completed?

**Impact of Visa fee increase on Indo-US services trade**

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

(a) the details of the letter written to US Commerce Secretary, Penny Pritzker, in connection with huge Visa fee increase;

(b) to what extent the huge increase in Visa fee hurts India-US services trade; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to include the above Visa fee hike and other related issues in the Indo-US trade policy forum and also Indo-US strategic and commercial dialogue?

**Annual revenue from historical tourist places**

†344. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual income Government gets from the sale of tickets to the tourists visiting historical tourist places;
- (b) the amount spent by Government for the betterment of facilities available at such places before increasing the fees of tickets; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken for improving the transportation and other facilities in order to increase the number of tourists visiting the historical tourist places in the country during the last two years?

**Buddhist Circuits**

345. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to develop Buddhist Circuits and to attract more tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated towards this purpose;
- (c) the action taken by Government to ensure that Buddhist Circuits are well

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connected to large cities and therefor to increase the footfall to these places; and

(d) the budget allocated in this regard?

**Revised entry ticket prices for monuments**

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

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently revised entry ticket prices sharply for monuments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) why the increase in the prices of entry ticket was not streamlined over the years, to make it less burden some on the tourists, both domestic and foreign; and

(d) whether a committee would be constituted to look into the whole aspect and come up with a report, if not, what is the mechanism to do periodical review?

**Protected monuments identified in Puducherry**

347. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are seven protected monuments in Puducherry identified by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, the details of each of the monuments;

(c) how ASI is protecting these monuments; and

(d) the year-wise and monument-wise money allocated, released and spent on

each of the above seven monuments in the last three years and the current year?

**Funds sanctioned for monuments under Swachh Bharat campaign**

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

(a) whether Government has identified monuments, which are centrally protected, under the Swachh Bharat campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu for this since the commissioning of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; and

(d) the details of the amounts released so far?

**Project 'Mausam'**

349. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken, till date, under project 'Mausam';

(b) the resources allocated to this project and implementation thereof; and

(c) whether a collaboration has been negotiated with other countries, if so, details thereof?

**Monuments not handed over to ASI by State Governments**

350. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over 3,600 centrally protected monuments in the country and conservationists for long have demanded that many more ancient

monuments should be made Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected to protect them from vandalism or threats of urbanization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments were not willing to handover some of the monuments to ASI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Pending cases of artists from undivided Andhra Pradesh**

351. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 672 cases are pending for artists from undivided Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for being distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life;

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

(c) since how long they are pending and reasons for such pendency; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Ministry to provide them financial assistance?

**Reopening of Mazars of Shahjahan and Mumtaz Mahal**

352. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether those reasons are still valid, based on which Mazars of Shahjahan and Mumtaz Mahal situated inside the Taj Mahal had been closed for tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider a proposal to reopen these for regular visitors?

**Classical status for Odia language**

353. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to grant classical status to Odia language on account of its in-built heritage features;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to render help both financially and physically to achieve the desired objective by the State Government in the matter?

**Awarding prizes to musicians**

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

(a) whether Government honours musicians by awarding prizes to them;

(b) if so, what are the norms;

(c) whether Government has cancelled in recent years a panel of musicians to be honoured;

(d) whether Government has prepared a new list of names of musicians to be honoured; and

(e) if so, whether Government would see that these musicians are honoured without much delay?

**Return of Kohinoor diamond**

355. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the present Antiques and Art Treasure Act, 1972 provisions the famous Kohinoor diamond can not be transported back to India from England; and



(b) if so, the steps Government is considering to get back the Kohinoor diamond?

#### **Digitization and conservation of manuscripts**

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

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

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

(c) the centre-wise details of activities conducted by these centers 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?

#### **Missing monuments**

357. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is gearing up to bring more monuments under its purview;

(b) whether the ASI has brought three sites in Agra under the Central Protection Act and is working on some site in Leh as well;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ASI is pushing hard to finish denotification of monuments that have been listed as missing or untraceable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Repair of Jagannath temple**

358. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts feel that Jagannath temple repairs can not be delayed further;

(b) whether 20-member expert committee headed by Anandapran Gupta has made some suggestions to carry out repair works at the temple; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Heritage status by UNESCO**

359. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of places in India that have been granted heritage status by the UNESCO;

(b) whether this has been done on the request of Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the basic requirements to be satisfied before asking for the above status?

#### **Deaths due to heat stroke**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths due to heat stroke, reported in the country this year and whether it is a fact that Governments and District administrations have failed to make adequate arrangement to prevent heat stroke in States where more deaths due to heat stroke have been reported;

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(b) the details of the steps taken by Centre as well as Disaster Management Authority of States this year to prevent heat stroke; and

(c) the State-wise details of the deaths due to heat stroke in various States in the last five years?

**Nexus between Islamic State and naxal groups**

†361. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a nexus between Islamic State (IS) and various naxal groups of the country has come to notice, as supporters in country have been caught trying to carry out a big attack in the country by taking training and weapons from the naxalites;

(b) the details of IS members apprehended in the country so far and details of various attacks carried out by them in the country; and

(c) whether the incidents of hoisting of IS flag have repeatedly occurred in Kashmir and details of such incidents occurred during the last two years?

**Rape and molestation against women in the country**

362. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of rape and

molestation against women in the country have increased recently;

(b) if so, the State-wise details for last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that rape cases against minor girls have also increased drastically during the last few months; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to curb the increasing incidents of rape and atrocities/ molestation against women and minor girl children in the country?

**Increasing incidents of terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir**

363. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing incidents of terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir, infiltration and continued shelling from across the border in bordering areas in the recent past in which large number of security people and civilians lost their lives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to improve the safety and security in the sensitive locations and to protect the lives of security forces and common man including dialogue with Pakistani authorities?

**Outcome of probe by JIT on Pathankot**

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

(a) whether Joint Investigation Team

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(JIT) of Pakistan along with the officials of Pakistani Intelligence Agency ISI has visited Pathankot and other places of the country to probe the incident of terror attack on Pathankot;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of composition of JIT;

(c) the rationale for allowing JIT along with ISI to investigate Pathankot terror attack;

(d) the outcome of the probe by JIT; and

(e) when NIA will be visiting Pakistan for investigation of the same?

#### **Failure in arresting persons raising anti-India slogans in JNU**

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

(a) the reasons for failure of central intelligence agencies and Delhi Police to identify and arrest the persons with scarf on their face who were raising anti-India slogan in JNU campus in February, 2016, so far; and

(b) the details of FIRs Government has registered so far against the guilty persons who had morphed the video of JNU's anti-India sloganeering?

#### **Shortage of bullet proof jackets in CRPF**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), India's largest paramilitary force engaged in anti-naxal and counter terrorism operation is

facing a severe shortage of bullet proof jackets and bullet proof helmets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and response of Government thereto?

#### **Maoists apprehended and surrendered**

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

(a) the number of Maoists and security personnel killed in last one year and extent of properties damaged;

(b) the number of Maoists apprehended and surrendered during last one year;

(c) whether Maoists are again trying to strengthen their base; and

(d) the work done for the development of naxal affected areas in last one year and total amount spent on such development works?

#### **Examination of witnesses by JIT on Pathankot**

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

(a) whether Pakistani JIT including ISI sleuth visited India and Pathankot airbase and examined witnesses in connection with the recent terrorist attack on Pathankot airbase;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what were the reasons behind allowing Pakistani JIT on Indian soil;

(c) whether Pakistan too has allowed Indian NIA to visit Pakistan and interrogate Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Online data base on sex offenders**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning online database on sex offenders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the project is expected to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to include the juvenile delinquents convicted of sexual offence in the national sex offenders register?

**Grant of pardons by President**

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

- (a) whether Government has details regarding the number of grant of pardons by the President of India till date, since Independence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has details regarding the number of remission or commutation of a death sentence by the President of India till date, since Independence; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps to fill up vacant IPS posts**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that about hundreds of IPS posts are lying vacant in various States;

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

- (c) the reasons for keeping these posts vacant; and

- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Central Government to fill up the vacant IPS posts?

**Increase in cyber crimes in the country**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is considerable increase in cyber crimes across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the cyber crimes State-wise during last three years;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to effectively tackle the cyber crimes;
- (d) whether Government held any consultation with State Government including the State of Tamil Nadu in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**International organisations inducting Indian youth for terrorist activities**

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

- (a) whether international organisations are inducting Indian youth and instigating them to take part in terrorist activities;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases which have come to light during the last three years and the current year and the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to

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prevent terrorist organisations from misleading the youth of the country and drawing them into the path of terrorism?

**False allegations of rape and dowry harassment**

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

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Central Government, in coordination with State Governments, on the rising trend of cases of false allegations of rape and dowry harassment, a fact expressed by several courts from time to time;

(b) whether Government would consult State Governments, National and State Women Commissions and other stakeholders, including public organisations, to bring in suitable amendments in related laws, after due consultations, so as to prevent the misuse of such laws meant to empower and protect genuine affected women; and

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

**New kind of terrorism in the country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that over the last three years a new kind of terrorism has been spreading across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that over half a dozen major terror attacks have taken place since 2013;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the

terrorists now attack targets which are close to the national highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Number of girls missing in the country**

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

(a) whether a new portal has been developed to track missing girls in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has since been launched in the country;

(d) if so, what is the latest positive results thereof; and

(e) what is the total number of girls that go missing per annum on an average?

**Utilising the services of injured personnel**

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

(a) what is the policy of Government with respect to rehabilitating those personnel who are injured and end up with permanent damage during active operations and are declared unfit for combat duties; and

(b) whether Ministry would consider the fitness of those injured in active operations in other parameters and utilize their services for full length instead of giving them compensation or voluntary/ compulsory retirement and send them home rendering their life absolutely useless?

**Infiltration by cadres of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that not less than ten Islamic State (IS) terror strikes have taken place in Bangladesh in the past year and Indian security agencies are concerned of a possible fallout in Bengal and Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that cadres of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh had infiltrated border States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check terror activities of these anti-social elements?

**Muslim prisoners in jails in the country**

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

(a) the total number of Muslim prisoners currently in jails across the country, the State-wise details thereof and give separate details for undertrial and convicted prisoners for every State;

(b) what percentage of the total undertrial prisoners and convicted prisoners across all the jails of the country are Muslims; and

(c) how many Muslims have been lodged in the prisons across country on charges related to terror or for belonging to terrorist organisations under different anti-terror laws?

**Instruction to register all cases of violence against women**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering issuing instructions to register all the cases of violence against women;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction so far; and

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

**Shortage of funds in NDRF and SDRF**

381. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) are facing shortage of funds in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the funds sanctioned/spent for each work, State/UT-wise during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Girl from Manipur attacked and abused in Mumbai**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that recently a girl from Manipur was attacked and abused by some people in broad day light in Kalina, Santacruz, Mumbai where even police did not help the girl;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the policemen who were there on

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the spot and who refused to file an FIR in this regard;

(c) whether Government is aware that racial abuse has increased over the years in metropolis cities like Mumbai and Delhi; and

(d) if so, how many such cases have come to the notice of Government and action taken thereon?

#### **Maoist activities in Chhattisgarh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bastar region of Chhattisgarh continues to be hotbed of Maoist activities with 47 security personnel losing their lives in 2015;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Bastar alone, more than 140 people have lost their lives in 2015;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the police have claimed that more than 421 Maoists had surrendered before police in 2014 as compared to the meager 39 surrenders in 2013; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that this was the second consecutive year when a large number of Maoist surrenders were reported in Bastar?

#### **Sealing of Indo-Bangladesh border**

384. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:  
SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided/ proposed to seal Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, when and how it is going to be implemented;

(c) whether the concerned State Governments were consulted in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revocation of National Security Act against people**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the State Governments to revoke the National Security Act against people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has also asked the State Governments to expedite the cases of people languishing in jails even after their term of conviction was over; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Selling of pre-activated SIM cards to ISI spies**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases were reported across the country regarding selling of pre-activated SIM cards to ISI spies and others;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering coming out with any plan to prevent such sale of SIM cards to unauthorized persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**CISF personnel deployed at Delhi Metro Stations**

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

(a) what is the total strength of CISF personnel deployed at Delhi Metro Stations;

(b) whether these personnel have been trained in searching and frisking of passengers from security point of view, if so, from where and for what duration; and

(c) whether any foreign training programme has been chalked out for these CISF personnel in order to create amongst them awareness about the functioning of security system in those countries metro/tube railways to improve efficiency?

**Doing away with frisking at Metro Stations**

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

(a) whether with the constant increase in the foot fall at the Metro Stations, the queues of passengers at the ticket counters and the checking counters is piling up thereby rendering it extremely tiring for the security personnel to cope up and maintain the security standards required at such places;

(b) whether Centre has suggested that frisking be done away with and instead should be relied on profiling and cameras for security check; and

(c) whether CISF have been provided with efficient profiling equipments and HD digital cameras for perfect images for alternate security measures to secure the Metro Stations?

**Cases of human trafficking at airports**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some time ago a case of human trafficking was registered at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases that have come to the knowledge of Government during the last two years;

(c) whether human trafficking is taking place at some other airports as well;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to prevent human trafficking; and

(e) the action taken against the officers/employees found involved in human trafficking?

**Proposal to facilitate training of private security guards**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to facilitate the training of the private security guards who keep a vigil on various establishments such as corporate offices, housing societies and malls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private companies will be liable to pay for the said training;

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

(e) the steps so far taken by Government in this regard?

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**Security audit of vulnerable  
paramilitary and police  
installations**

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

(a) whether in view of the Pathankot terrorist attack on airbase, Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake a time-bound security audit of all the vulnerable paramilitary and police installations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of programme chalked out in this regard;

(d) the time by which the security audit is likely to be completed; and

(e) the other steps Government proposes to take to minimise the possible damage to the paramilitary and police installations in the event of a terrorist attack?

**Discontinuation of ACA and SIS  
scheme**

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

(a) the details of the district affected by Left Wing Extremism, State-wise;

(b) the details of allocations under Integrated Action Plan (IAP), Additional Central Assistance (ACA), Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS), Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme and Road Requirement Plan-I for these districts, State-wise and year-wise during last three years;

(c) the utilisation of amount allocated and assets constructed, State-wise and year-wise during the said period; and

(d) why were ACA and SIS discontinued in 2015?

**Forensic labs operational in the  
country**

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

(a) the number of forensic labs currently operational in the country which are used for testing forensic evidence for criminal trials, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the pendency of tests across these labs for evidence in rape cases, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the budget allocation for running of these forensic labs, give break up under various heads; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the functioning of these labs?

**Crime committed in every fifteen  
seconds in the country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some or the other crime, including rape, dowry killing and domestic violence, is committed in the country every fifteen seconds as reported in the media;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the crimes against women have increased most in the last two years; and

(c) the details of necessary steps taken by Government to check all these incidents?

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#### **Theft of vehicles in Delhi**

†395. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of vehicle theft are on the rise in Delhi in the last one year, the details thereof during last one year;

(b) the details of theft and other criminal activities during last three years; and

(c) the details of total number of cases of vehicle thefts solved by the Delhi Police?

#### **Cases of false implication of men and women**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of false implication of men and women are increasing in the country; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to solve the problem?

#### **Persons arrested in connection with terrorist activities**

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

(a) the number of persons arrested in connection with terrorist activities in different States during the last two years and the current year so far, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been found innocent and have been released;

(c) whether there is any time limit to decide such cases; and

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

#### **Report of Special Secretary on ongoing problems in Manipur**

398. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Special Secretary, Internal Security, Ministry of Home Affairs, visited Churachandpur district of Manipur during the month of September, 2015;

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

(c) the details of report given by the Special Secretary along with the action taken thereon by the Union Government; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the ongoing problems in Manipur in the aftermath of passing of the three bills in Manipur Assembly on 31 August, 2015 in Manipur?

#### **Linking of police stations in the country**

399. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to inter-link 15000 police stations in the country by 2017; and

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

#### **Impounding of licences of traffic violations by Delhi Traffic Police**

400. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety had empowered

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the traffic department to seize licences for certain violations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to such decision, the Delhi Traffic Police started impounding licences of traffic violators and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the license suspension period would not be less than three months and the violations would include those considered relatively more dangerous and if so, the details thereof and its implementation status thereof?

#### **Lathicharge on students in NIT campus in Srinagar**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that police lathicharged students in NIT campus in Srinagar and many students including girls suffered injuries due to police action;

(b) if so, whether inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) the outcome of the inquiry;

(d) whether Government is aware that due to threats, students are leaving campus and going their homes risking their career; and

(e) if so, how Government will ensure safety and security to campus students?

#### **Help under Nirbhaya Fund for rape victims**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that in 2015, 2072 rape cases have been reported including 130 gang rape cases;

(b) if so, the details of statistics of crimes against women, State-wise and UT-wise;

(c) how many victims have been rehabilitated and provided help by the State; and

(d) what help has been rendered through Nirbhaya Fund for rape victims since inception of fund?

#### **Crimes committed against SCs, STs and OBCs**

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

(a) the total crimes committed against persons belonging to SCs, STs, OBCs and others, State-wise in the year 2014 and 2015;

(b) the crime rate against persons belonging to SCs, STs, OBCs and others, State-wise in the year 2014 and 2015;

(c) whether it is a fact that crime rate against SC and ST communities has increased in the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure protection of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in last two years and the current year?

#### **Changes in FCRA**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recent changes to the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) empower Government to get details instantly about the accounts of Non-Governmental Organisations whenever they receive foreign contributions or utilize the money;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all FCRA designated bank accounts and utilization accounts will have to be brought on the online platforms of public finance management service of Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the banks shall report to Centre within 48 hours any transaction in respect of receipt of any foreign contribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Guidelines to prevent selfie deaths**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India leads in number of selfie deaths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to come out with any specific guidelines to prevent such deaths in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds to West Bengal under second phase of modernisation of prisons**

406. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the implementation of modernisation of prisons scheme, the jails in India are overcrowded compared to their sanctioned capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to conduct second phase of modernisation of prisons scheme;

(d) if not, the steps being taken by

Government in conjunction with States to tackle overcrowding of prisons; and

(e) the funds allocated for the State of West Bengal under second phase of modernisation of prisons?

#### **Rise in cyber crimes**

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

(a) whether cyber crimes in the country are on the rise particularly in Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and other States;

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

(c) whether Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter and other have come in handy for the miscreants; and

(d) if so, to crack the crimes, what steps the Ministry is taking to keep police personnel abreast with technology?

#### **Projects of strategic importance in Pithoragarh**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the boundaries of Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand touch international borders;

(b) if so, whether Government also recognises that it is the need of the hour to work on projects of strategic importance here, keeping in view the activities of China on this border;

(c) the projects of strategic importance the possibilities of which have been explored here; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Special schools run by NGOs**

409. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special schools are being run by NGOs for the welfare of child labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the NGO-wise and State-wise details of such schools being run;

(c) the details of the funds released to such NGOs during the said period; and

(d) whether there are any monitoring mechanism to check utilization of funds and if so, the details thereof?

### **Insurance scheme for plantation workers**

410. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to launch an insurance scheme for plantation sector;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to provide social security safety net for the small holders and plantation workers in order to protect them against price and other risks?

### **ESIC coverage in States**

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

(a) whether Government has fixed a time line to bring unorganized sector workers under Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) coverage; and

(b) whether any measures have been taken to set up State level operations of the proposed ESIC coverage to unorganized workers?

### **Inoperative accounts in EPF**

412. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of a total of over 15 crore Employees Provident Fund (EPF) accounts, about 9 crore accounts worth ₹ 32,000 crores are inoperative as on March 31, 2015 with only about 4 crore accounts making contributions;

(b) whether Government has restored payment of interest to only those accounts that have become idle due to cessation of employment; and

(c) whether to assuage the feelings of discrimination among EPF workforce numbering around 20,000, Government has set up an Anomalies Committee to look into their grievances in regard to career advancement and promotion?

### **Cheating of unemployed youth by fake agencies**

413. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late incidents of cheating of unemployed youth by fake agencies by advertising Government jobs in the print media have increased manifold;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

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

**Calculation and deposition of PF dues by employers**

414. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has removed the grace period of five days given to employers to deposit provident fund contribution with effect from February, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that employers compute wages and EPF liabilities electronically and file electronic Challan-cum-return;

(d) whether the remittance is also being deposited through internet banking; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that this has reduced the process and time taken in calculation of PF dues and its remittance in the bank?

**Number of ESIC hospitals**

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

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

(a) the State-wise total number of hospitals set up and proposed to be set up by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the country;

(b) the total number of insured persons in the country as on 29th February, 2016;

(c) whether the hospitals under ESIC are adequate to attend to medical needs of the beneficiaries, if not, steps taken to augment the hospital facilities for the workers and their families, with details; and

(d) the details of steps proposed to be taken to expand ESIC dispensaries and hospitals in the country in view of more workers being enrolled under ESIC?

**Monthly wages for contract workers**

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

(a) whether Government plans ₹ 10,000 minimum monthly wage for contract workers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that only lakhs of contract workers are covered under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, out of crores of contract workers;

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

(e) steps taken/being taken to cover all the contract workers in the country under the Act?

**Labour reforms**

417. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all central trade unions have decided to go on a strike in protest against the amendments in labour laws and Government's indifference towards their 12 point charter of demands, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the measures being taken by Government to address their demands?

**Social security schemes for unorganised workers**

418. 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 are covered under social security schemes of the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the number of unorganised workers in social security schemes in the last year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans on introducing measures for greater coverage of unorganised workers under social security schemes, if so, the details thereof and time-line for the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Amendment to PF Act**

419. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to expand the Provident Fund (PF) coverage benefit to employees of small business houses also, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the changes being introduced in the PF Act?

**Employment opportunities**

†420. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment

opportunities generated in Assam during last five years;

(b) whether the employment generation in the State of Assam per annum is less than that of other States in the country;

(c) if so, whether any effort is being made/scheme is being implemented by Government to maintain a balance in employment generation; and

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

**Rehabilitation of bonded labourers in U.P.**

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for the rehabilitation of freed bonded labourers belonging to Uttar Pradesh in order to augment the packages formulated at State level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds earmarked for such plans for rehabilitation; and

(d) if no such funds are earmarked, the reasons therefor?

**Introduction of Employability Skill Test in Telangana**

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

(a) the findings of Weebox Survey conducted with three other organizations to determine employability chances and ranking in different States, with special reference to Telangana; and

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(b) what measures have been taken to introduce Weebox Employability Skill Tests in Telangana and the nature of financial assistance given to Telangana in this respect?

**Number of skilled and unskilled work force**

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

(a) the total number of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled work force required in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the need of work force, employment is not being generated, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Migrant labourers**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers shift from their native States to the neighbouring metropolitan cities every year in search of employment;

(b) whether any survey has been made by Government to assess migrant labourers moving to the major metropolitan cities; and

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

**Reduction in the interest rate on EPF and PF**

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

(a) whether Government has reduced the interest rates on EPF and PF, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the facts considered by Government while deciding the interest rates on EPF and PF and whether any definite formula has been prescribed for it; and

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

**Creation of employment**

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

(a) whether 12 million people are added to the work force every year in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is assessing every project for employment potential;

(c) what additional steps Government will take to create employment to meet the demand of the big pool of unemployed youth in the country; and

(d) the steps proposed to enhance skilling programmes in different States?

**Increasing employment in the country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is seriously contemplating to increase employment in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction so far; and

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

#### **Flying squad for human trafficking**

428. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that "human trafficking" still exists in our country;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Ministry to completely do away with such a menace; and

(c) whether the Ministry will consider creating a flying squad to apprehend those involved in such acts in addition to the steps already being taken?

#### **Expenditure by Welfare Boards**

429. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the State-wise details of actual expenditure incurred by Construction Workers Welfare Board, Transport Welfare Board and Beedi Workers Welfare Board to provide benefits to the beneficiaries on different heads during the years 2011 to 2015?

#### **Changes in NPS**

430. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to bring changes to make National Pension Scheme (NPS) attractive after rolling back the proposed tax on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) withdrawals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the roll back makes EPF more attractive as withdrawals are not taxable while all withdrawals from NPS are taxable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Casual labour in the country**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a large share of workforce is engaged in casual labour in the country;

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

(c) the State-wise total number of casual labourers in the country, category-wise e.g. rural and urban, SC, ST and others; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to bring this labour force in the organised sector and any umbrella project for these labourers in the last two years including current year?

#### **Deduction of PF in companies with 10 employees**

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to formulate a law providing for deduction of provident fund even by the companies having 10 employees;

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

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

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**Delay in construction of green house building of ONGC**

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

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

(a) the date on which the construction of under construction green house building of ONGC in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi was started and by when it was supposed to be constructed and the period of delay thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of the above building has been approximately doubled due to the delay in its construction;

(c) if so, the reasons of delay thereof and the persons responsible for the above and whether any action has been taken against them; and

(d) the status of the above building thereof?

**Recovery of petrol/diesel vapour during unloading at petrol pumps**

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

(a) whether it is mandatory for petrol pumps to install a system to recover petrol/diesel vapour emitted during unloading into underground storage tank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the company-wise total number of petrol pumps in the country *vis-a-vis* the number of petrol pumps which have already installed the said system; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by

Government to check the release of volatile organic compound from fuel tankers during unloading of petrol, diesel which is harmful for humans?

**Appointment of dealers by oil companies in Jammu and Kashmir**

†435. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to appoint new distributors of oil distribution companies in Jammu and Kashmir in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will contemplate upon it keeping in view of the shortage of it?

**Shifting of subsidy into State run fuel retailers**

436. 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) and Oil India have demanded that cooking gas and kerosene subsidy borne by upstream companies so far be shifted into State run fuel retailers amid the continuing oil slump that is squeezing producers' profit but boosting retailers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC and Oil India have written to Government demanding relief from shouldering the burden of subsidy?

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**Funds spent by GAIL on welfare of locals in Auraiya, U.P.**

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

(a) what was the annual income of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) plant situated at Pata in Auraiya district, Uttar Pradesh for last two years; and

(b) whether two per cent of this annual income was spent on welfare work of the local people surrounding that areas particularly on health and treatment, if so, the details thereof?

**Steps to maintain approved weight of LPG cylinders**

438. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3837 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 2013 and state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by Government to maintain the approved weight of LPG cylinders in view of widespread irregularities found in weight of LPG cylinders in the country; and

(b) the company-wise, State-wise and year-wise number of cases registered on this count during the last three years and till date, along with the action taken in this regard?

**One time grant to BPL families for release of new LPG connection**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has launched a scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families for release of new LPG connection; and

(b) if so, the details of the BPL families which have been identified and provided LPG connection under this scheme including the State of Tamil Nadu?

**Notification for fuel quality standards**

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

(a) whether Government has issued a draft notification for fuel quality standards, if so, the details thereof and suggestions and recommendations received, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether State run oil refineries have undertaken measures to switch over to BS- VI auto fuels, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the BS-VI fuel as per Euro-VI standards prevalent in Europe is recommended for introduction in India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shifting to Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy**

441. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the Ministry in shifting from the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) to the Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP);

(b) the reasons for not having separate policies and licensing regimes for different hydrocarbons such as oil, gas, shale oil and shale gas etc.;

(c) the expected revenue increase that the Ministry seeks to achieve from the shift in policy; and

(d) how will the output be priced in the new policy and how would this be different from pricing policy previously implemented?

**Transparent gas cylinders to curb gas pilferage**

†442. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making any special plan to introduce transparent cylinders for domestic LPG so that theft of gas from cylinders could be checked, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the price of transparent cylinders will be approximately double in comparison to the regular cylinders made of steel, if so, whether Government is making any policy to reduce the price of the transparent cylinders in the interest of consumers; and

(c) if so, the details of above said plan/scheme and the details of the target set for bringing these transparent cylinders in practice?

**Cheating and forgery by ROs against OMCs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been cases of dealers of the Retail Outlets (ROs) indulging in cheating and forgery against the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken by the OMCs against its dealers in this regard;

(d) whether it is mandatory for OMCs to lodge FIRs against its dealers for indulging in cheating and forgery against them; and

(e) if so, the State-wise details of last three years of termination of ROs and FIRs lodged by OMCs relating to cheating and forgery by its dealers against them?

**Identification of pipelines for National Gas Grid**

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

(a) whether Government has identified pipelines for creating of National Gas Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the time limit fixed to complete the same;

(c) whether Government is running behind schedule in completing these pipelines;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which Government hopes to be successful in achieving its goal of energy security in the event of the projects not getting completed in time?

**Exploration/utilisation of CBM reserves**

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

(a) whether Ministry is aware that despite having a total of 92 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF) Coal Bed Methane reserves in

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the country only 9.9 TCF has been established;

(b) the State-wise steps taken for boosting exploration of Coal Bed Methane including the allocation and utilization of funds during last three years;

(c) the State-wise details of existing Coal Bed Methane reserves along with details of its production during last three years; and

(d) the State-wise details of ongoing projects for exploration of Coal Bed Methane and the expected period of completion?

**Gas facility to every citizen of the country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that it is resolved to provide gas facility to every citizen of the country through gas pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been set to provide every citizen of the country with this facility through gas pipeline and if so, the details thereof?

**Black-marketing of petroleum products in Indo-Nepal border**

447. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it acknowledges that black-marketing of petroleum products is being carried out on the India-Nepal border;

(b) if so, whether any actions are being

taken to curb the illegal supply of petroleum products on the India-Nepal border; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**New policy for purchase of crude oil by PSU oil companies**

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

(a) whether public sector oil companies in the country are still following the age old policy to purchase crude oil from international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has recently taken a decision under which public sector petroleum companies would be free to purchase oil from foreign market and companies at their own will; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Target for ethanol blending with petrol**

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

(a) the year-wise details of percentage of ethanol blended in petrol during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is any concrete plan before the Ministry to achieve 10 per cent target of ethanol blended with petrol;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what are the reasons that Government could blend just three per cent of ethanol with petrol in 2013-14; and

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(e) to what extent some of the States are not permitting production of fuel ethanol or delaying in permissions for the same is impacting the goal?

**Allocation of adequate iron ore mines to Visakhapatnam steel plant**

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

(a) whether Government has received any request from Andhra Pradesh Government to allocate adequate iron ore mines to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(c) if not, whether the Centre will consider *suo-moto* allocation of iron ore mines to Vizag plant to meet its demand?

**Plants commissioned for utilisation of iron ore fines**

451. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plants commissioned for utilisation of low grade and finer iron ore fines since 2000; and

(b) the details of these plants thereof?

**Incentivising international players to invest in domestic steel companies**

452. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is preparing a bail-out for the steel sector;

(b) if so, the details of the value of the bail-out package and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to incentivise international players to invest in domestic steel companies; and

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

**Protection to domestic steel manufacturers**

453. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the recent increase in import duty on long and flat steel products help domestic steel sector;

(b) the expected reduction of dumping by China due to increase in import duty;

(c) whether it is a fact that in view of sluggish demand in the world market and over-capacity in China, there is every possibility that China may further reduce its price; and

(d) in such a scenario, how Ministry is planning to protect the domestic steel manufacturers?

**Package for the steel sector**

454. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Steel makers have been struggling in the face of rising imports of cheap steel and slowing global demand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether nine out of top indebted steel firms have defaulted on one or more of their debt instruments and the total debt of these firms is ₹ 1.54 trillion or 41 per cent of the total debt;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministries of Steel and Finance are working on a package for the steel sector, if so, the details thereof?

**Higher domestic price of steel than international price**

‡455. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India being the major producer of iron ore and coal, the price of steel in our country is higher than the international prices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the prices of steel have increased during the last three years, if so, the percentage of increase in the prices; and

(d) its impact on domestic industry, specially on forging industry?

**New tourism projects**

456. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved certain new tourism infrastructure development projects including pilgrim tourism in various States of the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details of tourism projects announced/approved during the said period for infrastructure development along with their present status and criteria fixed for approving each of these projects, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the year-wise and project-wise funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during the said period?

**Tourism development programmes in collaboration with UNWTO**

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

(a) the tourism development programmes that are presently in place in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO);

(b) where there are any other international organisations with which India is cooperating with regard to any programmes in the country; and

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

**Development of Eco-Tourism in Jharkhand**

458. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to promote eco-tourism in the State of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated for this purpose;

(c) the district-wise places identified for promotion of eco-tourism; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for this purpose?

**Survey conducted by the Quality Council of India**

459. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Varanasi has been ranked among the least clean cities in

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India, according to survey conducted by the Quality Council of India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to make Varanasi the cleanest city in India due to its oldest culture and heritage status in the world?

**National Medical and Wellness  
Tourism Board**

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

(a) the aims and objectives of the proposed National Medical and Wellness Tourism Board;

(b) whether Government tried to understand the problems being faced by foreigners who come to India for treatment;

(c) to what extent the NMWTB helps to boost medical tourism in the country; and

(d) how the board promotes alternative treatment available in the country such as Yoga, Ayurveda, Unani, Naturopathy etc.?

**PRASAD scheme in Tamil Nadu**

461. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state how many places have been covered under PRASAD scheme in Tamil Nadu?

**Organisation of road show in Delhi**

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

(a) whether a road show was organised in Delhi jointly by Tourism Department, State Government of Uttarakhand, the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of

Railways two years back;

(b) if so, whether some suggestions were given by the distinguished persons attending the show;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action was taken on those suggestions, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Action taken on petitions against  
eviction of tribals from  
Polavaram dam**

463. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direction given to NCST to avoid any action on petitions relating to tribals displaced, attacked and evicted for land acquisition for Polavaram dam in A.P.;

(b) whether Vice Chairman of NCST was to visit Polavaram in November, 2013 but the visit was cancelled and downgraded and the petition by the Forum of Social and Human Rights was ignored;

(c) what are the reasons for orders issued to the NCST to avoid entire issue of Polavaram dam and tribals; and

(d) whether compensation will be given to tribals in Devaragondhi Ramiahpet in Polavaram mandal and Anguluru for harm done to them?

**Increase in malnutrition among tribal  
children**

464. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in malnutrition among tribal children in the

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country in the past three years, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken in this regard by Government so as to reduce malnutrition among children, especially girl child, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized in this regard?

#### **Grant of community forest right titles**

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

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

(b) whether Government is cognizant of the refusal of grant of rights over Minor Forest Products due to the overlap of the Forest Rights Act and Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to rectify the issue, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Central Government has cancelled forest rights of local villages in Sarguja District, Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof, reasons for the same and proposed cancellation in other States?

#### **Inclusion of communities of Puducherry in ST list**

466. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Puducherry has sent proposal for inclusion of seven communities in 2012 for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) what action the Ministry has taken on the above proposal so far?

#### **Allocation of funds to promote entrepreneurship among tribals**

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

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized under various schemes and programmes to promote entrepreneurship among tribals during last three years;

(b) the State-wise details of beneficiaries reached and financial assistance given by Institutions and programmes run by Ministry for promoting entrepreneurship including National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) and Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) along with district-wise details of West Bengal; and

(c) the steps taken under 'Skill India' and 'Start-up India' for specially promoting entrepreneurship among tribal population?

#### **Increase in allocation under TSP**

†468. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of funds for the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) has been increased significantly in the general budget of year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether special provision had been made to promote entrepreneurship among tribals under the 'Stand-up India' scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Census of tribes in Tamil Nadu**

469. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any census of the tribes in Tamil Nadu have been undertaken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Distribution of land among tribals**

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

(a) whether Government has earmarked forest land for distribution among tribals under acts concerning forests rights of tribals;

(b) how much of the land so earmarked has actually been given for their use;

(c) how much is in the process of being given;

(d) how many legal pattas have been given to them;

(e) how much of such land is in the process of being used for other purposes; and

(f) what is the percentage of tribals in the country who do not own land?

#### **Difficulties in implementation of Forest Rights Act**

471. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is facing lots of difficulties in implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, particularly in returning land to tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any comprehensive plan is being formulated by Government so that provisions of the Act are implemented in true letter and spirit?

#### **Prevalence of sickle cell anaemia among tribals**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of sickle cell anaemia among tribals is more than any other community in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to address this problem?

#### **Projects for improving infrastructure for sports and athletics potential**

473. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects under implementation and/or proposed for improvement of facilities and infrastructure for harnessing the sports and athletics potential amongst the youths of the country;

(b) the details of facilities provided by Sports Authority of India (SAI) for helping the sports persons in the fields of athletics, archery, hockey and football especially in

terms of providing coaching of international standards, ensuring nutritious diet and employment to the poor boys/girls; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the SAI activities in various parts of the country since last three years?

**Funds to NGOs for sports and youth affairs activities**

474. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided funds to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in the field of sports and youth affairs activities under the various schemes and programmes sponsored by Government;

(b) if so, the Scheme/NGO and State/UT-wise details of funds allocated /released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details of work done by the said NGOs, including Karnataka?

**'Marks for Sports' in schools**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received suggestions to introduce 'Marks for Sports' scheme in schools in order to foster a sporting culture in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to implement this suggestion throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Programmes for urban and rural youth**

†476. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being run for urban and rural youth of the country;

(b) whether separate programmes are being run for urban and rural youth;

(c) if so, the quantum of amount and the head under which it was allocated to the States in the year 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the development of rural youth; and

(d) whether the Ministry would allocate additional funds to the new, hilly and backward States for the development of youth?

**Construction of sports complex under RGKA**

†477. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct sports complex for outdoor and indoor sports in every block of the country under RGKA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) names of villages in Assam and Uttar Pradesh wherein sports complexes have been constructed/being constructed so far and amount of funds released for construction of each sports complex, district-wise, block-wise; and

(d) the names of villages of different blocks of Assam and Uttar Pradesh where sports complexes are proposed to be constructed in financial year 2016-17, district-wise and the criteria for selection of such villages/blocks?

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**Production of cost-effective sports equipment**

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

(a) whether Government feels any need for introducing technology to produce cost-effective sports equipment within the country so that they are available to sports aspirants at an affordable rate; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard under 'Make in India' programme?

**Development of programmes to attract youth towards sports**

†479. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has developed many programmes to attract youth towards sports and has resolved to promote sports and build new stadiums;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated to

the State Government of Bihar to build new stadium in the State and attract youth towards sports?

**Development of SAI**

480. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures to develop the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and its allied organizations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the funds allocated in the last three years; and

(e) the efforts taken by Government to develop and modernize the integrated sports infrastructure and stadia in Tamil Nadu and the funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise?

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