

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Dumping of steel in the country

1022. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) *prima facie* found that six countries are dumping steel in the country;

(b) if so, the details of countries that are dumping steel and the quantity of dumping in the last three years, year-wise, country-wise and quantity-wise;

(c) how such dumping impacted the domestic steel industry;

(d) whether DGAD has initiated any investigation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Allowing FDI from Pakistan

1023. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has permitted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from Pakistan in various sectors;

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

(c) the other measures taken/being taken by Government to improve the bilateral trade between India and Pakistan in the coming years?

Increase in exports

†1024. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an increase in exports from the country has been registered;

(b) if not, the status of exports from financial year 2012-13 to 2015-16; and

(c) the details of efforts made by Government for increasing exports?

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Growth/decline rate in IIP

1025. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the overall growth/decline rate in the production Index of Industrial Production (IIP) of the eight core industries in relation to fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Rejection of seafood exports by the US

1026. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that of late rejections of Indian seafood exports are on the rise by the United States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what are the main reasons for these rejections; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

Registered startups

1027. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of startups registered in India, as per Government's definition, since 2006;

(b) the percentage increase in the number of startups as compared to 2006 with 2016;

(c) the year-wise number of people employed by startups since 2006;

(d) whether Government has data on the number of active investors in the startup market and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the year-wise number of incubator

organisations offering services and support to startup in India, since 2006?

Development of IPAB, Chennai

1028. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to improve and develop the overall infrastructure and manpower strength of Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB), Chennai, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated, disbursed and utilized in the last three years, year-wise and the current vacancy position; and

(d) the effective steps taken by Government to fill the vacancies at the earliest and make the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB), Chennai, Tamil Nadu at par with those in USA, UK and Germany?

Export of skimmed milk powder

†1029. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of skimmed milk powder exported from the country during each of the last two years and the current financial year;

(b) whether Government has any special plan to promote the export of skimmed milk powder, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to provide financial assistance for promotion of production of skimmed milk powder, if so, the details of the above plan?

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**Marine products export from
Visakhapatnam**

1030. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the marine products exports from Visakhapatnam port for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively;

(b) whether Government has any plan to improve infrastructure available for marine products exporters from Andhra Pradesh ;

(c) whether any study has been done by MPEDA to suggest ways to enhance production and export of marine products from Visakhapatnam;

(d) whether it is a fact that more skilled workers and infrastructure is needed in this sector; and

(e) steps proposed to implement a comprehensive plan to increase marine product exports from Visakhapatnam?

**Impact of RCEP agreement on life
saving drugs**

1031. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade agreement threatens access to affordable generic medicines for half the world's population by imposing strict intellectual property rules on generic medicines;

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

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken for increasing production of life saving affordable generic medicines in the country?

Subsidy for export of cow meat

1032. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any subsidy is being provided for export of cow meat abroad; and

(b) the list of specific subsidies being provided since 2012 for such export, year-wise?

**Units established under 'Make in
India' programme**

1033. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many new units have been established under the 'Make in India' initiative in various States and Union territories;

(b) how much money has been invested in various units;

(c) how many units are in the various stages of installation;

(d) which are the types of Industries started under 'Make in India' initiatives; and

(e) what are the facilities and concessions specified to the units established under 'Make in India' campaign?

**Expansion of 'Start-up India'
programme**

†1034. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to expand the 'Start-up India' programme into

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rural areas of the country, the details thereof;

(b) the details of norms adopted in the selection of areas for this purpose;

(c) the details of areas so identified in Assam and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the number of start-ups granted financial aid since the inception of this scheme and scheme-wise/State-wise details thereof?

Decline in industrial production

1035. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's industrial production decreased by 0.8 per cent year-on-year in April of 2016;

(b) whether production of electrical machinery and apparatus has been falling the most (-55.9 per cent); and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Fall in index of capital goods

1036. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether index of capital goods came in at 186.3 for April, that is the lowest capital goods output for the month of April since 2010 ;

(b) whether production is now at the lowest in at least the past seven years, competitive spirits in the industry are at their lowest since at least 2010-11; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Special treatment in fishery subsidy disciplines

1037. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has demanded special and differential treatment in fishery subsidy disciplines being negotiated at the World Trade Organization (WTO) so that small and marginal fishermen get exempted;

(b) if so, the response of the WTO;

(c) whether Government has also insisted that developing countries be given capacity building assistance to help in implementation of a global agreement to check over fishing; and

(d) if so, the response of the WTO?

Measures to boost 'Ease of Doing Business' in India

1038. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PMO has listed out 36 measures to be undertaken by various Departments by January, 2015, to boost 'Ease of Doing Business' in India;

(b) if so, the details of each of the 36 measures ;

(c) whether the deadline of January, 2015 has been adhered to by all Departments/Ministries; and

(d) if not, the Departments/Ministries which have not complied with them and the reasons therefor?

Anti-dumping duty on imports of a Chemical

1039. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India imposed anti-dumping duty of up to 168.76 US dollars per tonne on imports of a chemical, mainly used in textile and packaging industries from five countries including China and Iran to protect domestic players;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether anti-dumping steps are taken to ensure fair trade and provide a level-playing field to the domestic industry, if so, the details thereof and the present position thereof?

Allowing 74 per cent FDI in pharma sector

1040. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has allowed 74 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in pharmaceutical sector through automatic route;

(b) if so, what is the rationale behind the same;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken into consideration concerns that such steps would enable international pharmaceutical companies to make brown field investments and buy out existing Indian pharmaceutical companies; and

(d) whether the Ministry would make such investments mandatory only in green field investments and thus in line with its 'Make in India' philosophy?

Trade with foreign countries

1041. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by India with respect to trade with foreign countries particularly with neighbouring countries during the last two years ;

(b) what is the scope for strengthening trade relations with various countries; and

(c) the details of the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

Irregularities in NGMA

1042. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received about irregularities allegedly caused by officers of National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the approximate number of collection of items in NGMA and what are their historical importance;

(d) what are the highlights of CAG report for the years 2012-13 and 2013-14 in regard to NGMA; and

(e) whether CAG report has made a mention about irregularities in NGMA, and if so, the action taken by Government?

Documenting of antiquities

1043. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements a mission for documenting of antiquities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of antiquities documented so far, budget allocations made for the purpose and the action plan drawn up by Government to expedite documenting of all the antiquities, existing/ found in the country?

Conservation projects in other countries by ASI

†1044. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is executing conservation projects in other countries also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of countries in which ASI is working on, for archaeological survey and conservation?

Portal for conservation activities of ASI

†1045. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to start a portal for the conservation activities done by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(b) if so, by when this portal would be started?

Under-water Archaeological Wing of ASI

†1046. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Under-water Archaeological Wing of ASI has been inactive for the last seven years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are only six under-water experts for 7500 km. coastal frontiers; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the promotion of exploration of the coastal areas having immense potential?

Scholarships/financial assistance to artists

†1047. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run by Government to provide scholarships/ financial assistance to the artists in the field of acting and parameters for selecting the artists under these schemes;

(b) the details of amount given as scholarships/financial assistance to the artists every year; and

(c) the number of artists who applied under these schemes in the last three years and number of such artists who were given scholarships/financial assistance, State-wise details thereof?

New conservation methods for ancient monuments

1048. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is adopting very old and obsolete methods in preservation of ancient monuments across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to formulate and introduce new conservation methods based on modern techniques; and

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

Bringing Kohinoor diamond in the country

1049. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry for bringing back the Kohinoor diamond to India from the United Kingdom;

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken for above; and

(c) whether the Ministry made a statement that Kohinoor diamond was a gift to Britain and it was not taken away forcefully?

Training activities imparted by PSUs

1050. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) were engaged in imparting/arranging training and skill development activities through various programmes;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes through which training and skill developments are imparted;

(c) the details of the target groups to whom training and skill developments are imparted; and

(d) details of the training and skill

development activities taken and imparted to target groups in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Impact of ban on 2000 cc diesel cars

1051. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry looks at the decision of the National Green Tribunal banning registration of 2000 cc and above diesel engines in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that the National Green Tribunal is likely to extend this ban to other major cities in the country;

(c) if so, what impact it will have on auto industry and employment that auto sector as a whole is providing; and

(d) whether the Ministry has requested the National Green Tribunal not to extend the ban on other cities?

Setting up of industries to counter unemployment

†1052. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to set up heavy as well as small industries in view of the rising number of unemployed people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of places where these industries are going to be established and the number of unemployed persons likely to get jobs in these industries, the details thereof?

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Automotive Mission Plan, 2016-26

1053. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring in an Automotive Mission Plan, 2016-26 which envisages creation of an additional 50 million jobs;

(b) whether the Automotive Mission Plan, 2016-26 aims to put India's automobile industry in the league of top three nations in engineering, manufacturing and export of vehicles and auto components;

(c) whether Government is extending the national Automotive Mission Plan to 2026; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Composite township for Kashmiri migrants

1054. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current status of Government's plan to set up 'Composite Township' for displaced Kashmiri Pandit migrants in the valley;

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame for the township plan in the valley; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the township will be set up in the valley for the Kashmiri migrants?

Strengthening the police at 'thana' levels

1055. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the police set up in the country is top heavy;

(b) whether there is a pressing need to strengthen the police set up at the 'thana' level with more constables and inspectors to cope up with the increased workload; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is proposing to take to address the staff imbalance in the police force?

Increasing the number of Assembly seats

1056. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sought opinion from the Ministry of Law and Justice in connection with increasing the number of Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether opinion of the Attorney General was sought on this;

(d) if so, the opinion given by Attorney General;

(e) how Ministry looks at the opinion of the Election Commission that now it is not possible to increase the number of seats in both the States; and

(f) in view of the above, how Ministry is planning to go ahead?

Illegal immigrants in Assam

†1057. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal immigrants in the State of Assam and steps being taken by Government to trace and repatriate these illegal immigrants and results of such steps; and

(b) whether Government has any concrete and effective plans in place to solve the problem of illegal immigration, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Properties acquired under Enemy
Property Act used by public
servants and officers**

1058. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several properties acquired under the Enemy Property Act are being used by the public servants and officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and details of all such properties allotted to public servants, officers and public offices, State-wise;

(d) whether any income or rental income is generated from the allotment of such properties to public servants and public offices;

(e) if so, whether the income is remitted to the account of the actual owner or his legal heir; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in median age of marriage

1059. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new census data released recently shows that the median age at the time of marriage has increased across all strata of society and genders due to socio-economic changes taking place;

(b) whether the data reveals that higher level of school enrollment with overall 90 per cent everywhere and above 80 per cent for Dalits, has also contributed to this welcome trend; and

(c) whether, according to eminent sociologists at the JNU, if this pace of growth in integration of the economy is kept up, the median age at marriage for both genders should increase by two years in the next ten years?

**Cloudburst and landslides in
Uttarakhand**

1060. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casualties and the number of persons injured in the recent cloudburst and landslides in Uttarakhand, the details thereof;

(b) whether rescue and relief operations were carried out on time without delay;

(c) the number of tourists in the Char Dham stranded and for how long;

(d) whether the road transportation has been restored to make the road traffic normal; and

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(e) why even telephonic communication could not be restored in some of the affected districts like Pithoragarh and State capital, Dehradun, for more than 6 hours?

Tracking devices in small boats

†1061. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to install tracking devices in small boats;

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

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

President's assent to Kerala Bill

1062. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bill passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly namely the Commonwealth Trust Kozhikode (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Bill, 2012 was forwarded to the Central Government seeking President's assent to the same; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and at what stage is the said bill?

Child trafficking cases

†1063. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the child trafficking cases in the country have increased considerably in the recent days, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Central Government has directed all States to appoint special women protection officer to strictly check the child trafficking; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the States which have appointed special women protection officer in compliance of the order?

Construction of new jails

1064. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the custodial deaths in different jails in the country have increased in recent years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the period 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) whether the jails in the country are over crowded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of new jails to be created by Government during the year 2016-17?

Schemes in naxal affected areas

†1065. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to wipe out hurdles created by naxals in progression of schemes run in the naxal-affected areas;

(b) the progress achieved through such schemes run in the naxal-affected areas in the last three years; and

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(c) whether it is a fact that most of the schemes run in the naxal-affected areas are partially implemented and the pace of efforts in the execution of implementation of such schemes is slow?

Infiltration in J&K

†1066. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of infiltration from Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir are on the rise if so, the details in this regard for the last three years;

(b) the number of smugglers and terrorists apprehended during this period in incidents of infiltration; and

(c) whether Intelligence agencies have cautioned regarding movement of terrorists on Yusmarg-Pakharpara road?

Street-level imagery plan of Google in India

1067. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA
SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Google has asked for permission to put Indian cities, tourist spots, hills and rivers in an application, where one can have 360-degree, panoramic and street-level imagery;

(b) if so, the respond of Government thereto;

(c) whether security aspects were examined by Security agencies and Defence forces, before taking a decision;

(d) what is the position in other countries like US whether it is covered under Google street view; and

(e) whether without compromising internal security, Google Maps would be given restricted access for putting street-level imagery, if so, the details thereof?

Deputing NDRF in Himachal Pradesh

1068. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR : Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to depute National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Himachal Pradesh for quick relief and rescue of people in case of natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations where NDRF is likely to be deployed;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to identify the places vulnerable to disaster in Himachal Pradesh in view of deployment of NDRF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Border infiltrations

1069. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much area of International Border is under surveillance by Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) as on date, the details thereof;

(b) the number of border infiltrations along India's North-Western, North-Eastern and Eastern borders in the past six months;

(c) how many combing operations has Government engaged in the past two years

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and along which borders has these operation taken place; and

(d) the number of death of Indian Army and other uniform services personnel as well as militants during such encounters along the border in the past six months?

Bringing in of Geospatial Information Regulation Bill

1070. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplates to bring in Geospatial Information Regulation Bill;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposed bill have provisions penalizing the smartphone users in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect the interest of smartphone users of the country while ensuring regulatory regime?

Distribution of assets of Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education

1071. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has asked the Government of India to constitute a Committee to distribute assets of Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details of the order and

action taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(c) what is the time frame given to the Committee to submit its report and by when the assets are likely to be distributed as per the formula of Supreme Court?

Illicit drug trafficking on Indo-Pak border

1072. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Punjab has sought Central Government's intervention on plugging the supply of drugs across the border;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many narco smugglers are involved in the illicit drug trafficking across the Indo-Pak border through new innovative ways due to which it is becoming impossible to trap the culprits?

Intelligent Traffic System in Delhi

1073. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for introducing an Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) in Delhi is pending; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

India becoming transit point for drugs

1074. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the World Drug

Report, 2016 released by the UN Office of Drugs and Crime, India has become a transit point for the drugs mainly heroin and cocaine for other destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Kashmir

†1075. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan sponsored terrorist attacks have increased in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the policy being formulated by Government to check this trend and whether Government is going to take any concrete action against Pakistan; and

(c) the number of para-military and army personnel, martyred in Pakistan sponsored terrorist attacks in Kashmir in last two years?

Protests and stone pelting in J & K

1076. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that severe protests and stone pelting on security personnel are increasing during the last one year in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of people died and injured during the last one year in Kashmir; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to restore peace in the valley?

Screening of tourists arriving in the country

1077. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) while processing visa applications of tourists, whether Government investigates if the tourist has a history of being a sexual offender, if so, whether investigation is done in case of 'on-arrival' visas as well; and

(b) whether Government has data on the number of sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism sector in India, if so, the details thereof, if not, by when Government plans to collect the same?

Geospatial Bill

1078. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to review a much criticized draft Geospatial Bill that proposes jail terms of seven years and fine up to ₹ 100 crore for wrongly depicting the map of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to gather public opinion on the said Bill;

(c) whether Government has received comments from public and that these comments were under consideration for incorporation in the above Bill; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Visa-free entry to business visitors

†1079. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs has opposed the proposal to allow visa-free entry to business visitors from 18 countries due to security reasons;

(b) whether Government is taking note of concerns expressed by the Ministry regarding security reasons; and

(c) the number of people along with names of their countries who had applied for visa-free entry during the last one year along with the number of people whose applications were rejected?

Facilities for pilgrims in Amarnath Yatra

1080. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangements and facilities made for pilgrims in Amarnath Yatra;

(b) in view of terrorist attack, whether any security cover is provided to them and enroute;

(c) the number of Yatris allowed so far as compared to last year, the details thereof; and

(d) in view of rain and inclement weather, precautions taken for rescue and relief operations en-route, in case of landslides and closing of the route, the details thereof?

Sharing of country's expertise in securing VIPs

1081. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is now fully equipped to share its expertise in securing VIPs and vital security installations with many

African countries including Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa;

(b) whether apart from sharing its skill and expertise in the formation of its elite commando force (NSG) which has earned laurels, India will also provide training courses for security personnel from these countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Law and order in Central Government residential colonies

1082. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Delhi Police to check wandering of outsiders in Central Government residential colonies from 11 AM to 6 PM and from 10 PM to 5 AM in order to check theft, chain snatching, loot and eve teasing and to maintain law and order in Central Government residential colonies;

(b) the measures taken to protect senior citizens living in Central Government residential colonies; and

(c) the number of anti-social elements arrested by Delhi Police from Central Government residential colonies during last two years and how many of them were sent to jail?

Empanelment for sale through CPC

1083. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the laid down procedure for empanelment of consumer goods for sale through Central Police Canteen (CPC);

(b) the details of agarbatties, dhoop and dry dhoop cones purchased by CPC

situated in Delhi and NCR during the last twelve months indicating quantity purchased, purchase price, item-wise;

(c) what is the purchase policy of CPC; and

(d) whether CPC give purchase preference to goods manufactured by disabled persons and if not, the reasons therefor?

Seizure of illegal arms and ammunitions

1084. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last three years, Government has seized large number of arms and explosives in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise large seizure therein; and

(c) the action taken by Government to stop such illegal production?

Including lightning and thunderstorm under NDMA Act

1085. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lightning is not considered as a disaster according to Government rules and the people who are dying because of lightning and thunderstorm are not eligible for relief under the National Disaster Management Authority Act;

(b) if so, considering the number of persons who are dying of lightning and thunderstorm, whether Government would

consider to include these under the NDMA Act so that the victims of these natural disasters can be considered for relief; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Rape of minor girls in children's home in Delhi

†1086. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incharge of children's home situated at Lajpat Nagar in the National Capital of Delhi was arrested on the charges of raping minor girls living there in June, 2016;

(b) if so, the other people found involved in the rape case and since when this immoral act was going on there; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check such immoral acts takings place in children's homes in future?

Mobile bills of policemen posted in PCR unit of Delhi Police

†1087. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the policemen posted in PCR units of Delhi Police have to pay their mobile bills themselves if it is above ₹ 700;

(b) whether Government would consider to increase the amount of their mobile bills keeping in view the use of mobile in functioning of PCR unit personnel;

(c) if so, by when a decision would be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

ATR on Punchhi Commission recommendations

1088. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punchhi Commission on Centre-State Relations had submitted its recommendations in 2010;

(b) if so, how many States have so far failed to send their view on the recommendations, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would wait for indefinite period to finalize its Action Taken Report (ATR) on the recommendations in case one or two States fail to send their views within reasonable time; and

(d) if not, how soon the ATR on the recommendations of Punchhi Commission would be prepared/finalized?

Meeting of Home Secretary with naxalites affected States

1089. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there was meeting of Home Secretary with seven naxalite affected States including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what transpired in the said meeting and what decisions were taken; and

(d) how Government proposes to implement the decision?

Coastal security scheme

1090. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second phase of Coastal Security Scheme (CSS), which is aimed at strengthening infrastructure for coastal patrolling and surveillance was to be completed on 31st March, 2016 but a lot of work is yet to be done under this scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the completion of the scheme; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to implement phase-II of Coastal Security Scheme (CSS)?

Indian coasts vulnerable to terror strikes

1091. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian coasts are still vulnerable to terror strikes;

(b) whether Government in consultation with the State Government of coastal States is taking steps to review and strengthen coastal security; and

(c) if so, the details of measures being taken by Government for foolproof coastal security of the country?

Increasing capacity of Central jails

†1092. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of prisoners in almost all Central jails of the country exceeds the capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of prisoners in these jails is increasing constantly, which results in anarchy in jails;

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(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken necessary steps for increasing capacity in Central jails of the country during last two years and the conditions in the jails is improving; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Incidents of suicide in Police/ Para-military forces

†1093. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a considerable increase in incidents of suicide in Police/Para-military forces in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether working hours without any break and not getting leave regularly are its reasons;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether various Commissions constituted from time to time for improving the working conditions of Police/Para-military forces gave many suggestions, but these have not been complied so far; and

(f) whether the Central Government is going to implement some suitable arrangement model for improvement of working conditions of Police/Para-military forces soon?

Jihadi activities in West Bengal

1094. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about

Jihadi activities in "Greater Bengal" which includes Bangladesh and West Bengal, both led by self styled chief of IS, Bangladesh, Abu Ibrahim Al Hanif; and

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to adopt to nib such Jihadi activities in West Bengal at very initial stage?

Violence against women

1095. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information about the incidence of violence against women, which are not reported to police; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of last three years thereof?

Operation Green Hunt

1096. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) people killed in ambush by extremists on 6th April, 2010 in Dantewada massacre in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the names of each person killed in this incident and the nature of rifles provided to the members of the bereaved families by State and Central Governments;

(c) whether any inquiry was instituted into the incident and if so, findings of the same and the nature of action taken on those findings; and

(d) the districts/areas covered under 'Red Corridor' in which 'Operation Green Hunt' is in operation and what are the main features of Operation Green Hunt?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Ceasefire violations by Pakistan

1097. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ceasefire violations and encounters by Pakistan that have occurred at the India-Pak border in the last year, month-wise and particularly in the last three months, the details thereof;

(b) the assessed losses, damage and number of persons thereof that have been displaced due to such ceasefire violations;

(c) the details of India's response to such ceasefire violations; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

Increase in military related activities in J&K

1098. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report, there is 47 per cent increase in militancy related activities, 51 per cent increase in stone pelting incidents, 65 per cent increase in infiltration and fresh recruitments of militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the first six months of 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the same and response of Government thereto?

Human Rights Commission for Delhi

1099. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to constitute a Human Rights Commission for Delhi;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to give access to residents of Delhi to address their human rights violations?

Left Wing Extremists

1100. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Left Wing Extremists killed in counter insurgency operations in last three years till date, year-wise, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of Left Wing Extremists currently in jails for naxal offences, State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of surrenders by Left Wing Extremists during last three years till date, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) the funds earmarked and spent on counter insurgency operations during last three years, year-wise, State-wise details thereof; and

(e) the funds earmarked and spent on reward and rehabilitation of surrendered Left Wing Extremists during last three years, year-wise and State-wise details thereof?

Constitution of official language implementation committee

†1101. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise and Ministry-wise details of constitution of official language implementation committee, year-wise status of required meetings during the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 in the Ministries under Central Government; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the Ministry-wise details of target and achievement of correspondence under annual programme in 'A' region with reference to above?

Coastal police stations and jetties in Puducherry

1102. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three coastal police stations and two jetties are proposed in Puducherry under Phase II of the Coastal Security Scheme;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that only 2.4 crores have been released for this purpose;

(c) what is the total amount required for 3 stations and 2 jetties; and

(d) by when these are likely to be completed?

Measures to prevent terrorist attacks

1103. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the recent attack in Bangladesh by terrorists, Government has taken any measures to prevent such attacks in our country particularly for West Bengal which is the State of the country nearest to Bangladesh; and

(b) the details of the action taken by Government to strengthen the safety and security of the people of India by avoiding such incidents in the country?

Repeal of AFSPA

1104. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider repealing Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) imposed in different parts of the country for a long time now as Supreme Court has observed that indefinite deployment of armed forces under this Act mocks at our democratic process;

(b) whether Government will resort to discussion of contentious issues in order to defuse terrorism in such areas and to bring them back to the path of democracy; and

(c) whether Government will ensure democratic and peaceful ways of resolving disputes and strengthening democracy in the country through negotiations rather than by use of force?

Payment of EPS contribution

1105. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is likely to come out with a definition for the term 'new employees' for implementing its budget promise of footing the bill for pension scheme contribution in a bid to create more formal sector jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the payment of EPS contribution will be in the form of reimbursements to employers; and

(d) whether the scheme will be applicable for the new employees earning ₹ 15,000 a month, who have worked for 240 days during a year in an establishment?

Average contribution by workers in unorganised sector for availing social security

†1106. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total average contribution that has to be made by workers engaged in unorganised sector to reap benefits of all social security schemes;

(b) the contribution that State Government and Central Government have to bear the total contribution made by them in various schemes in last two years along with details thereof;

(c) whether workers of unorganised sector are able to make their contribution in different social security schemes only after getting work/employment on regular basis; and

(d) the details of scheme formulated by Government to provide employment on regular basis to workers of unorganised sector?

Unemployed youth in the country

1107. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment amongst youth in the country has increased manifold and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures being taken by Government to increase job opportunities for the youth of the country in different sectors, during the coming one year, State/ UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving employment opportunities in the country?

Child labour in family enterprises

1108. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of what constitutes a family enterprise;

(b) the number of such family enterprises in the country; and

(c) the checks and balances instituted so that children working in family enterprises are not in violation of child labour laws in the country?

Allowing 24 x 7 opening of shops

1109. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Model Shops and Establishments Bill;

(b) the estimated number of employment going to be generated through the above Bill which will allow 24 x 7 opening of shops and business establishments;

(c) the details of key sectors that are likely to be benefited;

(d) whether Government has fixed any time-frame for States to adopt the same; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of medical colleges under ESIC

†1110. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has any plan to open medical colleges in various rural/ Scheduled Areas of the country under ESIC;

(b) if so, the places identified under this scheme in various States and especially in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the details of demands received/ pending before Government from various States including Madhya Pradesh in this regard; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

Bonded labour

1111. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been demands to frame a policy for private employees so that they keep a check on bonded labour in their supply chain;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Nobel Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi is also demanding for the same;

(c) if so, what has the Ministry done on this so far; and

(d) whether there are any plans to enact law on this and if so, the details thereof?

Number of workers in unorganised sector

1112. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers presently working in unorganized sector in the country; and

(b) the State-wise total number of beneficiaries among them under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana till date?

Healthcare scheme for unorganised sector

1113. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific healthcare scheme exclusively for the unorganized sector labour force; and

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the total number of beneficiaries as on date?

Restructuring of shift system in factories

1114. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to restructure shift system in factories in order to increase production or to give employment to more persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Child Labour Project

1115. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Child Labour Project (NCLP) is being implemented in all the districts of the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of districts in which the above project is being implemented in the country?

People trapped in modern slavery

1116. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest number of people trapped in modern slavery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Revision of minimum wages

1117. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of revising upwards, the minimum wages for millions of workers in several key sectors including agriculture, construction and mining;

(b) whether this proposal to revise the minimum wages for 45 economic activities in the central sphere will also serve as a benchmark for minimum wages in the States too;

(c) whether major metropolitan cities will be clubbed under one category for the purpose of wages, with the rest of the country divided into two other categories with lower income structures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Complete ban on child labour

1118. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to impose blanket ban on child labour in view of ever increasing number of child labourers in the country; and

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

Migrant labourers

1119. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rural migration of individuals to cities in search of jobs during the Financial Year 2014-15 and that in Financial Year 2015-16; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken by Government to create job opportunities at the village level, in general, and in agricultural sector, in particular?

Number of employed persons

1120. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment (*i.e.* number of persons employed) at overall level in the 8 selected sectors has increased by 1,34,000 during the quarter ended in September, 2015 over June, 2015; and

(b) the contribution of aforesaid increase in employment, in percentage and number terms, to the target set by Government for Financial Year 2015-16 in this regard?

Labour reforms in textile and retail sectors

1121. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken two important decisions for labour reforms in textile and retail sectors recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are being taken to ensure that the employers of both these sectors maintain healthy job conditions and address safety concerns for workers, particularly women?

Implementation of the Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996

1122. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about ₹ 27,000 crores collected as cess meant for the welfare of construction labourers lies unused in banks in various States due to the failure to implement the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess, Act, 1996; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to see that the said Act is implemented properly in the country?

Annual health check-up for workers in ESIC

1123. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) proposes to offer free annual health check-up to insured members with age 40 and above under its health insurance scheme in a bid to improve the health of mothers and their infants, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large section of insured persons work under harsh and hazardous industrial environments and hence are more likely to develop illnesses, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to cover all such persons under the proposed health check-up?

Sector-wise employment data in the country

1124. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sector-wise details of employment are available with Government;

(b) if so, the number of people working in agriculture, industry and service sectors in the country; and

(c) the number among these of permanent and temporary/contract employees in various sectors?

Social security benefit to unorganised workers

†1125. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers engaged in unorganised sector are not reaping benefits of social security schemes in comparison to workers in organised sector, if so, names of such social security schemes along with number of organised and unorganised sector workers getting benefits of said schemes, details thereof;

(b) total number of workers of organised sector who are reaping benefits of EPF in the country, whether Government is contemplating to extend facility of EPF to workers of unorganised sector also; and

(c) if so, number of workers likely to be benefited from this and by when it would be implemented the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of bonded labour scheme

1126. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently revised the rehabilitation of bonded labour scheme;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the new forms of bondage in the country such as organised begging rings, forced prostitution and child labour?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Performance of MSMEs

1127. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth of output of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for the years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16;

(b) the number of such enterprises that closed down during these three years; and

(c) whether the high interest rates were the cause of the performance of these industries?

Revival of closed/sick units

1128. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to power shortage, non-availability of funds, expensive credit and economic slow down, several Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) units have closed down/turned into sick units;

(b) if so, the details of such MSME units which have been closed down/turned into sick during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the amount of credit provided by the banks to MSME sector outstanding at present;

(d) units in the MSME sector which have availed the non-discretionary on time settlement offered under the rehabilitation package; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken to revive the closed/sick units?

Women entrepreneurs under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme

1129. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme;

(b) how far the target has been achieved in this programme through MSMEs;

(c) State-wise details of number of women entrepreneurs benefited under this scheme; and

(d) the new steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the scheme?

Promotion of Khadi and Village Industries

1130. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries have increased its sale during the financial year 2015-16;

(b) if so, the percentage and amount of increase in sale during the said period;

(c) whether Indian Railways and Air India are encouraged to use Khadi made fabrics in trains and aeroplanes in order to revive the Khadi industries; and

(d) what is the total demand order placed in terms of rupees by Indian Railways and Air India for Khadi fabrics during the said period?

Permission to foreign oil companies to re-enter retail market

1131. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating permission to foreign oil companies to re-enter the retail market;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider denationalisation of the petroleum companies taken over in the past as well; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the new thinking?

New subsidised/free LPG connections for rural poor

1132. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy given on retail sale of diesel, PDS Kerosene and LPG during the last three years and current year;

(b) the State/UT-wise number of people who have given up their LPG subsidy under the "Give it UP" scheme and quantum of subsidy saved as a result thereof; and

(c) the number of new subsidized/free of cost LPG connections provided to BPL/poor/needly people in the country particularly in rural areas during the said period State/UT-wise and the expenditure involved?

Gas connections under Ujjwala scheme

†1133. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data regarding number of households that have been provided gas connections so far under the "Ujjwala" scheme;

(b) the number of complaints received related to this scheme and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the extent of burden of this subsidy on the Ministry due to this scheme?

Auction of oil and gas fields

1134. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to go for auction of oil and gas fields in the country;

(b) if so, the proposal details therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that the last New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) has not been able to achieve the exploration target, thereof;

(d) if so, action proposal of Government on the earlier hydro-carbons policy and the new auction plan therein; and

(e) opinion of PSUs and experts/consultants on the proposed auction sell thereof?

Savings achieved through DBTL scheme

1135. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of savings that have been achieved by the shift towards Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme across India, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the methodology used by Ministry to arrive at this number;

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(c) the total savings from voluntarily giving up of subsidy, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) how many new BPL connections for LPG have been added since January, 2015 till present, the State-wise details thereof; and

(e) the total cost outlay for extending LPG connections to rural areas, the State-wise details for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Setting up of petrol outlets in Kerala

1136. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up new petrol outlets and LPG dealerships in the State of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing movement of petroleum products through pipelines

1137. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of petroleum/petroleum products that are transported in India through pipelines;

(b) whether Government intends to increase this percentage; and

(c) if so, what efforts are being made to increase the movement of petroleum products through pipelines?

Higher rates of petrol and diesel

†1138. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates at which petrol and diesel are being sold in India are highest in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, while the prices of crude oil are at their lowest level in global market;

(c) if not, the prices of petrol and diesel in neighbouring countries in comparison to their prices in India; and

(d) whether Government is considering to provide petrol and diesel to its people at cheap rates?

Cost effective method for swapping of gas

1139. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to develop a cost effective and revenue neutral mechanism for swapping of gas across producing and consuming States for the national grid;

(b) whether there is a proposal to treat natural gas and LNG as declared goods to bring about tax parity with crude oil and making prices uniform across State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in prices of petroleum products

1140. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times prices of various petroleum products viz. petrol, CNG, LPG, Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) have been increased during each of the last three years, product-wise; and

(b) the reasons for not reducing the oil

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prices commensurate with the reduction of prices of crude oil in the international market during the above period?

Provision of PNG and CNG in major cities

1141. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to every household and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for vehicles as a 'green fuel' in all the major cities in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard and fixed any target for the purpose; and

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

Increase in crude oil imports

1142. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has sustained crude oil imports at a record and purchased more diesel than it has in the previous three years combined?

(b) whether India is becoming the centre of global oil demand growth;

(c) whether water shortages and disputes between Government owned refineries and their private rivals has further boosted the need for overseas supplies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation to women in allotment of gas agencies

†1143. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on providing reservation to women in allotment of gas agencies;

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

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

Export of gas by private companies

†1144. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private companies of the country that are exporting LPG/PNG;

(b) whether Government is purchasing gas from these private companies;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that price of the gas being sold in the country is much more higher than the price of gas being exported;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the names of those private companies that have requested for increase in the prices of gas?

Oil depots in North-East States

1145. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many oil depots are functioning today in North-East States, State-wise, with stalled capacities;

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(b) what are the criteria for installing the oil depots; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide more efficiency in oil (petrol and diesel) supply in its North Eastern States?

Increase/decrease in prices of petroleum products

1146. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase and decrease in price of petrol, diesel and LPG since 1st May, 2016 till date item-wise;

(b) the details of the price in Indian currency per barrel of Indian basket of crude oil imported during last six months till date, date of import-wise; and

(c) the reasons for not extending the benefit of falling prices of crude oil in international market inspite of unprecedented profit to Oil Marketing Companies?

Reduction in allocation of kerosene under PDS

1147. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation of kerosene under PDS has been reduced ten times in the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to monetize and transfer in cash the subsidy element under the PDS especially concerning kerosene;

(d) whether the Central Government has received a representation from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in this regard; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government thereto?

Price of crude oil

1148. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the international price of crude oil per barrel in 2009 and 2010 and how petrol and diesel were priced per litre then;

(b) what was international price of crude oil during 2015-16 and how were petrol and diesel priced then; and

(c) what are the corresponding figures since April, this year?

Free gas connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

†1149. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families who have been provided free gas connections so far, under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana throughout the country;

(b) the number of BPL families in Jodhpur district in Rajasthan, who have benefited from this scheme, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the targets set under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana have been achieved, if so, the plan to meet those and by when the targets set would be achieved?

Modernisation of units of SAIL

†1150. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

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(a) the State-wise details of the total number of steel factories under SAIL in the country and their production capacity;

(b) whether the work of modernisation is going on in units of SAIL;

(c) if so, the names of these units where the work is going on; and

(d) the time-frame which has been fixed to complete the said modernisation and the production capacity of these units after the modernisation along with the details thereof?

Land acquired for setting Bokaro Steel Plant

1151. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount of land acquired while setting up the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of displaced families are agitating to get their due compensation in terms of money and jobs;

(c) whether it is a fact that the authorities have failed to comply with directions of the Supreme Court on the issue; and

(d) what course of action is proposed to solve this decade old issue?

Surplus land acquired for Bokaro Steel Plant

1152. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bokaro Steel Plant acquired land far in excess of its requirement;

(b) what is the total amount of such surplus land;

(c) whether it is a fact that such surplus land was proposed to be returned to the original owners and their successors; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard?

Effect on Indian steel industry by Britain's exit from EU

1153. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain's exit from EU has raised apprehensions that it might affect Indian steel industry adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preparatory steps being taken by Government to tackle its negative fallout?

Measures to revive Indian Steel Industry

1154. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently Indian steel industry is witnessing a severe downturn;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any immediate steps to arrest this trend as a short term measure;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has formulated and implemented any long term measure to revive the Indian steel industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to achieve tourism growth

1155. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that tourism has failed to boom in India despite its varied attractions; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to achieve tourism growth rate comparable to the success story of South-East Asian countries?

Development of islands for tourism

1156. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to develop 700 islands for tourism across the country;

(b) whether Government has identified these islands;

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

(d) the State-wise estimated cost of the project?

Privatization of ITDC hotels

1157. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatization of hotels currently owned by India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is being considered by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons cited for the decision for such privatization;

(c) whether Government has taken any other measures to make the management of hotels efficient and to make them profitable in the past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Initiatives for increasing foreign tourist arrivals

1158. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourist arrivals to India recorded a growth during the current year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the reasons for the increase in the arrival of foreign tourists to the country is because of the efforts made by Government to attract foreign tourists to the country in the form of various initiatives taken by Government through its missions abroad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds to States under tourism development schemes

1159. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and tourist places covered under each of the schemes (i) Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit; and (ii) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD);

(b) what are the places covered in the States of Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the list of number of projects and amount sanctioned under Fairs and Festivals, Rural Tourism and other schemes in the States, with particularly reference to Punjab?

Additional funds to Tamil Nadu for development of tourist centres

1160. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken proactive and innovative measures to make our tourist destinations better equipped to attract more tourists;

(b) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu stands first in attracting more domestic and foreign additional funds to Tamil Nadu to develop its tourist centres;

(c) the steps taken and schemes implemented through both Government and Public Private Partnerships to develop the renowned tourist destinations in the country; and

(d) the year-wise total revenue generated from the foreign tourist inflow in the last five years?

Facilities for tourists at Andretta, Himachal Pradesh

1161. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite heritage tag, Andretta, the world famous art village of Kangra district, hardly has any facility for the visiting tourists;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to create facilities for tourists at Andretta; and

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

Proposal from U.P. for tourism sector

1162. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal under consideration to create more job opportunities to the youth of Uttar Pradesh through tourism sector;

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

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Uttar Pradesh Government to Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government so far?

Financial assistance to Goa for tourism

1163. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any financial assistance to the Government of Goa for development of tourism in Goa or any tourism related projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the finances or other assistance given for development of tourism in the State;

(c) whether the Goa Government has sought any assistance, financial or otherwise with the Union Government for the purpose of developing tourism in the State or otherwise; and

(d) the details and response of Union Government in this regard?

Achievements of the Ministry

1164. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the Ministry in last two years;

(b) whether presentation was made before the Prime Minister about the Ministry's last two years achievements;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled;

(e) the targets set for coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;

(f) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(g) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years?

Tourist visa to foreigners for yoga

†1165. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to provide tourist visa to foreigners in view of their increasing interest in yoga;

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

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

Setting up of tourism hubs in the States

1166. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in various States of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has received proposals from the State Governments on the incredible sites of the States;

(c) if not, whether Government will encourage to build such eco-tourism spots therein both infrastructural development and financial support; and

(d) if so, how Government would encourage the State Governments in this regard?

Special package for developing Ramayana and Krishna circuits

1167. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to make Ramayana and Krishna circuits in different locations in the country in order to attract more foreign as well as domestic tourists;

(b) if so, the details of these States;

(c) whether Government has allocated financial package for developing Ramayana and Krishna circuits in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the financial package; and

(e) whether any time limit has been set for completion of these circuits?

Promotion of medical tourism in the country

1168. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the Ministry has taken for creating detailed statistics on growth of medical tourism in India;

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to

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actively promote medical tourism in India, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the country-wise details of the number of M-Visa and MX Visa issued in the last three years;

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any co-ordination with AYUSH Ministry in promoting wellness centres in India, that are at par with international standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, if not, what steps have been proposed to introduce the same?

Beautification of tourist places in Bihar

†1169. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to beautify all the tourist places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the complete details of tourist places in Bihar which have been considered for beautification and amounts provided for it?

Proposal received from Maharashtra for tourism development schemes

1170. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any project proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra for the schemes Revenue Generating Project including Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and Destination Development Schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and present status of these projects along with job opportunities to be provided to the youth of the State emerging out of these tourism schemes?

Funds allocated to West Bengal for promoting tourism

1171. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the States for promoting tourism during the last two years, particularly for West Bengal;

(b) the State-wise and plan-wise details of projects sanctioned, funds allocated and utilised; and

(c) the roadmap for development of tourism for various States?

Promotion of tourism in tribal concentration areas

†1172. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any policy/scheme to promote tourism in the tribal concentration areas and in the left wing extremism affected districts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the district-wise details of facilities extended to promote tourism in the left wing extremism affected districts;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated/is proposed to be formulated for left wing extremism affected districts of Maharashtra, tribal-dominated districts, Scheduled Caste-dominated districts and for such districts which have immense possibilities of tourism; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme?

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**Proposal from Rajasthan for
upgradation of tourist sites**

†1173. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent some proposals for upgradation of tourist sites, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether financial approval has been accorded to the proposals sent by Government of Rajasthan, if so, when such approval was given, if not, by when financial approval would be given?

Literacy rate among tribals

1174. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the literacy rate among tribals;

(b) whether 12th pass boys are only 5.7 per cent and 12th pass girls are only 2.7 per cent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 2.2 per cent boys and 0.9 per cent girls are graduates, how do these compare with general category population; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve this dismal position?

Assessment of STs in Jharkhand

†1175. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether genuine assessment of the population of Scheduled Tribes has been done in the Scheduled Tribe dominated State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the population of Scheduled Tribes in Jharkhand, district-wise; and

(c) the number of schemes that the Central Government has presently implemented/considered to implement in the Scheduled Tribe dominated State of Jharkhand?

Forest land titles given to other forest dwellers

1176. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the forest land titles given to other forest dwellers under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005, State-wise; and

(b) the time format for completion of process of giving land titles to the other forest dwellers residing in the tribal areas?

**National Policy on
Tribals**

1177. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a draft National Policy on Tribals was formulated by the Ministry way back in 1999;

(b) if so, why the said policy has not yet seen the light of the day; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to come up with a new National Policy on Tribals?

**Allocation of funds to Uttarakhand for
STs**

†1178. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ministry has received any request from the Government of Uttarakhand for allocation of funds for the financial year 2015-16 for economic, educational scholarship and social development of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the received proposal and the amount which is yet to be sanctioned;

(c) the time until when the balance amount would be sanctioned and sent to the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay?

**MSP scheme for
MFP**

1179. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the scheme of Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce (MFP);

(b) if so, how many MFPs are covered;

(c) whether Bamboo and Tendu Patta are also covered in the MSP scheme;

(d) if not, why these are not covered;

(e) what are the arrangements for implementing the MSP scheme;

(f) whether Government is satisfied with the present arrangements; and

(g) if not, what steps are being taken to improve the system?

Setting up of MFPC for MSP

1180. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up a Minor Forest Price Commission (MFPC) to recommend Minimum Support Price (MSP) for such products;

(b) if not, whether the existing arrangement to suggest MSPs is proposed to be changed;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with the implementation of MSP Scheme; and

(d) if not, what measures are proposed to be taken?

**Prof. Virginius Xaxa Committee for
Tribals**

†1181. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a high level committee headed by Professor Virginius Xaxa for the social-economic development of tribals;

(b) if so, when the report of the said committee was submitted;

(c) the recommendations of the committee and by when these recommendations are proposed to be implemented, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for so much delay to implement the recommendations?

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