

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

Assistance for setting up new industries

3037. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial and non-financial assistance given to the industrial establishment by Government to set up new industries in the country, including Haryana during the last two years, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of such industrial establishments in the State of Haryana which have got benefits therefrom; and

(c) the production made by these industrial establishments during the said period?

Complaints on ease of doing business

3038. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the policy to promote competition among States in the name of ease of doing business

is turning unhealthy as states are resorting to unfair means to attract investors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any complaints from some States against other States on this front;

(d) how Government is planning to promote healthy competition among States; and

(e) how Government is helping the geographically disadvantaged States?

Opening up of Section 3(d) of the Indian Patents Act

3039. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the view of Government on experts' opinion that the recently launched Intellectual Property Rights Policy fails to acknowledge that IP is a market-driven model;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new policy poses a serious hurdle to allowing access to affordable drugs; and

(c) what is the view of Government on experts demand for not opening up of Section 3(d) of the Indian Patents Act which sets the standard on invention in India?

Measures to protect domestic industries

3040. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the protectionist tendencies emerging in the developed world, Government is considering any tariff or non-tariff measures to protect the domestic industries;

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

(c) whether any such move is being contemplated specifically to protect the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and

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

Impact of demonetisation

3041. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the commerce and industry sectors have been badly affected due to demonetisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the special measures taken/being taken by Government to safeguard the commerce and industry sectors from the impact of demonetisation?

Foodgrain exports to the UAE

3042. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is

considering special farms and infrastructure for foodgrain exports to the UAE;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreements have been executed in this regard between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exemption of SSIs from implementation of barcode

3043. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has made barcode compulsory for exports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Confederation of Indian Pharmaceutical Industry has represented to exempt Small Scale Industry companies from implementation of barcode system for exports;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the Ministry to that request?

Proposals on free trade

3044. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals on free trade with foreign countries/organisations ;

(b) if so, the details of protected investment trade pact therein; and

(c) the bi-lateral business policies in terms of job opportunities and economic development thereof?

Stagnant growth of manufacturing sector

3045. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average per capita income in non-agricultural occupations is more than four times than in agriculture;

(b) if so, the steps taken to transfer labour force engaged in agricultural and allied activities to higher income industrial and services sector to bring down per capita income gap between non-agricultural and agricultural occupations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the growth of manufacturing sector is stagnant; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to boost manufacturing sector?

Slump in wheat exports due to Import Duty

3046. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the data pertaining to wheat exports in the last three years and the current year in the country and specifically Punjab;

(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of the opinion of experts' that the Zero Import Duty on wheat has led to slump in exports;

(c) what are the effects of Zero Import Duty on wheat on the farmers in the country; and

(d) whether Government is planning to compensate the farmers who suffer/have suffered losses due to the aforementioned policy, if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of IIFT and Indian Institute of Packaging

3047. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when was request from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh received in the Ministry for setting up of IIFT and Indian Institute of Packaging in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a team from the Ministry visited Andhra Pradesh and surveyed land for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the team;

(d) by when the above institutions are likely to be established; and

(e) what would be the estimated expenditure involved for the same?

Slump in global aluminium prices

3048. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently, there is a slump in global aluminium prices, because of a supply glut created by over-production in China; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the domestic industry is likely to get hurt because of dumping of aluminium by China, since imports accounts for 56 per cent of aluminium consumption in India?

Ban on import of electrical and electronic items

3049. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has imposed a

ban on the import of electrical and electronic items;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the period for which the said ban has been imposed; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent such imports and also to protect the indigenous industry?

Industries affected from Chinese imports

3050. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the industries affected from Chinese imports; and

(b) if so, the details of the industries which face recession due to Chinese imports?

Establishment of manufacturing hubs in CLMV countries

3051. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for creating manufacturing hubs in the CLMV countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam) to create regional value chains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for expansion of markets of Indian products abroad?

Steps to boost agri-exports

3052. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for merger of the Commodity Boards and set up an umbrella organisation;

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

(c) what steps have been taken by Government during the last three years for boosting agri-exports?

Private investment in manufacturing sector

3053. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise data of the total amount of private investment in manufacturing sector of the country in last three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the private investment in manufacturing sector has seen a negative growth in the last two years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Incubators getting grants for seed stage funding for Startups

3054. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent meeting of the Ministers with Incubators and Accelerators, it was highlighted that getting seed stage funding for Startups is the biggest challenge which will require grants to incubators by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing any plan to allocate grants to incubators to ensure seed stage funding;

(c) the details of incubators which are currently getting grant from Government

incubator-wise, State-wise and Ministry-wise; and

(d) the number of Startups which have secured seed stage funding since 2014, Startup-wise details thereof along with the respective incubators?

Policy changes for Ease of Doing Business

3055. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to latest world bank rankings in Ease of Doing Business, India averaged 133.13 from 2008 until 2015, reaching an all-time high of 139 in 2010 and a record low of 130 in 2015;

(b) whether reformative measures are being taken to fasten different processes like acquiring construction permits, registering property, ease of paying taxes and trading across borders, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise ranking of Ease of Doing Business; and

(d) the details of the key legislative and policy framework changes proposed therein?

Loss due to non-development of SEZs

3056. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Special Economic Zone Developers, even after getting extension of validity period, did not take any effective steps to develop the SEZs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment about the non-developing of

SEZs, viz., loss of revenue lost job opportunities, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Entry of China made Ganesha idols

3057. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that china made Ganesha idols made of clay have been entering markets in India especially before the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, almost every year in the recent past; and

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to protect idol makers from our country, if so, what is their nature and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rejection of exports of fruits and vegetables by the US and EU

3058. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any export consignment of fruits and vegetables from India was rejected by the US and EU on account of non-tariff barriers during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of reasons for which such rejections were made, if any?

Reports on impact of FTAs on farmers

3059. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any authentic reports about

impact of Free Trade Agreements the India-Sri Lanka FTA, the India-ASEAN FTA and South Asian FTA, on Indian farmers of cash crops, are available;

(b) if so, what is the volume of loss suffered by the farmers of cash crops in India due to price fall resulted by FTAs, if any;

(c) if so, whether Government is proposing to review the FTAs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to bring down barriers to trade

3060. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to bring down barriers to trade and enhance the capacity of the country to engage better with the global trading network;

(b) whether the Ministry has an action-plan for the ratification of World Trade Organisation's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA); and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to introduce rules for services to ensure special and differential treatment for developing and poor nations?

India's stand on Work Visas

3061. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government failed to properly present India's stand to the US on Work-Visas in 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) what were the delays and lapses on

the part of Government in its interactions with the US Government on H1-Visas and Work-Visas for Indians;

(c) what would be the losses to Indian professionals due to such lapses on the part of Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to enquire and place responsibility on officers or agencies responsible for the Visa failures?

Development of Special Economic Zones in Andhra Pradesh

3062. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the development of Special Economic Zones in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the places identified for this purpose; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and being released in the present financial year, the details thereof?

Displacement due to land acquisition for SEZs

†3063. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many people engaged in agricultural work as well as the rural artisans have been displaced due to the land acquisition for Special Economic Zones;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide employment to all these people in Special Economic Zones; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Details of National Culture Fund Scheme

‡3064. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's National Culture Fund (NCF) Scheme;

(b) the quantum of funds received by the NCF Scheme from Government and other corporates/companies and institutions during the last three years, the details thereof;

(c) the details of proposals received from different States under NCF, the State-wise details of last three years;

(d) the details of works carried out under the NCF during last three years, the State-wise details thereof including Maharashtra; and

(e) whether any proposal from States including Maharashtra for works under NCF is pending at present, if so, the details thereof?

Central assistance archival repositories, libraries and museums

3065. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria to sanction Central assistance for State/Union Territory archival repositories, Government libraries and museums;

(b) whether Government has received any proposals from Government of Rajasthan for sanction of above proposals in Jaipur, Bikaner, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Kota and Alwar during 2016-17;

(c) if so, the status thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal construction/encroachment in the vicinity of heritage sites

3066. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government to prevent illegal construction/encroachment in the vicinity of heritage sites and forts in the country;

(b) whether any technology, such as drones, are being used to check such construction, building or industrial activity in the vicinity of heritage sites and forts; and

(c) what prevents ASI from taking action against the offenders and can that be resolved?

Documentation of antiquities and monuments under NMMA

3067. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has contracted out the documentation of antiquities and monuments to contractors and not the subject specialists under National Mission for Monuments and Antiquities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the documentation done by the contractors is far sub-standard to be uploaded in the official website of NMMA, despite release of crores of rupees without reasonable verification of work done in 2014-15 to 2016-17; and

(c) whether Government would stop further syphoning of funds to the contractors and get the entire matter

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examined by a Committee of independent subject specialists?

Promotion of folk artists and music for Chhattisgarh

†3068. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheme currently being operated by Government to promote folk artists and folk music of Chhattisgarh; and

(b) the details of amount spent on these Schemes and number of beneficiaries therefrom during the last three years?

List of protected monuments in Uttarakhand

†3069. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of monuments/historical buildings declared protected in the State of Uttarakhand by Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised during the last three years;

(c) whether the State proposes to declare some more buildings as monuments in the next financial year, if so, the name-wise details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider the State's request?

Change of name of Sixteenth Century fort in Jaipur

3070. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that name of a

Sixteenth Century fort in Jaipur has been changed;

(b) if so, whether this was Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monument;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and policy in this regard;

(d) the stand of Central Government in this regard; and

(e) what is the procedure for changing names?

Report on cultural akademis by HPC

3071. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Powered Committee (HPC) was constituted to report on the working of our cultural akademis;

(b) if so, how far have the recommendations been acted upon;

(c) the main points remaining yet to be implemented; and

(d) the reasons for delay in this implementation?

Ban on polythene at archaeological sites

3072. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced or proposes to introduce a polythene-ban at its sites of historical and archaeological importance;

(b) if so, the details of implementation of the same and the measures used to ensure adherence to the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Subsidy for vehicles under Fame India Scheme

†3073. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) quantum of subsidy released for purchase of vehicles under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrids) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) India scheme for promotion of pollution free electric vehicles during the last two years, along with details of vehicles separately for which said subsidy was utilised and expenditure incurred on electric vehicles out of the above;

(b) whether relatively higher amount of subsidy is being used for vehicles making less pollution and as a consequence it is drifting away from the intended purpose for which the said scheme had been launched; and

(c) the details thereof?

Losses suffered by CPSUs

3074. SHRIMATI AMBIKA
SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 10 Central Public Sector Undertakings including BHEL are running in losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, Public Sector Undertaking-wise;

(c) the balance sheets of these undertakings in the last three years, including profit and loss; and

(d) the effective measures taken, including strategic proposals made by Government to make these CPSUs, including cutting of administrative cost and effecting economy on the profitable path?

Allocation of funds for Fame India Scheme

3075. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allocated ₹ 14,000 crores for the FAME India Scheme for promoting hybrid and electric mobility vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also considering to give incentives to both bikes and cars which will run on electricity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Retirement facilities for employees resigned from CPSEs

3076. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Central Public Sector Enterprises who resign to join other unit of State run establishments will now be able to avail retirement benefits in continuation of existing services;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has been made possible after the Department of Public Enterprises brought out

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clarification for employees resigning on the ground of technical ground; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Two-wheelers on CNG

3077. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government, to curb pollution, is planning to introduce a system of running of two-wheelers on CNG;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any pilot programme has also been launched recently in this direction, the details thereof; and

(d) by when this system will come into existence, the details thereof?

Credit sale and advances by CPSUs

3078. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of credit sale/advances extended to customers which graduated into unrecoverable assets, the details thereof CPSU-wise in past three financial years;

(b) the details of CAG observation on CPSUs that whether to increase sales figure CPSUs extend sales to customers by breaching their respective organizations' clauses of credit sale/advancement in past three years, CPSU-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of customers which got blacklisted by these CPSUs due to not paying back the credit amount, CPSU-wise and year-wise details thereof?

Time-frame for completion of NATRIP

3079. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of many extensions given to National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP), it is still a non-starter which has led to huge cost escalation of the project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will come forward to specify a categorical time-frame to complete the project in a time-bound manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for development works in Chhattisgarh

†3080. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for development works during the last three years from Government of Chhattisgarh and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals;

(d) whether long time taken in the execution of proposals hampers the development works and how the cost escalation related to work is adjusted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Agreement to tackle terrorism

†3081. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has made so far or proposes to make any agreement with other countries to deal with terrorism in view of increasing terrorist attacks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Election for VCDC in BTAD

3082. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to hold election for Village Council Development Committee (VCDC) in the six Scheduled Areas of Bodoland Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) exercised by Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) in Assam for better implementation of rural development schemes of Central and State Governments, since there is no Panchayat system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to monitor the execution of Centrally sponsored rural development schemes in BTC?

Vacancies in police organisations

3083. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many a times senior positions in sensitive police organisations remain vacant forcing Government to make *ad-hoc* arrangements;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the vacant positions at top level in police organisations as on date; and

(c) the reasons for not identifying appropriate officers well before the positions fall vacant as per the instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoP&T) so that sensitive positions do not remain vacant even for a day?

Sexual harassment of foreign tourists

3084. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of sexual harassment of foreign tourists have been reported in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against guilty during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to curb such incidents in future since such incidents have created negative impact on the country's tourism sector?

Introduction of state-of-the-art technologies in police forces

3085. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed innovative and hi-fi technology in administration and maintenance of internal security in the country, including among the paramilitary forces;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress in introducing state-of-the-art technologies in the police forces in the country, particularly Central forces; and

(d) the budget earmarked and released, separately, for the above, in the last three years, State-wise?

Coastal India Reserve Battalion in Odisha

3086. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government would make provisions according to the proposal submitted by Government of Odisha to Ministry of Home Affairs, for creation of a Coastal India Reserve Battalion comprising of 917 personnel in Odisha?

Sub-Committee for resolving dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

3087. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Sub-Committee has been constituted to resolve the disputes arisen between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details of the Committee and what are the terms of reference given to that Committee;

(c) the details of disputes identified by the Committee and what is the time-frame within which the Committee is likely to submit its Report; and

(d) the progress made in resolving the disputes identified, dispute-wise?

Communal harmony awards

3088. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) has ever presented National communal harmony award to any individual or institution from the Sikh community;

(b) if so, who were the individuals and institutions selected and duly notified for National communal harmony awards for the year 2013; and

(c) when will the Ministry arrange presentation of awards for 2013 which is already notified?

Human trafficking in Assam

3089. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that human trafficking in Assam is still reported from various places, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the district-wise details of cases registered against human trafficking in Assam during the last three years; and

(c) the steps/measures taken by Government to curb human trafficking in the country?

Policemen/Central paramilitary personnel deployed at banks

3090. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT/date-wise details of the Policemen/Central paramilitary companies/ personnel deployed outside banks from 8th November to 31st December, 2016;

(b) the State/UT-wise and date-wise details of the conflicts between the public and police at banks, ATMs, post offices from 8th November to 31st December, 2016;

(c) the State/UT/date-wise details of harassment/manhandling of the bank employees and post office employees from 8th November to 31st December, 2016 along with cases registered and present status of the complaints; and

(d) the State/UT-wise deployment of Central paramilitary companies/personnel outside banks/ATMs/post offices from 1st August, 2016 to 31st October, 2016?

Deployment of paramilitary forces during demonetisation

3091. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central paramilitary forces were deployed by Government during the course of demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total expenditure incurred in deployment of these Central paramilitary forces; and

(c) whether this expenditure incurred was borne by the Central Government or State Governments, the details thereof?

Youths joining militancy in J&K

3092. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of militants have escaped into safe havens across the border in Jammu and Kashmir on account of stone-pelters and civilian protests during the years 2016 and 2017;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 90 local youths have joined militancy last three years, mostly in South Kashmir and if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Espionage rackets of ISI

3093. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of espionage rackets of ISI busted in the country during last one year, State-wise along with particular reference to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of persons arrested in connection with ISI spying rackets, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps Government has taken to check ISI from alluring the youths of the country?

Resignation and VRS of paramilitary personnel

3094. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of paramilitary personnel who have resigned or have sought VRS during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 till date, paramilitary force-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether resignations and VRS of paramilitary personnel have increased during 2016;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for unprecedented increase of the same and the measures taken in this regard?

Chargesheet against persons for propagating activities of IS

3095. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed chargesheets against persons for allegedly propagating the activities of the terror outfit Islamic State (IS) in the country and motivating persons from the country to travel to Afghanistan to join the outfit there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such activities were growing in the country for the last several years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in youths joining militancy in J&K

3096. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militancy remains the biggest challenge in Jammu and Kashmir given the recent rise in local recruits in militant ranks and surge in infiltration attempts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after three successive summer protests from 2008 to 2010, the number of youths joining militancy has spiked abruptly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the police in the State has also started contacting family members of local militants, urging them to impress upon their children to surrender and rejoin the mainstream; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto?

Convicts in jails in the country

3097. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of convicts held in jails throughout the country as on 31 December, 2016;

(b) whether there is any statistics maintained of these convicts based on religion; and

(c) if so, the State-wise figures thereof?

Upsurge in stone-pelting by civilians in J&K

3098. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an upsurge in stone-pelting by civilians on security forces during counter insurgency operations in Kashmir during the last two years;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to deal with the problem of stone-pelting in Kashmir by ensuring peace and calm in the region?

UNCHR grading of NHRC

3099. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has lost its 'A' grade status for its non-transparent functioning process;

(b) if so, the norms of grading system of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) therefor;

(c) the proposal of Government to upgrade NHRC into the highest category thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government so far therein?

Repatriation of Pakistani and Bangladeshi citizens

3100. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani and Bangladeshi citizens repatriated to their respective countries after due process of identification during the last three years;

(b) whether the citizens of Bangladesh, numbering in lakhs, are illegally residing in the country and are involved in criminal activities as well as instrumental in enhancing terrorist activities in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases reported during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

Anchoring charges for jetties in Gujarat

3101. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Gujarat to increase the amount from 50 lakh Rupees per jetty to 5 crore Rupees per jetty to anchor its 61 boats for coastal patrolling;

(b) whether Government of India has sanctioned this amount; and

(c) the time-frame within which this

amount will be released to Government of Gujarat?

Demands of retired paramilitary personnel

†3102. SHRI LAL SINH VODODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retired paramilitary personnel have forwarded their demands to Government for consideration;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up their demands for consideration so far; and

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

Rise in infiltration

†3103. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rise in infiltration during the last year;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any concrete and effective steps to prevent the same; and

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

Granting leave to security personnel on regular intervals

3104. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some newly recruited commandos of the Central Reserve Police Force abandoned their

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journey to the headquarters in Bihar and went home without informing;

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

(c) whether Government would take adequate measures to ensure that security personnel do not feel homesick and are granted leave on regular intervals?

Value of enemy properties in the country

3105. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified, recorded and evaluated the current value in rupee terms for all the enemy properties in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the income generated in the last three years for each of the enemy property, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has the complete list of enemy properties in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and their present status?

Filling up of vacancies in Delhi Police and CAPFs

3106. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to fill up the vacancies in Delhi Police and other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to provide better security to citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the different

categories of posts likely to be filled up; and

(c) whether any time limit has been set by Government for this?

Cyber filtering of extremist/anti-national contents

3107. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to create any mechanism to ensure cyber filtering of the extremist/anti-national contents present in the cyber world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken in this regard?

Conviction in cases of crime against women

3108. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the media report, more than 31,000 cases of crime against women were registered in the past four years in the National Capital;

(b) whether it is because of the absolute incompetency of the Delhi Police that chargesheets were filed in only around 13,000 odd cases and out of which only in about 140 odd cases the accused could be convicted; and

(c) in view of the above, what measures Government would suggest to improve the quality of investigation so that maximum number of cases are chargesheeted which result into conviction?

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Smuggling of narcotics and weapons in the country

3109. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether narcotics and weapons are being smuggled into the country on a large scale from across the border;

(b) if so, the details of the cases reported during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to curb cross-border smuggling?

Foreign citizens residing illegally in Rajasthan

‡3110. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign citizens residing illegally in major cities of Rajasthan is increasing;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to repatriate these citizens to their respective countries?

Technology for maintenance of internal security

‡3111. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed more updated scientific technology for administration and maintenance of internal security in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of the total amount prescribed and spent in this regard during the last three years, year-wise by Government;

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to provide ultra modern technologies to police forces such as CRPF, BSF and CISF in the country; and

(e) the details of various stringent measures taken by Government to check the internal and external security threats by various terrorist organisations?

Automatic enhancement of non-plan grants

3112. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not been releasing committed expenditure under non-plan grants to Government of Puducherry in full every year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government considers the automatic enhancement of 25 per cent of this grant every year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Training to paramilitary forces

3113. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how Government provides training to paramilitary forces, force-wise;

(b) whether 100 per cent of existing training facilities are being utilised by every force; and

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government would think of having one training facility for all the paramilitary forces for optimum utilization of training facilities?

Compensation paid to rape victims

3114. SHRIMATI THOTA
SEETHARAMA
LAKSHMI:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data for crime against women over the past decade shows slight improvement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the situation continues to be grim; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the offenders under Nirbhaya Act and compensation paid to the rape victims?

Contractual teachers of NDMC schools

3115. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to extend the contract of contractual teachers of NDMC schools for further five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of categories whose contract has been extended till date;

(d) the steps taken to extend the contract of remaining categories;

(e) the number of letters of Hon'ble

MPs received in the Ministry/Department to extend the contract for further five years, till date;

(f) what action has been taken thereon;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) whether Government/Department has constituted any committee to watch all the activities of staff of NDMC schools?

Atrocities and discrimination against people from North-Eastern States

3116. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of atrocities including gang rapes, harassment, eve-teasing and discrimination against people from North-Eastern States in the national capital; and

(b) what action/efforts have been taken to prevent the continued atrocities and discrimination against the people of the North-Eastern States and to help them?

Additional battalions of CAPFs to Odisha

3117. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of Odisha for induction of two additional battalions of Central Armed Police Forces for deployment in districts like Malkangiri and Koraput to contain Left Wing Extremism activities; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government of India in this regard?

Inclusion of districts of Odisha under SRE Scheme

3118. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government for inclusion of Boudh, Angul and Sonepur districts under the Central Government sponsored Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

Deployment of sahayaks with officers of CAPFs

3119. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the justification for deployment of sahayaks with officers of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs);

(b) whether such practice is against the morale of the concerned personnel in the Central Armed Police Forces;

(c) whether Government has evaluated the cost to the exchequer of deployment of thousands of sahayaks, especially after the Seventh Pay Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorist acts in train passing through Madhya Pradesh

†3120. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist acts was executed in the train passing through Madhya Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether people involved in that terrorist act have been arrested based on the information provided by the Madhya Pradesh police; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National coordination system to monitor migrant labourers

3121. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of the Ministry to track movement of migrant labourers so that Government can target their social security benefits better;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to set up a national coordination system to monitor migrant workers;

(c) if so, how the national coordination system would work; and

(d) in the absence of any records about migrant labourers either with the source State or destination State or with the Centre, how the Ministry is planning to go ahead not only in maintaining database but also in making allocations?

Increase in wages

3122. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of average wage increase during the last two years;

(b) whether it was uniform, if not, what was the biggest and least increase;

(c) whether the increase in wages is uniform under Government and in private sector;

(d) if not, what are the changes under each; and

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(e) whether there was any section of employees/workers who did not get any wage increase during this period?

Annual growth rate

3123. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed the targets for annual growth rate of employment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actual job opportunities created during the last two years and the current year;

(d) whether the annual growth of employment is not commensurate with the growth of the economy;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to address this issue?

Raising EPFO's investment in ETFs

3124. SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:
SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is looking at raising retirement fund body EPFO's investment in exchange trade funds (ETFs) to 15 per cent from existing 10 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this issue was discussed in the Central Board of Trustees of EPFO recently; and

(c) if so, the details of deliberations made in the said meeting and the final decision taken by EPFO in this regard?

Funds collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act

3125. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act by States are not being utilized properly for the welfare of the workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise accumulated funds and expenditure during the last three years?

Health insurance scheme for migrant workers in Kerala

3126. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is in receipt of requests from Kerala Labour Department for assistance to introduce a health insurance scheme for migrant workers from other States in Kerala on the lines of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY);

(b) whether the Ministry will extend support to this scheme by bearing 50 per cent of expenses;

(c) whether the Ministry will extend support to Government of Kerala to do civil works in ESI hospitals that are in a dilapidated condition; and

(d) whether the Ministry will extend support to Government of Kerala to include plantation workers also into welfare scheme and EPF pension under RSBY?

Expansion of ESI hospital services

3127. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to expand the services of ESI hospitals in the country and planning to establish many more ESI hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such hospitals are being set up in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special schemes for generation of employment

‡3128. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has launched various special schemes during last two years for generation of employment in the country and all time high employment opportunities have been created in various sectors on expected lines;

(b) whether the steps taken by Central Government towards labour reforms during the last two and a half years have led to an unprecedented improvement in the lives of labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Discrimination against HIV positive workers

3129. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has collected statistics on complaints concerning discrimination against HIV positive workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has taken remedial measures, particularly awareness and information campaign under its National Policy on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work to prevent discrimination against HIV positive workers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Model Career Centres

3130. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) project in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Model Career Centres that have been set up so far in the country, State-wise;

(c) the criteria laid down in selecting a place/town/city in the country wherein the said Centres have been/are being set up;

(d) whether Government plans to set up such Centres in the remaining parts/places/States; and

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

Shortage of ESI hospitals

3131. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still a large number of districts do not have ESI hospitals or are not covered by ESI Scheme;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to cover all the districts in the country?

Stoppage of cashless treatment under ESIC

3132. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken a decision to stop the cashless treatment of ESIC employees;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government to alleviate problems of ESIC employees in this regard?

Modernisation of ESIC hospitals

3133. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of ESIC hospitals in the country;

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government to modernise and improve the condition of these hospitals; and

(c) the details of the hospitals that have been modernised and the hospitals that are in the process of modernisation along with completion timelines for the same?

Global Wage Report findings on gender wage gap

3134. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Global Wage Report 2016-17, released by the International Labour Organization, has found that India suffers from a huge gender wage disparity with the gap exceeding 30 per cent;

(b) whether the report also shows that women are poorly represented in the top bracket of wage earners (15 per cent) and gender pay gap at the bottom is also very wide (women form 60 per cent of the lowest paid wage labour); and

(c) the measures Government is taking to reduce this gender wage gap?

Mine related accidents

3135. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mine related accidents during the last ten years, year-wise and mine-wise;

(b) the reasons for each incident, lives lost and persons injured in each incident;

(c) the culprits apprehended and/or fined for each such incident;

(d) the compensation paid in each such case;

(e) the money allocated for making mines safer during last three years and the money spent thereon; and

(f) the supervision process put in place by Government to ensure safety of mines?

Computer education for unemployed youth

†3136. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

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set up computer education centres at Tehsil level in various States of the country to provide computer education free of cost to unemployed youths;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate an alternative scheme for rural youths/unemployed people of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government is currently taking any steps towards creation of employment opportunities for rural youths/unemployed youths of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and State/ Union Territory-wise details of technology education being provided for employment to youths in the country?

Extension of PF Account Portability

‡3137. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers to whom the facility of PF Account Portability, has been extended under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate programme, State-wise the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of dormant/unclaimed money in PF Accounts and the action plan devised by Government to make the same available to the appropriate person, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to utilise the unclaimed amount for certain other purposes, if so, the details thereof?

Suggestion for improvement in child labour laws

3138. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite six decades of Independence, the country has not been able to get over the menace of child labour and whether in view of this the Ministry will consider introducing a help line and flying squads to nab the culprits who violate the law and engage the children as labour and also abuse them; and

(b) if not, what innovative suggestions would the Ministry provide in order to curb the violation of the child labour laws?

National Child Labour Project

‡3139. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether notification has been issued to all the districts of the country with regard to National Child Labour Project (NCLP) societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the NCLP societies created for the fulfilment of the New Central Sector Scheme for the rehabilitation of the bonded labour?

Gender pay gap

3140. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:
PROF. M. V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the gender pay gap in the country, if so, the details thereof in the previous three years; and

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to reduce the disparity between wages for men and women in the country, if so, the details thereof?

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Aims and objectives of PMEGP

3141. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of PM's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for generating employment through setting up of micro enterprises;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above scheme is not being implemented effectively in Karnataka and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, due to this, the employment generation in Karnataka has come down from 25700 in 2013-14 to a mere 17200 in 2015-16; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures the Ministry is taking under PMEGP and steps being taken to attract more and more people to set up micro enterprises?

MSMEs under stressed loans

3142. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of MSMEs are under stressed loans and expect Government to intervene and to protect them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has responded to the requests of MSME sector of the country?

Production of woolen and silk Khadi

†3143. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of production of woolen and silk Khadi, spun and weaved manually, during the last three years in the country till date, State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and

(b) the extent of assistance provided to Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the above period?

Khadi workshed scheme

†3144. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

(a) the State/UT-wise number of Khadi workers in the country at present;

(b) the aims and objectives of Khadi workshed scheme in the country and the implementation status thereof; and

(c) the details of State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries under the said scheme in the country at present?

Revival of closed/sick MSMEs

3145. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country including in Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the total number of MSMEs closed down/become sick at present in the country;

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate any framework for revival and rehabilitation of the closed/sick MSMEs; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated and monitoring mechanism set up for the purpose?

Plan to review policy of MSMEs

3146. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to review the policy of MSMEs;
- (b) if so, when Government is planning to table the new policy in Parliament;
- (c) the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

MSME units registered in the country

3147. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of MSME units registered in the country, State-wise as on date;
- (b) whether Government has taken any efforts to support and develop MSME units in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this;
- (d) the total funds allocated in the last three years in this regard; and
- (e) the various steps taken by Government to provide incentives and other encouragements to best performing MSME units in the country?

Khadi and village industries affected by demonetisation

3148. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any special provisions to compensate the small and medium khadi and village Industries that primarily run on cash and were therefore affected by the demonetisation of 500 and 1000 rupee notes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Profit earned by oil companies

†3149. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise and company-wise profit earned by the Public Sector Undertakings and companies relating to petroleum and natural gas in the last three years upto 2016-17; and
- (b) the percentage and amount of profit fixed to fulfil the Corporate Social Responsibilities, the details of expenditure on items and the audit details of the remaining amount?

Accidents/fatalities at oil rigs/offshore drilling

3150. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents/fatalities that occurred at all oil rigs/offshore drilling and

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exploration sites during 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the relief or compensation package provided to each one of the injured/victims in the aforementioned accidents;

(c) whether Government has taken adequate steps to prevent such accidents in the future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Less LPG coverage in North-Eastern States

3151. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has claimed phenomenal success in achieving its first year target of reaching 1.5 crore beneficiaries within eight months of launching the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana aimed to provide clean source of cooking fuel to five crore households in the next three years;

(b) whether most of the North-Eastern States including Meghalaya find a place in the list of States where no connection under the PMUY has been issued;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the North-Eastern States including Meghalaya have LPG coverage less than the national average; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Oil exploration unit in Rajasthan

3152. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for oil

exploration unit or setting up oil refinery in Rajasthan is pending with any of the PSU oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to explore and utilise the potential of Rajasthan in oil and natural gas sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken to materialise such plans?

Increasing commission of wholesale kerosene dealers

3153. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory or optional for the State Government of Rajasthan to increase the commission of wholesale dealers of kerosene on the basis of circular of the Central Government;

(b) whether other States had increased the commission of the wholesale dealers; and

(c) whether it is essential or is there any tender process needed to increase the commission in view of increasing rates of diesel?

Self dependency in petroleum products

3154. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country spends lot on import of petroleum products;

(b) whether there is any plan by Government to be self dependent in petroleum products; and

(c) whether the country has found new sources through which the country can be self dependent in petroleum products?

Ujjwala Plus scheme

3155. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector Oil Marketing Companies are in the process of floating a not-for-profit organisation to administer Government's Ujjwala Plus scheme aimed to provide free LPG to those Below Poverty Line, left out in the 2011 Socio-Economic Caste Census;

(b) whether donations to Ujjwala Plus scheme by individuals and institutions will be eligible for tax deduction under section 80G of the IT Act; and

(c) whether unlike the PMUY, the Ujjwala Plus beneficiaries will have to pay for the LPG stove and refill?

New licensing policy for oil and gas exploration

3156. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced new licensing policy for oil and gas exploration in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the number and details of gas and oil fields explored in various parts of the country by private and multi-national companies as well as public sector oil companies during the last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken so far by Government for bringing new technologies, investment in the field of oil and gas exploration in the country?

Beneficiaries of PMUY in Bihar

3157. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Bihar;

(b) whether any assessment has been done to see that the scheme is not manipulated and the benefit of the scheme reaches the intended beneficiaries; and

(c) what are the safeguards to plug loopholes in this scheme, if noticed any?

Petrol/diesel retail license to foreign companies

3158. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to issue petrol/diesel retail license to new foreign companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Retail Outlets available in the country at present along with the number of new Retail Outlets likely to be set up by 2020; and

(c) the present system for disposal of complaints regarding Retail Outlets?

Concessions to LPG consumers of North-Eastern States

†3159. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the price of gas cylinder in North-Eastern States at present;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government is considering to provide special concessions to consumers of the North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, whether such concessions would be provided to other hill States also; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Data on subsidy given to domestic LPG users

3160. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data on the subsidy given for the domestic LPG users in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Availability of LPG in Bihar and Jharkhand

†3161. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure availability of LPG and increase the area of its coverage in the rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is a fact that people are not benefiting from Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana because of inadequate facility of LPG in the rural and semi-urban areas of Bihar and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government in order to develop gas infrastructure in the rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand?

Consultation with locals over hydrocarbon exploration project

3162. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had consulted the local people and their representatives about the hydrocarbon exploration project in 31 sites under the Discovered Small Field (DSF) policy, especially in Pudukkottai and Karaikal;

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

(c) if so, whether Government had given complete information about the project before acquiring land from the locals for the hydrocarbon project?

Permanent closure of hydrocarbon exploration project at Pudukkottai

3163. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to permanently drop the hydrocarbon exploration project in Pudukkottai district, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Petrol pumps operating on expired lease in West Bengal

3164. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps operating on expired lease/license agreement in the State of West Bengal, district-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of petrol pumps operating on expired lease/license agreement on private land;

(c) the number of petrol pumps operating on expired lease/license agreement on the land belonging to the Government of West Bengal; and

(d) the total amount of land revenue due towards the State of West Bengal on the petrol pumps operating on the expired lease/license agreement on the land of State of West Bengal?

Change in rules for allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies

†3165. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rules for allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies to people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBC category have undergone a change, if so, the details regarding new parameters for such an allotment along with the details of the old rules wherein changes have been made, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of petrol pumps and gas agencies allotted to persons belonging to reserved categories during the last three years and the number of applications pending till date, the details thereof?

Hydrocarbon exploration project at Karaikal

3166. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has sanctioned a hydrocarbon exploration project to Puducherry to be

established at Karaikal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government of Puducherry has requested for establishment of the same in writing, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of Puducherry is opposing the establishment of proposed hydrocarbon exploration project; and

(d) the response of the Central Government to the opposition?

Safety loopholes in PMUY

3167. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that distributors have expressed some serious safety loopholes in the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and how Ministry is planning to plug the same for effective implementation of the scheme;

(d) the basis behind LPG Distributors of India Associations' allegation that 90 per cent of Ujjwala connections are unsafe; and

(e) how the Ministry is going to address the above and other concerns?

Exploration of gas in Andhra Pradesh by ONGC

3168. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is going in for exploration of shale gas in

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Krishna, East Godavari and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that people in local areas of Kalavacharla, Penikeru have not been consulted about the move; and

(d) what are the reasons that not enough funds under CSR activities have been released for Alamuru mandal and what ONGC has done to declare Kalavacharla and Penikeru as model villages?

Misuse of benefits of PMUY

3169. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many women have so far been given cooking gas connections under the Ujjwala scheme, the State-wise details of these beneficiaries;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any impact analysis of this scheme since it was launched, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has come across any cases of misuse of the benefits of this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Safety norms for providing LPG connections to poor households

†3170. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas connections distributed under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the State/UT-wise details thereof, including the State of Uttar Pradesh and the total expenditure incurred thereon

and the names of the districts from other States, including Uttar Pradesh covered under the scheme;

(b) whether the mandatory safety norms have been followed by Government while providing LPG connections to the economically backward families; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

CNG stations in Bengaluru

3171. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work to provide CNG and PNG gas to vehicles and domestic purpose in Dharwad, Belgaum and Tumkur in Karnataka was commenced;

(b) by when these are likely to commence operations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the entire Bengaluru region, there are just two CNG stations; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to increase the same in Bengaluru and set up stations in other areas?

Leasing out of crude oil storage capacity

3172. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to lease out newly built underground crude oil storage capacity;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to fill up the storage capacity of Padur at the earliest?

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Distress sale of SAIL subsidiaries

3173. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided not to go in for distress sale of three Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) subsidiaries such as Salem Steel Plant, Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant and Chandrapur Ferro Alloy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also considering for a management that will turn around these units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Units of SAIL running into loss

†3174. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the units of Steel Authority of India (SAIL) are running into loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that major reason of various units including Bhilai Steel Plant running into loss is attributed to the usage of archaic technology-driven machines and outdated technology; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for modernisation of these units and amount spent by Government for such modernisation?

Discussions on imposition of MIP on iron and steel products

3175. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has

conveyed to World Trade Organisation, the reasons for imposition of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on steel products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Japan along with some other countries have dragged India to the World Trade Organisation against certain measures taken by Government on imports of iron and steel products;

(d) whether India has conveyed to WTO that it is willing to discuss the issue further, if required by the WTO; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of Alloy Steel, Durgapur

3176. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to strategically disinvest Alloy Steel, Durgapur; and

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

Disinvestment of Salem and Bhadravati steel plants

3177. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to strategically disinvest Salem and Bhadravati steel plants; and

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

Promotion of tourism in Punjab

3178. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has sanctioned any funds for the promotion of tourism in Punjab since May, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of funds released for Amritsar since May, 2014?

Employment to youth from tourism in Jharkhand

‡3179. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand is suffering from extremism and tourism will give employment to the youth which would result in checking extremism;

(b) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand has a large forest cover; and

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) is in affirmative, whether Government is formulating any consolidated scheme for development of tourism in the entire State under Central Plan?

Development of tourism spots in Kerala

3180. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of tourism spots in Kerala under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the amount spent on the development of spots during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to attract tourists to such spots?

Steps to increase in-bound tourists to the country

3181. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the number of in-bound tourists to the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much has been the increase in the number of in-bound tourists in the country during the last two years?

Project for Sant Nagri under PRASAD scheme

3182. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has proposed a project of Sant Nagri under PRASAD scheme of the Central Government as a special case;

(b) whether the Central Government has sanctioned the project as a special case; and

(c) what amount will be permissible under the scheme for the project?

Domestic Tourist Visits in the country

3183. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic tourism sector is growing faster than expected and Domestic Tourist Visits

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(DTV's) witnessed continued growth in the country;

(b) the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) in the country for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government for sustainable tourism development in the country; and

(d) the details thereof?

Problems faced by differently-abled persons at tourist destinations

3184. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any country-wide study to assess the problems faced by differently-abled persons at major tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to make important tourist destinations and monuments friendly for differently-abled persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Jain Circuit in Karnataka under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

3185. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when the Ministry approved Jain Circuit in Karnataka under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) the details of destinations identified under the above scheme; and

(c) the estimated cost of the above circuit and by when it is likely to be completed?

Promotion of cruise tourism

3186. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to create cruise tourism infrastructure at certain ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for formulating new standard procedure for easing immigration, health, customs and security clearance at such ports for promotion of cruise business in the country?

Implementation of schemes for welfare of tribals

†3187. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of schemes aimed at welfare of tribal people has been carried out more effectively during the last two to two and a half years, than earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the budget allocation made by Central Government is based on the ratio of tribal population; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government has any proposal, in this regard?

Establishment of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

†3188. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether establishment of Eklavya Model Residential Schools are planned in districts having more than 25 per cent population of Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of such schools that are proposed to be established;

(c) by when the teaching work will be initiated in these schools; and

(d) the details thereof?

Allocation of funds under TSP

†3189. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monitoring and allocation of funds as well as monitoring of expenditure and outlay of funds previously done by the Planning Commission is now likely to be performed by the Ministry under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP);

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to ensure full benefit of schemes of Ministries to the tribal community and to avoid any laxity in this regard;

(c) the percentage of amount allocated and has to be spent for women and girls compulsorily out of it; and

(d) the details thereof?

Regulation of sale and consumption of alcohol

†3190. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility of sale and control of consumption of alcohol and narcotic substances in Scheduled Areas under the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) (PESA) Act, 1996 has been handed over to local Panchayats and Gram Sabhas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this provision has been implemented only in certain States, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to implement this provision in all the States and by when?

Low enthusiasm among States to implement VKY

3191. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal dominated States have not shown interest for implementing Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) worth ₹ 200 crores during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry has other plans to improve the life of tribals where VKY has failed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of tribal communities in List of Scheduled Tribes

3192. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) how many new tribal communities have been included in the List of Scheduled Tribes during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received grievances to include more number of tribal communities in the List of Scheduled Tribes and the same is pending with Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of multi-skilled institutes in Rajasthan

‡3193. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to set up multi-skilled institutes in tribal dominated districts of Rajasthan State; and

(b) the details of steps taken by Central Government to provide employment to tribals in tribal dominated areas of the State?

Steps taken by NCST for welfare of displaced tribals

3194. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 187 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 2016 and state:

(a) what have been the steps taken by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) as a consequence of the meeting of Chief Secretaries of various States based on concerned petition for welfare of displaced tribals since September 1, 2016;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has been receiving petitions on this and allied subjects pertaining to tribals;

(c) what steps does Government propose to take in view of inaction by State Governments for tribals of Polavaram and Devipatnam mandals; and

(d) dates by when a face-to-face meeting of Chief Secretaries and petitioners will be called in Delhi?

Funds for development of Scheduled Tribes

3195. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds in the current Five Year Plan for the overall development of the people of the Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) how much fund has been earmarked for the development of the Scheduled Tribes in the State of Odisha; and

(c) which are the schemes of the current Five Year Plan that have been implemented till 31st January, 2017 for the development of the Scheduled Tribes in the State of Odisha?

Migration of tribals from Jharkhand

3196. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total extent of migration of tribals from Jharkhand after the creation of the State;

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- (b) whether the Central Government forest, acquisition of land of poor tribals, has analysed the reasons for migration of etc. are responsible for such migration; and tribals from Jharkhand;
- (c) whether poverty, destruction of (d) whether any steps have been taken to mitigate migration of poor tribals away from their State?

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