

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, July 29, 2015/Sravana 7, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

FDI inflows

961. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
inflows during each of the last three years
and current year;

(b) the details of present norms
prescribed by Government for FDI by
companies ;

(c) whether the cases of violation of
FDI norms by many companies have been
reported and forwarded to the Directorate
of Enforcement (DoE) for investigation
during the said period;

(d) if so, the company-wise details
thereof along with action taken by the DoE
in such cases; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by
Government to check such violations of
FDI norms by the companies and to
increase FDI inflows into the country?

Changes in policy on export quota of sugar to US and EU

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

(a) whether there are any changes in
policy relating to export quota of sugar to
USA and European Union announced by
Government in April 2015, if so, the details
thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry of Consumer
Affairs, Food and Public Distribution was
consulted in this regard;

(c) if so, details of response received
from that Ministry;

(d) reasons behind change in policy, if
any, for exports quota to USA and EU;

(e) details of exporters, if any, engaged
in export of sugar under quota during sugar
season; and

(f) whether changed policy, if any,
resulted in additional benefit to sugar
industry, if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of New Industrial Policy

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

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to introduce New Industrial Policy in the country during the last two years; and

(b) the location-wise sectors in which investment has so far been made during the said period, together with the amount of investment made in this regard?

Setting up of industrial units

964. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) the details of industrial units set up with the help of centrally sponsored scheme in the country, particularly in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Haryana during the last two to three years; and

(b) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details of investment made in these units during the above period?

Re-visiting criteria for categorization of industries

965. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to re-visit the criteria for categorization of industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives for such revision;

(c) whether Government has obtained the views of various stakeholders and States before finalization of revised categorization of the industries in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Complex import regime of India

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

(a) whether India continues to have a very complex import regime as per a recent World Trade Organisation (WTO) report;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with India's response;

(c) whether Government proposes to announce a National Intellectual Property Rights Policy to safeguard India's interest; and

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

Special package to Chhattisgarh

†967. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government will accelerate the immense potential of industrial development by providing special package to Chhattisgarh; and

(b) whether in view of the fact that the Chhattisgarh is rich in steel, power, cement and aluminium and located far from sea and surrounded by seven States, any special package will be provided to Chhattisgarh by Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Strategy to realise objectives of 'Make in India'

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

(a) the strategy adopted to realise the objectives of 'Make in India';

(b) the progress made so far;

(c) how Government addresses the issues relating to improving the business environment; and

(d) whether Government proposes to change the industrial policy so as to accommodate and realise 'Make in India'?

Simplifying FDI rules for e-commerce

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

(a) whether Government proposes to simplify the Foreign Direct Investment rules under e-commerce;

(b) whether small traders are suffering losses due to expanding business of e-commerce; and

(c) the total revenue being earned by Government by means of e-commerce?

Changes in industrial production

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

(a) whether the industrial production for the financial year ending 31st March, 2015 in the country have recorded any change compared to the last three financial years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Share of EPZs/SEZs in export performance

971. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones in the country's overall export performance during the last three years; and

(b) how many Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones are in operation in the country as on date?

Identification of Ponneri, Tamil Nadu as important node of CBIC

972. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ponneri in Tamil Nadu has been identified as an important node of Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC);

(b) if so, the details of priority projects that are proposed at Ponneri in Tamil Nadu under CBIC; and

(c) the tentative dates when the priority projects in Ponneri will come into operation?

Import of synthetic rice

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per news and media reports rice imported from some foreign countries are synthetic such as made of plastic and are being sold in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to look into this menace and

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safeguard the people of the country from eating such hazardous items ?

Caution by RBI Governor against 'Make in India'

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governor of RBI has cautioned against picking a particular sector like manufacturing for encouragement and pitched for 'Made for India' and not 'Make in India'; and

(b) in the light of 'Make in India' meant to attempt to follow export-led growth path like China, how Government looks at this caution?

Solution to WTO subsidy cap in MSP

975. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is striving to ensure that a permanent solution to the issue of Government's Minimum Support Price to farmers breaching the World Trade Organization's permissible caps for subsidies is achieved by 31st December 2015;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has already bagged immunity against action by other countries in case of breaches of the WTO caps; and

(c) whether India is striving to get the issue included in the work programme for the next Ministerial meeting of the WTO scheduled to be held in December in Nairobi and if so, the details thereof?

Measures to check decline in domestic natural rubber production

976. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tyre and rubber industries have asked Government to take urgent measures to stem the slide in domestic natural rubber production which is on a downward spiral for more than two years now;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the data of natural rubber (NR) production released by Rubber Board recently shows a significant decline in production of 11 per cent in the first two months of current fiscal and if so, the details thereof?

Redevelopment plan for Jama Masjid

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

(a) the present status of Jama Masjid redevelopment plan;

(b) the amount of funds that have been sanctioned for redevelopment plan; and

(c) the details of the funds utilization for the plan?

Quality test of imported Chinese rice

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the large quantity of rice is being imported from

China without any quality check, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards recent reports of the plastic rice being sold by mixing it with real rice in the country;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to carry out the quality test, particularly on imported Chinese rice?

Introduction of MIUS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has introduced Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS);

(b) if so, how this scheme is different from the Industrial Park Scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that two project proposals from Telangana have been accorded in-principle approval; and

(d) if so, the details of the project proposals and the status of those projects?

Expert committee to formulate National Rubber Policy

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

(a) whether the expert committee to formulate National Rubber Policy

submitted any suggestions/requests, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has ascertained the reasons behind the drastic fall in domestic production of rubber against rising imports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the details of measures being taken to mitigate it?

India to provide drugs database to global regulators

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to provide its pharmaceutical data base to various regulators in the world from October this year;

(b) to what extent the above move will control export of spurious drugs from India;

(c) how does the above move also helps to contain spurious drugs manufactured in China and branded as Indian and sold in the international market thereby disreputing Indian drug market;

(d) whether it is a fact that India is the first country to use bar code system; and

(e) if so, the present status of implementation of the bar code system in pharma sector?

Removal of infrastructural bottlenecks in States

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

(a) whether to offset the slowdown in industrial growth, Centre is considering new

initiatives to give a push to removal of infrastructure bottlenecks in States like Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposed growth push and infrastructure development will be port driven since Andhra Pradesh has several new ports like the one at Krishnapatnam?

Fraudulent practices related to export and import

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

(a) whether there are reports that certain companies are involving in fraudulent practices related to export and import in order to capitalize on the customs and export promotion incentives as well as bag the special concessions given by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade;

(b) if so, whether such incidents have occurred in the last three years;

(c) if so, the total number of such incidents reported;

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such fraudulent practices related to export and import; and

(e) the volume of money lost by Government exchequer due to such fraudulent practices by such companies ?

Import of wheat to meet the demand for pizzas and pastas

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

(a) whether Indian flour millers are concerned that there is not enough wheat in the market to feed the insatiable demand for pizzas and pastas in the country;

(b) whether this has led them to place huge import orders from foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the details of wheat in terms of tonnes and from which countries they have imported and what is the outflow of foreign exchange?

CVC enquiry against officials of STC Ltd.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has permitted Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) enquiry against some officers of State Trading Corporation (STC) Ltd;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of officers;

(c) whether Government has fixed any deadline for the completion of such enquiry;

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

(e) how much loss STC has suffered due to wrongdoings of its officers in last three years and how the money will be recovered?

Promotion of export of Indian branded products

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

(a) whether Government has chalked out any scheme to promote export of Indian branded products, manufactured in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to enhance the export of Indian branded products in order to promote country's image in the world market?

Problems faced DMICDC in implementation of the project

987. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (DMICDC) is facing problems in the implementation of the project and seeking Central Government's help;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that there are some concerns/problems over some of the agreements signed by the company executing the massive project that entails setting up of seven Greenfield smart cities between Delhi and Mumbai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for early implementation of DMICDC proposal?

Permission to Bihar for inland transportation for export and import

†988. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Bihar has been granted permission for inland transport for the purpose of export and import, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Central Government proposes to provide assistance by means of grant to the State transport of Bihar for the purpose of inland transport development; and

(c) if so, the details of the action plan in this regard?

Status of industrial growth

989. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

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

(a) the present status of industrial growth in the country;

(b) whether the rate of industrial growth has declined during the current year as compared to the last year;

(c) if so, the sector/month-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the State/UT-wise number of industries which have been closed down during the said period including Maharashtra; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Dilapidated condition of monuments

990. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the monuments being protected by the Archaeological Survey of India as on date;

(b) the amount spent by Government during the last two years;

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(c) the efforts made by Government to develop the above as places of tourists;

(d) whether certain monuments are in dilapidated condition and are on the verge of collapse;

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

(f) the steps being taken by Government for protection of such monuments ?

Allotment of accommodation to artists in Asiad Village

991. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of terms and conditions of the Ministry's recommendation for Government accommodation to artists;

(b) whether certain artists staying in Asiad Village in the houses allotted by CCA on the recommendation by the Ministry are in violation of terms and conditions;

(c) whether Government is aware of certain media reports in this regard, if so, what steps have been taken to seek vacation in such cases; and

(d) whether the Ministry has recommended extension of their allotment despite violation of norms, if so, the reasons therefor?

Suggestions made by CABA to ASI

992. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has executed suggestions made by the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA) to the

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the last 10 years;

(b) if so, the details of the CABA meetings held in the past since its inception and the present composition of CABA;

(c) the details of the suggestions made in the CABA with regard to functioning of ASI particularly in the field of epigraphy and numismatics; and

(d) the efforts and effective measures taken by Government to attract more domestic and foreign Research Fellows and Scholars to come to India to do research studies on Indian culture, history, art and archaeology?

Cultural exchanges with Uzbekistan

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

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Uzbekistan, any agreement/cooperation has been signed in the field of cultural exchanges between the two countries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many cultural exchanges took place in the last three years; and

(c) the detailed programmes chalked out for the next three years between the two countries?

Illegal encroachment of historical monuments in Karnataka

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

(a) the details of historical/protected monuments/heritage sites/structures in the country under illegal occupation/

encroachment and the number of complaints received, cases registered and action taken thereon and the existing mechanism to keep such monuments free from illegal occupation/encroachment during each of the last three years and current year especially in Karnataka;

(b) the progress achieved by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in removing encroachments of protected monuments;

(c) whether Government has taken steps for rehabilitation of encroachers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed by Government/ASI in this regard for Karnataka?

UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Delhi

995. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO has given World Heritage status to many monuments in Delhi and in other cities, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Humayun's Tomb has also been recognized by UNESCO as one such monument;

(c) to what extent has Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) been unable to protect the pristine dignity and status of Humayun's Tomb;

(d) why negative comments have come in the media and amongst public for the poor record of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in removing illegal constructions and maintaining the high standards needed by UNESCO; and

(e) whether any enquiry been ordered into the downslide of the monument, and if so, the details thereof?

Modalities for senior artists' pension scheme

996. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the modalities for senior artists' pension (culture, dance, folk, etc.) scheme;

(b) how many people are getting benefit and what is the amount; and

(c) the State-wise details of how many applications are pending with Government and by when they will be disposed?

Policy for protection/preservation and promotion of Indian culture

997. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has envisaged any policy/programme for protection/preservation/development/revival and promotion of Indian culture of various States of the country including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the achievement made in this regard along with the funds allocated and utilized by Government for the purpose during each of the last three years in the country, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh?

Untraceable monuments

998. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of monuments listed in the list of centrally protected monuments are missing and are not traceable;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to update the list and make efforts to bring other monuments under central protection instead?

Action plan for ancient culture, folk art, folk music

†999. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount earmarked in the action plan formulated by Government this year for keeping our ancient culture, folk art, folk music and folk literature alive; and

(b) the total amount spent by Government in the last five years for the purpose and details of further action plan in this regard?

Adequate strength of top Police personnel

1000. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has adequate strength of top police personnel (IPS cadre or equivalent) State/UT-wise to manage our vast police force in the country;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and total vacancies to be filled;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to strengthen the police force with sufficient State intelligence and security agencies to facilitate timely action; and

(d) the total funds earmarked for strengthening of police force in the country during the Twelfth Plan?

Socio-Economic and Caste Census, 2011

1001. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the caste data compiled as a part of the recently released socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 is being held under wraps in the custody of National Informatics Centre as a password protected document;

(b) whether Government has ever thought of the relevance of caste data in framing policies of socio-economic nature, as it is generally perceived that elimination of castes is the prime prerequisite for social advancement and equality; and

(c) whether the Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment or Tribal Affairs have so far evinced interest in making use of the caste data so painstakingly compiled by RGI enumerators?

Increase in cases of kidnapping and abduction in the country

†1002. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware that there has been increase in the cases of kidnapping and abduction in the country, if so, the main reasons therefor;

(b) the State-wise number of such cases during the last five years; and

(c) the planning of Government to bring down such cases immediately?

Modernisation of BSF

1003. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to modernise the Border Security Force (BSF) and take care of its needs particularly in view of the situation arising on LoC where during ceasefire from Pakistan side they have to face lots of problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposal to rehabilitate the dependents of BSF jawans; and

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

Internal security scenario in the country

1004. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the overall internal security scenario in the country;

(b) whether the naxals menace is spreading in many parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to counter the growing menace of naxalites in the country?

Villagers on India-Myanmar and Bhutan border at the mercy of insurgents

†1005. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian villagers near India-Myanmar and Bhutan border are helpless to live at the mercy of the insurgents and the extremists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the insurgents and ruffians are involved in different illegal activities near the border areas of India-Myanmar and Bhutan border; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Ministry to establish the rule of law in the said areas and the status thereof?

SC criticism of methodology in searching missing children

1006. SHRI GULAM RASOOL
BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in its recent observations had strongly criticized the approach and methodology of Police in searching the missing children;

(b) whether there has been discrimination in searching children of various strata of society; and

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(c) if so, the details in this regard and the action being taken in the matter?

Children missing from National Capital Region of Delhi

†1007. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children missing from the National Capital Region of Delhi from 1st January, 2015 to 30th June, 2015 and the number of girls out of them;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the missing children belong to middle class and poor families;

(c) the number of children traced so far out of the missing ones; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent the cases of rapes, kidnappings and child thefts in the National Capital Region of Delhi and the consequences thereof?

Assistance to States for damages due to natural calamities

1008. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid to States as assistance, so far, for damages due to natural calamities;

(b) the calamity-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether assistance given by the Centre is used properly by the State Government; and

(d) if not, the way in which Centre directs the States for the proper usage of the assistance or steps taken by Government?

Proposal from States regarding modernisation of police forces

†1009. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different State Governments have sent various proposals to the Centre for modernisation of their police forces in view of increase in domestic terrorism;

(b) if so, the names of such States along with the details of their proposals;

(c) by when Government will accept the said proposals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decline in terror related incidents in J&K

1010. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the terror related incidents in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent time, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps/measures taken by Government to tackle the situation in the State?

Data base of NPR lagging behind Aadhaar

1011. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Population Register (NPR) is a data base of biometric details of around 27 crore Indians against

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biometric details generated under Aadhaar for more than 48 crore people;

(b) why the NPR which is meant to certify one's citizenship and therefore more crucial is lagging behind in capacity to create more biometric enrolments to match that of Aadhaar system; and

(c) whether Government has assessed how cumbersome is the de-duplication of names appearing in both the data bases, when attempting to merge both together?

Landslide at Darjeeling district

1012. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths, persons missing and injured in the landslide at Darjeeling district;

(b) the details of relief and rescue measures provided by various agencies;

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the victims both by the Centre and the State Governments; and

(d) by what time roads including NH-10 and NH-55 have been cleared?

National Security Clearance Policy for foreign investments

1013. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing a policy of National Security Clearance Policy clause for certain foreign investments; and

(b) if so, under what provisions of law or procedure this is going to be implemented after having due consultation with various

stakeholders as it is felt as threatening clause for investors?

Rising trend of crimes against children

1014. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data and the cases registered under the Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act (POSCO), there is a rising trend of crimes against children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what effective measures are being taken to check this menace?

Transfer of DDA and Anti-Corruption Branch under Delhi Government

1015. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Government has requested to transfer the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Anti-Corruption Branch under the jurisdiction of the Delhi Government;

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

(c) what are the basic concerns and reasons of Delhi Government for making such demands?

Poverty and backwardness behind growth of Naxal and Maoist activities

1016. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poverty and backwardness of people in forest covered

areas, specially in Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha, are the main reason behind growth of Naxal and Maoist activities there; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to reach to those neglected areas in the country?

Direction to States to trace missing children

1017. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Supreme Court had given direction to Bihar, Assam, Chandigarh and Madhya Pradesh to trace the 13000 missing children;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how far the direction of Supreme Court has been complied with;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Madhya Pradesh alone saw 23000 missing children since 2011; and

(d) what has been done by the police departments and other agencies to trace the missing children since last three years?

Linking of NPR data with Aadhaar cards

1018. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started to link data collected through National Population Register with Aadhaar cards;

(b) if so, the reasons behind this exercise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for this purpose Government is spending ₹1000 crores; and

(d) why to get data again when data has already been collected in 2011 as a part of decadal Census?

Eye on foreigners using the e-tourist visa

1019. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is keeping a hawk's eye on foreigners using the e-tourist visa (ETV) facility for regular business activity;

(b) whether it is a fact that ETV applicants repetitively visiting same cities on successive visits for such a purpose are being identified;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ETV is only meant for a casual business visit, apart from recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives or a short duration medical treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unprecedented scrutiny of NGOs

1020. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is determined to place Non-Governmental Organizations under unprecedented scrutiny;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received more than 125 representations, many of them objecting to the draft Foreign Contributions Regulation Rules that were put in public domain for comments recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to face earthquakes

1021. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earthquake in Nepal has affected the lives and property of our country including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss estimated so far along with compensation paid so far; and

(c) the role of National Disaster Response Force and the steps to be taken to face the earthquakes in future?

Raising special force to deal with Naxalites

1022. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is planning to raise an exclusive Central Police Force on the lines of Grey Hounds or help the States to raise such a force on their own to deal with the problem of Naxalites; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Proposal for improvement of border roads in Gujarat

1023. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for improvement of Border Roads in Gujarat State to Ministries of Road Transport and Highways and Home Affairs in the year, 2009; and

(b) if so, why the proposal has not been approved so far?

Making visa rule stricter for foreign researchers

1024. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been found that research visas given to professors, scholars and participants to do research work and attend research conferences are being allegedly misused by several foreigners; and

(b) whether in view of this Government has decided to make visa rules stricter for foreign researchers and if so, the details thereof?

Unabated increase in child rape cases

1025. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is unabated increase in child rape cases in certain States in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Courts of Delhi had given some suggestion to control this menace, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is proposed to associate Resident Welfare Associations to help control this menace, if so, the details thereof?

On-line rage against NE students

1026. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on-line rage against North East (NE) students in the capital and its NCR region is going up;

(b) whether a report has been lodged by the NE students/others to the police in the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to restore confidence among the students and others from NE States in the matter to address this issue?

Correspondence in Hindi by Ministries

†1027. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of correspondence in Hindi by the Ministries of Central Government with other offices coming under Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' regions according to official language rules; and

(b) the method of interim examination of the official work done in Hindi in the Ministries of Central Government as mentioned in the Official Languages Act/ Rules and the year-wise details of ways and means to achieve desired work performance according to the target and status of work done by each Ministry as per the above context during the last three years?

Action taken to minimise plight of earthquake victims

1028. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any information or report on the high risks of earthquake in North East Hilly Areas and the metros like Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of report and the warnings thereon; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be

taken by Government towards minimizing the plight of earthquake victims?

NGOs barred from receiving foreign funds

1029. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has barred several institutions and organizations from receiving foreign funds;

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

(c) the background of any report therefor, if any?

Solar panels in CRPF camps in Naxalite hit areas

1030. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government is planning to install solar panels in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camps of the naxalite hit areas, if so, the details thereof?

NGOs functioning in Gujarat

1031. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) functioning in the State of Gujarat;

(b) the names of these organizations and since when and under what law these organizations are functioning;

(c) the activities of these organizations;

(d) whether these organizations are receiving foreign funding; and

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(e) whether registration of any of these organizations has been cancelled and if so, the details thereof and on what grounds?

Vacant posts of SC/ST lying in the Ministry

†1032. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes employees are lying vacant in the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is taking any effective steps to fill up these vacancies and if so, the details thereof?

Incidents of suicide and killing of colleagues by CPMF personnels

†1033. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of committing suicide and killing colleagues by personnels of Central Paramilitary Forces are occurring, if so, the details thereof of last five years;

(b) whether Government accepts this fact the posting of long duration of personnels of CPMF is also a reason of suicide or killing colleagues, if so, the details of personnels of CPMF who are on posting for continuously for one year; and

(c) the details of personnels of CPMF who have got consulted by psychologists for the last one year?

Racial violence against persons of SCs/STs

†1034. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accepts that the racial violence against SCs/STs is increasing continuously, if so, the State-wise details of such incidents occurred in the last one year;

(b) the State-wise details of incidents out of the above in which there was loss of life and property; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the persons of SC, ST category have also been displaced for safety of life due to the violence, if so, the State-wise details of persons displaced in last one year?

Making Aadhaar cards essential against SC verdict

†1035. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers to have Aadhaar cards essential for the citizens of India against the Hon'ble Supreme Court's verdict;

(b) if not, whether the Supreme Court's verdicts are also applicable to Government Departments;

(c) if so, whether it is not the violation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's verdict by Government Departments to ask for Aadhaar cards from the citizens of the country;

(d) if so, whether action will be taken by Government against Government Departments asking for Aadhaar cards; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of Tanakpur-Jauljibi road in Uttarakhand

†1036. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ministry has recommended for construction of Tankapur-Jauljibi road in Uttarakhand which is of strategic importance;

(b) if so, the amount of funds allocated for it, so far;

(c) whether the construction plan of the said road is likely to be cancelled owing to Pancheshwar Dam; and

(d) if so, the justification of spending money for the said road?

Increase in incidents of Naxalism and Secessionism

†1037. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of Naxalism and Secessionism have increased in the country;

(b) if so, the plan being formulated by Government to curb it; and

(c) whether the law and order at night falls in the hands of Naxalites even today in the Naxal affected areas, if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

†1038. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, by when this scheme will start; and

(c) whether there is also any scheme to compensate the losses occurred to the Kashmiri Pandits, if so, by when this

compensation will be given, the details thereof?

Simplifying rules for issuance and renewal of gun licence

1039. SHRI DIGVIJAYASINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation has met the Minister of Home Affairs requesting to simplify the rules of issuing gun licences and renewal of gun licences in the country; and

(b) what action has been taken to simplify the rules of issuing and renewal of gun licences in the country?

Complaints regarding delayed payments of compensation

†1040. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received the complaints related to non-payment or extremely delayed payment of declared amount of compensation to the family members of the security personnel who attained martyrdom in the Maoist attacks;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) the name of the department of the Ministry which looks after the settlement of the said complaints; and

(d) if not, the provision of the time limit within which the amount of compensation declared by Government has to be paid to the family members of the security personnel who attained martyrdom in the maoist attacks?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Rise in child labour

1041. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that child labour is on the rise in various parts of the country; and

(b) whether Government is taking steps to strictly implement the Labour Laws to prevent employment of children in industries and establishments in various parts of the country?

Allowance to educated unemployed youth

1042. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

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

(a) the total number of unemployed youth in the country educated upto graduation level as on 31st March, 2015;

(b) the number of unemployed urban youth out of these;

(c) whether Government contemplates to formulate any policy to give unemployment allowance to the educated unemployed youth in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme to provide homes to EPF account holders

†1043. SHRI NAZIR AHMED
LAWAY:
MIR MOHAMMAD
FAYAZ:

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to provide homes to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) account holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons likely to be benefited by it?

Unemployed youth

1044. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unrest among youth is growing, because of unemployment;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government; and

(c) the year-wise unemployed youth provided employment in the last three years?

Increase in minimum wages

1045. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has increased minimum wages across the country to ₹ 160 a day from ₹ 137 with effect from this month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the State Governments to take necessary steps to fix minimum rates of wages in respect of all scheduled employments in States and Union Territories not below the revised level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Uniform wage policy for entire country

†1046. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the minimum wages fixed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 vary in each State;

(b) if so, the details of minimum wages fixed for each State/Union Territory and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is considering upon framing a uniform wage policy for the entire country; and

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

Upgradation of ESI Hospitals

1047. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to upgrade the Employees' State Insurance Hospitals and increase the beds to 300 and above, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated and released; and

(c) whether any request from the State Governments has been received about the ESI Hospitals to be taken up for upgradation?

Variation of wages in States

1048. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is variation among

States for wages offered to various types of unskilled labour, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to make the minimum wage notified by the Centre mandatory for all the States in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received feedbacks from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto?

Proposal to set up of an Employment Commission

1049. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing mechanism to create employment avenues is not adequate; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the setting up of Employment Commission is going to solve unemployment problem in the country?

Trafficking of child labour

1050. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that child labourers are trafficked from

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Jharkhand to Delhi and other parts of the country and are still being employed illegally in small and domestic industries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any scheme for rehabilitation of those children rescued from child labour who have no support system or are orphans; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Government for inclusion of such children into the mainstream by providing them education, etc.?

TDS on premature PF withdrawals

1051. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to deduct tax at source on premature Provident Fund (PF) withdrawals;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that almost all the trade unions in the country have opposed the said decision and called it anti-worker who often withdraw the PF money under dire need;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to withdraw the said decision; and

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

Job seekers registered with employment exchanges in Tamil Nadu

1052. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the year-wise and employment exchange-wise

number of registered job seekers in Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

Labourers in unorganized sector

1053. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the sector-wise and State-wise number of labourers in the unorganized sector;

(b) whether the number has increased in the last three years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government plans to launch a new model of social security cover for the welfare of labourers of unorganized sector besides the universal labour identification number scheme;

(d) whether Government also proposes to extend the facilities of Provident Fund under EPFO and Employees' State Insurance under ESI Act to the workers in unorganized sector; and

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

Violation of child labour laws

1054. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the exploitation of child labourers in the country;

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

(c) the State-wise total number of complaints received against exploitation of child labourers and cases of Child Labour Act violation registered during each of the last three years and the current year, along with the action taken thereon; and

(d) the stringent measures taken/ proposed to be taken by Government to protect the child labourers from exploitation and against the violations of child labour laws?

Amendment to labour laws

1055. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to amend labour laws and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a factory management can sack employees if the staff strength is less than 300; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Unemployment allowance to youth

†1056. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has prepared or proposes to prepare any policy regarding payment of unemployment allowance to all unemployed youth;

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

(c) whether State Governments have been asked to implement such policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Jobs provided through employment exchanges

1057. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR

AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people are unemployed in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the year-wise and State-wise total number of jobs provided by Government to the unemployed in different sectors, through employment exchanges during the last two years and this year; and

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

Housing scheme for labourers

†1058. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a scheme to solve the housing problem of labourers;

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

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

Safety of labourers

†1059. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps for the safety of labourers;

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

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

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**Recommendation of Shah
Commission on mining scam**

1060. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Shah Commission enquiry into the mining scam in Odisha, etc. had recommended further investigation by CBI or any such agencies;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to comply with such recommendations; and

(c) the reasons for delay, if any?

**Loss due to extension of lease period
of captive and non-captive mines**

1061. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has done an assessment of the revenue loss to the States before the extensions of lease period of captive and non-captive mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the loss incurred to individual States;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any representation from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Ministry to compensate the same?

**Rules for setting up of District
Mineral Foundations**

1062. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State Governments that have not

yet formulated Rules on the setting up of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) and payment of royalty thereto under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended in 2015; and

(b) the reasons for the non-formulation of the abovesaid rules?

**Setting up of District Mineral
Foundation**

1063. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in the country where mining of minerals is carried out; and

(b) the number of such districts where District Mineral Foundations have been set up and operationalized under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended in 2015, along with the State-wise breakup thereof?

Transparency in mining work

†1064. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining is being undertaken in only one per cent of the total mining regions currently in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several policy measures have been taken by Government in the direction of mining work extension and bringing dynamism and transparency therein; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Piped gas network in Tamil Nadu

1065. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cities/towns which are under the piped gas network in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the areas proposed to be brought under the piped gas network during the next five years by Government; and

(c) if no such proposals, the reasons therefor?

Legal disputes pending against GAIL

1066. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many legal disputes have been pending against Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL India) and what are these disputes;

(b) how many cases relating to GAIL India are pending with the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB); and

(c) what amount has been spent by GAIL India on legal expenses during the last three years, the financial year-wise details thereof?

Non-completion of laying of gas pipeline to Goa

1067. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the laying of gas pipeline to Goa has been completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that various deadlines fixed by Government have not been met;

(c) present estimated cost of Dabhol-Bengaluru pipe line;

(d) cost of the spur line to Goa;

(e) by when the spur line to Goa will be completed; and

(f) by when the Goa project will be completed?

Fire accidents in oil wells

†1068. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of accidents that have taken place after catching fire in the ONGC well near Olpad town in Ankleshwar basin in the Surat district and the reasons for occurrence of such accidents;

(b) whether the said accidents are occurring owing to negligence in proper compliance of safety norms and lack of experience; and

(c) the action taken after the occurrence of the said accidents and the factual position thereof?

Criteria for providing LPG connections to BPL category

1069. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria adopted by Government to provide LPG domestic connections to the BPL category;

(b) how many LPG connections have been provided in Puri, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack in Odisha; and

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(c) how the cash compensation to the users from this category is being provided?

Commencement of production of gas by GSPC in K.G. Basin

1070. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of natural gas by Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) from its Deen Dayal discoveries in KG basin has commenced;

(b) if so, the current production level and projected maximum production level;

(c) the gas production rate envisaged in approved development plan and by which year this is envisaged to be achieved;

(d) the investment made by Contractor in this block till date and the cost of gas production; and

(e) whether GSPC has urged Government that their gas discoveries are not viable at the price approved by Government and has sought a higher gas price of US dollar 8.50 per mmbtu, and if so, Government's views thereon?

Projects of GAIL running behind schedule

1071. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many projects of the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL India) are running behind scheduled completion time, if so, the details of all such projects;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the delayed projects and what action has been taken against the authorities

concerned for the loss of time, resources and utility of our country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Geographical area under PNG network

1072. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of geographical area which are under the coverage of Piped Natural Gas network in the country;

(b) whether Government is of the view that the speed at which geographical area being brought under the piped gas network is sufficient, considering the vastness of the country; and

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

Acceptance of Kelkar Committee Report on exploration of oil and gas

1073. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted Vijay Kelkar Committee Report on exploration and production of oil and gas; and

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

Steps for implementation of Bio-fuel programme

1074. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/being taken

to accelerate the implementation of Bio-fuel programme in the country; and

(b) the details of funds earmarked for, awareness creation among public of, employment generation potential through, Bio-fuel programme?

Black marketing of subsidized kerosene

1075. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of subsidized kerosene being issued to all States, the State-wise, details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that around 40 per cent of the total subsidized kerosene is being sold out in black market;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to stop the black marketing and make sure that the needy persons receive it; and

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

Transfer of subsidy on kerosene to bank accounts on lines of DBTL

1076. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to transfer kerosene subsidy directly into the bank accounts of respective beneficiary on the lines of Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL);

(b) whether Government is planning to launch the scheme in selected districts in the country as pilot project; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme and by when it will be launched in the whole country?

Complaints against LPG dealers

1077. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/Union Territory and Oil Marketing Company-wise number of complaints against Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) dealers regarding financial irregularities, black marketing, under-weight/short supply of cylinders, and misbehaviour with consumers received by Government during each of the last two years and the current year, including Jharkhand and Bihar;

(b) the details of action taken against such dealers for irregularities during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to streamline the procedure and services of delivery of gas cylinders to the consumers through various gas distributors in the country?

Progress of mixing of ethanol in petrol

1078. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of mixing ethanol in petrol in the country;

(b) the details of cities where 5 per cent ethanol is blended in petrol and cities where 10 per cent ethanol is blended in petrol;

(c) whether it is a fact that ethanol has higher octane than petrol and burns slowly and completely resulting in low emissions; and

(d) what are the reasons that ethanol blended petrol is sold at the same price of petrol whereas it costs much cheaper?

Faster approvals for exploration companies

1079. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accelerated the pace of approvals for explorers' budgets and work programmes, ensuring that companies begin the current fiscal with clear reinvestment plans as opposed to previous years when operators would complain of uncertainty due to delays;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that faster approval is part of Government's plan to boost oil exploration and production activity in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Import of crude oil

1080. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India currently imports 78 per cent of its crude oil requirement, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has set an ambitious target of raising crude oil output to cut import dependence by 10 per cent in seven years and if so, the details thereof?

Exploration of shale gas

1081. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospectus of exploration shale gas in the country;

(b) what are the steps being taken to exploit country's reservoirs of shale gas; and

(c) whether there is any agreement with other countries with regard to exploiting shale gas reservoirs?

Withdrawal of gas subsidy from well off people

1082. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of gas cylinders in the country;

(b) what is the total number of people who have surrendered gas subsidy so far and total amount received from this scheme;

(c) whether Government is considering to withdraw gas subsidy from well-off people; and

(d) how Government proposes to utilize the amount received from the surrender of gas subsidy?

Utilization of residue gas in LPG cylinders

1083. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG cylinders have residue of some cooking gas even after use and when sent for refill;

(b) if so, what happens with such residue gas and how it is discharged or used;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study regarding this, if so, details thereof; and

(d) who is the responsible authority for checking the authenticity of LPG cylinder weight after the refill?

Gas refilling plants

†1084. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the cooking gas refilling plants of different oil companies, which have been established and yet to be established in the country especially in the State of Maharashtra as on date;

(b) whether LPG from these plants are being supplied particularly to the backward and tribal areas as per their demands; and

(c) if so, the details thereof especially of the above said areas in the State of Maharashtra?

Purchase of LNG committed by PS oil companies

1085. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of LNG committed to be purchased by public sector oil companies like GAIL, IOC, Petronet LNG, etc. over the next five years;

(b) what is the expected LNG prices based on which these contracts have been signed;

(c) what is the existing and projected dependence on imports for meeting the natural gas demand in the country over next five years; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to reduce dependence on imports of LNG?

Introduction of open acreage system

1086. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling to introduce 'open acreage' system and also plans to change the formula for Production Sharing Contract (PSC) at the next round of auction of oil and gas blocks under the New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are some major issues with the current production sharing model and CAG has also made some observations about this model and if so, the details thereof?

Increase/decrease in prices of petroleum products

1087. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase/decrease in the prices of different petroleum products by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last one year;

(b) whether Government evaluated the impact of such a rise in petroleum products on the standard of living of common man, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to take over this power from the OMCs and to retain it with Government, as was the practice earlier?

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Global knowledge network for exploration of gas reserves

1088. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the initiative taken in 2004-05 to promote a global knowledge network for resolving technical issues relating particularly to exploring and exploiting potential of oil and gas reserves onshore in the Deccan Trap and the Terai region as also off-shore in the deep waters of the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea has been peristed with;

(b) if so, the progress made; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revival of VISP by SAIL

1089. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for grant of mining lease for Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) at Bhadravathi has been cleared by the Secretary (Mines, Textile & SSI), Government of Karnataka and whether the mine issue is cleared by the Mines Tribunal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) has any strategic plans for the revival of VISP and if so, the details of the implementation thereof?

Steel production hit due to slowdown in its demand

1090. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel production has

been hit due to slowdown in its demand in sectors like automobiles, construction etc. in the country;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to float an entity or Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for domestic manufacturing of equipment required by steel plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by Government to meet the requirement of equipment in steel plants and reduce dependence on imports of such items?

Blacklisted companies undertaking works

1091. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and its unit specially Bokaro Steel Plant have blacklisted some companies for undertaking their works, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some of these companies are still operating and undertaking their works; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Steel production policy

1092. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any steel production policy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of contribution of steel towards our national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last five years;

(c) whether steel industry both public and private has acquired state-of-the-art steel production technology to compete in international steel market, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to further improve the quality of steel?

Augmenting global competitiveness in steel sector

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

(a) whether increasing production and reducing cost is necessary to augment the global competitiveness of India in steel sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether necessary policy measures are being taken by Government in order to increase production and reduce cost, and if so, the details thereof?

MBA course in tourism

1094. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management has started MBA course in tourism in partnership with Indira Gandhi National Tribal University;

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

(c) whether the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management has

signed any Memorandum of Understanding in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the academic season from which such programme will be started?

Financial assistance for Kumbh mela to Maharashtra

1095. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Nashik Kumbh Mela will be held in Maharashtra during the current calendar year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide Central Financial Assistance to Maharashtra to make necessary arrangements for the Kumbh Mela which will attract millions of people; and

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

Shortage of hotel rooms in budget sector

1096. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite having good food, rich culture, beautiful historic monuments, spirituality and diversity to lure travellers from all over the world, India lags behind Asian tourist hubs like Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea and China;

(b) the number of tourists visited India, Bhutan and Sri Lanka during 2014-15 and 2015-16 till date, respectively;

(c) the reasons for India's struggle to attract tourists;

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(d) whether there is shortage of hotel rooms especially in budget sector and an additional 1,90,108 hotel rooms by 2016 to meet a projected 12 per cent growth in tourism are required; and

(e) the steps taken to encourage growth of budget hotels?

Establishment of convention centre in Goa

1097. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any convention centre in the State of Goa;

(b) whether the site for the centre has been identified;

(c) whether necessary architecture plans have been drawn;

(d) whether any financial provision has been made, if so, the quantum thereof;

(e) when the work on the convention centre is proposed to be started;

(f) the facilities which are proposed to be provided;

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

(h) whether Public Private Partnership (PPP) model is likely to be resorted to for the project?

Potential of jobs in tourism sector in Kerala

1098. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a great scope to create jobs in tourism sector in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to develop tourism industry in the State?

Steps to encourage Chinese tourists to visit India

1099. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government took note that this was the 'Visit India Year' declared specially for the Chinese tourists;

(b) what has been done to encourage more Chinese tourists to visit India this year and whether there has been any monitoring about the inflow of tourists from China; and

(c) whether there is any statistics available to show the inflow of tourists from China, Japan, Korea and Russia for the past three years and till date?

Promotion of yoga to boost tourism

1100. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out a roadmap to use yoga as a product in a bid to attract more travellers to the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to open yoga centres across the country;

(c) if so, the names of the places identified for the purpose; and

(d) the other steps being taken to promote yoga to boost tourism?

ITDC hotels on the block

1101. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is planning to put 8 of its 16 hotels on the block;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to exit from the hotel business in the country; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Monitoring genuineness of candidates under coaching for STs Scheme

1102. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism exists with Government to monitor the genuineness of the candidates who are joining and taking coaching in coaching institutes, which receives financial assistance under 'Coaching for Scheduled Tribes' scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government felt any stringent need for monitoring mechanism in the backdrop of Vyapam Scam and if so, the details thereof?

Constitution of Tribal Advisory Councils

1103. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States/UTs which have constituted the Tribal Advisory Councils (TACs) and those which have not complied with the direction so far;

(b) whether Government has advised or issued any advisory to the States/UTs including Maharashtra in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the States/UTs thereto?

Hostels for Scheduled Tribes Girls and Boys

1104. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of 'Hostels for Scheduled Tribes (ST) Girls and Boys' being implemented by Government along with the funds allocated therefor during each of the past three years and current year;

(b) whether the residents of working women's hostel, students hostels and Ashram schools being run by Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) trusts, institutions etc. are deprived of basic facilities in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the further measures taken by Government in this regard?

Status of formulation of National Tribal Policy

1105. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the formulation of the National Tribal Policy;

(b) whether the various stakeholders' views have been received and their status of incorporation; and

(c) the time-frame of the formulation of the policy and its implementation?

Tribals settled on forest lands in Rajasthan

†1106. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the total number of tribals and other forest dwellers settled on forest lands in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government proposes to grant lease of settlement to tribals settled on forest lands by launching special drive, if so, the action-plan of Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government proposes to recognize the villages settled on forest land as revenue villages and grant right to hold lease to the forest dwellers?

Periodic review of implementation of the Forest Rights Act

1107. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether intended benefits under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been given to forest dwelling communities;

(b) whether Government has taken note of eviction of tribals from forests and denial of rights over Minor Forest Produce, if so, State/UT-wise number of complaints reported/received during last three years and current year and action taken/to be taken thereon;

(c) the mechanism put in place by Government to monitor periodic review of implementation of Act indicating number of reviews made; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for early settlement of claims?

Doing away with consent clause in FRA

1108 DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether perceiving the existing Forest Rights Act as impediment to industrial, mining and development projects, Government wants to do away with the consent clause;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measure taken by Government to empower tribal people and their community institutions as statutory authorities with the power to protect and manage forests; and

(c) if not, the reaction of Government regarding the same?

Tribals facing severe cultural issues

1109. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of several reports in the recent past that the tribals are facing severe cultural issues like alienation, loss heritage, cuisine, sense of ownership over tribal culture, traditional sports, crafts, medicines and medicinal practices;

(b) if so, the details and the measures taken by Government to tackle these issues; and

(c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to help the tribals who are also reportedly confronting huge unemployment problems across the country, besides having low income from

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their traditional occupations and lack of food diversity?

Non-release of annual grants to NGOs

1110. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) for how many years the annual grants to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have not been released;

(b) what is the quantum of the funds needed for having the annual grants release system updated;

(c) whether the gap is not affecting the education of tribal children run under such grant-starved NGOs and what is Government's views about this; and

(d) whether the Ministry is contemplating requesting one time additional budget to be given at the revised estimate stage this year?

Funds disbursed to Kerala

1111. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount disbursed by the Ministry to the State Government of Kerala/to institutions promoted by Government of Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the scheme-wise details about the exact amount utilized by the State Government of Kerala/by institutions promoted by Government of Kerala, from the fund released by Centre under the aforesaid schemes, during the last three years;

(c) whether any funds released to Kerala/by institutions promoted by Government of Kerala, under aforesaid schemes lapsed during the said period; and

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

Request from HP for enhanced financial assistance

1112. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for an enhanced financial assistance under the Special Central Assistance scheme for tribal areas in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken/is being taken by Government thereon?

AFI ban on marathons and road races

1113. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has decided to ban marathons and road races, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Athletics Federation of India has asked the national and State level athletes not to participate in any marathon or road race such as Delhi marathon organized without its nod;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has approached the Competition Commission of India seeking fair play from regulator's intervention

against a body that receives central funding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sports quota vacancies in Government departments and PSUs

1114. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of vacancies under sports quota recruitment exist in various Government departments and PSUs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such Government departments and PSUs are not according due importance to sports quota recruitments; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to address the situation?

Development of Khel Grams

1115. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop Khel Grams in rural areas of the country including Haryana;

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

(c) the time by when the said Khel Grams are likely to be set up?

Status of training centres of SAI

1116. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any

initiatives to study the present status of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the training centres run by it, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that no trainers/coaches are available in SAI running sports facilities;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken for best utilization of these training facilities under SAI to promote sports?

Lack of infrastructure for football

1117. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of infrastructure is hampering Indian football; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps to be taken to improve the infrastructure in future?

Contributions received by NSDF

1118. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is administering National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for the promotion of sports in the country;

(b) if so, how much contribution it has received from various organizations since its inception, and contribution made organization-wise;

(c) whether Government has provided matching grant to the NSDF accordingly;

(d) what are the reasons that banks/ PSUs and other private organizations have not been contributing to this fund; and

(e) how this fund has been utilized by the Ministry so far?

Training capacity in SAI centres

†1119. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest information regarding the training capacity for the sport trainees, availability of the coaches and sports facilities of the games, play grounds and accommodation facilities in each of the centres of Sports Authority of India (SAI); and

(b) the details of the sportspersons being trained/associated with the centres of SAI for the world Olympic 2016 ?

Formulation of new National Sports Talent Search Scheme

1120. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

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

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated and communicated a new National Sports Talent Search Scheme to State Governments/UTs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and salient features of the said scheme;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the said scheme during 2015-16 and the details of funds released and actual expenditure so far incurred by various States;

(d) the details of the criteria fixed for allocation of funds to States; and

(e) the extent to which the scheme has been able to achieve its objectives in the first six months of its introduction in various States?

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