## Rajya Sabha

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021/ 14 Magha, 1942 (Saka)

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Labour and Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel)

Total number of questions -- 160

#### Air services from small cities

#### 161 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide air services from small cities under UDAN scheme:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Samastipur (Bihar) has been included in this scheme, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether Government proposes to include Samastipur under the said scheme?

#### Water aerodromes

#### 162 Shri Sambhaii Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has evolved any concrete plan to provide the facility of water aerodromes after the successful launch of seaplane services between Statue of Unity and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether such a facility would help the fliers, if so, the details thereof?

### Upgradation of airports in Chhattisgarh

### 163 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

- (a) whether Government had identified Jagdalpur, Ambikapur and Bilaspur airports for upgradation/development and funds were also sanctioned for the purpose during 2020-2021:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the current status of work at respective sites; and
- (d) how much time it would take to complete the upgradation and development of these airports?

### Construction new airports

### 164 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has planned to construct any new airports by 2024, the Statewise details thereof; and
- (b) how much funds have been proposed/allocated for the same, the details thereof?

## Safety and security of airports

### 165 Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of *Civil Aviation* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any serious note on safety and security of airports from any untoward happenings like fire accidents, terror attacks etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has provided funds for the procurement of fire safety equipment including fire engines and other security programmes to ensure the safety of airports in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, airport-wise?

### Handling of VIP protocol/lounge at Delhi airport

#### 166 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the company handling the VIP protocol/lounge at Delhi airport and the details of the its responsibilities and conditions under which this responsibility has been given to the said company:
- (b) whether GMR is not providing assistance to Hon'ble Members of Parliament during their visit to Delhi on the pretext of shortage of staff;
- (c) if so, whether Government proposes to discontinue the services of the said company and entrust the responsibility to any other company; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Privatisation of airports**

#### 167 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

- (a) airport-wise rates quoted by each bidder in bidding of six airports leased out recently;
- (b) whether Government or AAI had calculated 'Existing Per Passenger Fee' for each airport before starting bidding process:
- (c) if so, the difference of amounts quoted by biggest bidder and fee existed in each airports and if not, whether Government decided Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) is going to give economic advantage to AAI;
- (d) whether wide deviation in rates quoted by various bidders was due to non-preparation of Request for Qualification, if so, reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether there was an Operation and Management Experience Clause for bidders, details thereof?

## Transfer of Trivandrum airport

#### 168 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government or AAI had calculated 'Existing Per Passenger Fee' of Trivandrum airport before starting bidding process:
- (b) if so, difference of amount quoted by biggest bidder and fee existed;
- (c) if not, whether Government decided PPP is propose give economic advantage to AAI;
- (d) whether State Government of Kerala had requested for Right of First Refusal (RFR) without any range parameter in bidding; and
- (e) reasons why a condition of 10 per cent price difference to use RFR was put while formulating bidding norms denying request of Kerala and why wasn't there an Operation and Management Experience Clause for bidders?

#### Disinvestment of Air India

## 169 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

## Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the disinvestment process of Air India;
- (b) the plan of Government for Government-run international air services subsequent to Air India disinvestment;
- (c) total Air India dues against various Government departments on accounts of airfare; and
- (d) credit period given by Air India to Government departments and whether any interest is also paid to Air India on airfare in case of non-payment of it within said credit period?

### Inclusion of airports in Odisha under UDAN scheme

#### 170 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any plans to include more airports in Odisha under the UDAN scheme:
- (b) if so, the details of those airports and by when they would be included; and
- (c) how would they be benefitted by being part of this scheme?

### **Development of airports in Uttar Pradesh**

### 171 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of *Civil Aviation* be pleased to state:

the details of airports that have been built by Government over the last three years in various States including Uttar Pradesh?

#### Maintenance of airports

## 172 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

- (a) the names of airports that have been leased out to private sector for maintenance by Government and the dates since they have been leased out;
- (b) whether Government is considering to hand over the vacant land around the airports to

those companies which have been given the airports for maintenance; and (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Newly constructed airports**

## 173 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of newly constructed airports from financial year 2014-15 to 2019-20;
- (b) whether requests for construction of new airports have been received from the States;
- (c) if not, whether the requests for same would be accepted; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Status of aircraft leasing financial activity

### 174 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government made progress in aircraft leasing financing activity and also worked out global in-house-centres; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New routes under RCS**

#### 175 Dr. Banda Prakash:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new routes under the fourth round of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) have been approved following the three successful rounds of bidding by Government and if so, the key features of UDAN 4;
- (b) the number of routes sanctioned so far under the scheme;
- (c) the names of unserved and underserved airports in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether the operation of helicopter and seaplanes has also been incorporated under UDAN 4; and
- (e) the details of airports connectivity initiated under UDAN 1, 2 and 3 so far?

### International connectivity from Madurai airport

#### 176 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of international routes started from Madurai airport;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to introduce more international connectivity to Madurai airport; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Proposal to develop the Rasgovindpur airstrip

### 177 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

#### Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal or will consider the demand to develop the Rasgovindpur airstrip in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha which has historical importance, into an airport in North Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with the proposal of developing this airstrip which is lying

unused for a long time; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry has taken up this issue with the Defence Ministry to consider this proposal of developing Rasgovindour airstrip into airport?

### International airport at Puri

#### 178 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of *Civil Aviation* be pleased to state:

whether Government will consider the State Government of Odisha's demand for setting up an international airport at Puri which attracts a huge number of international devotees every year?

## **Upgradation of airports**

#### 179 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports in the country which have been upgraded with latest facilities during the last five years, the details thereof;
- (b) the private players to whom this job was entrusted, details thereof airport-wise, (c) the details of expenditure incurred for upgradation of these airports; and
- (d) whether any committee had been constituted to identify these airports for upgradation, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### Agreements for construction new airports

### 180 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to construct new airports in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have agreed to enter into an agreement with the Central Government for upgradation of the existing airports in their States: and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Flights to Tirupati under UDAN scheme

#### 181 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any flights to Tirupati under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of flights which are being operated in the State of Andhra Pradesh under the UDAN scheme till date;
- (d) whether Government is planning on allocating new routes under the UDAN scheme to the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

# Cancellation of flights due to fog

### 182 Shri Rajeev Satav:

- (a) whether a large number of domestic and international flights of various public and private sector airlines are delayed/cancelled due to dense fog during the current winter season, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the losses incurred by various airlines as a result thereof, airline-wise during the said period;
- (c) the total number of passengers who were severely affected by cancellation of these flights; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to obviate/minimise problems faced by various airlines in taking off and landing during dense fog conditions?

#### Debt of Air India

#### 183 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current employees of Air India will remain employed with Air India post its strategic disinvestment;
- (b) the base enterprise value of Air India set for bidding; and
- (c) the current debt of Air India, and how much of it is transferred to a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)?

### Development of civil aviation sector

#### 184 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to privatise certain airports in the various States/UT of the country and if so, the details of such airports, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government has permitted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for certain services in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government for the development of the civil aviation sector/civil aviation departments of the various States?

### Bidding process of Air India

### 185 **Shri Ripun Bora**:

Will the Minister of *Civil Aviation* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to sell off 100 per cent stake of Air India;
- (b) if so, whether the State run Air India is under preliminary bidding process of new owners therefor;
- (c) if so, the details of losses incurred by Air India since 2016 and the expression of interests of all bidders thereof: and
- (d) the details of value of total movable and immovable property of Air India and the proposed enterprise value for the bidders and or new owner therein?

#### Impact of pandemic on civil aviation sector

### 186 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of regulatory restrictions on flight operations both in domestic and international sectors during COVID-19 period;
- (b) if so, details of its impact on traffic and revenue;
- (c) whether regulatory restriction has impacted employment in the civil aviation sector;

- (d) if so, what actions were taken or intended to be taken to meet these challenges;
- (e) what actions were taken or intended to reduce impact of lockdown and pandemic on this sector:
- (f) whether the sector has received any funds from announced financial packages by the Ministry of Finance during pandemic; and
- (g) if so, details thereof?

## Strengthening of private security agencies

## 187 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to discipline and strengthen the private security agencies after the major role they played during peak period of COVID-19 to enable them to be more effective in rendering services:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any study on how these agencies could be more effective so that their base could be broadened further to generate more employment?

### **Fund utilisation of NDMA**

### 188 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) presently;
- (b) what steps have been taken by Government to make NDMA more effective to combat the prevailing pandemic; and
- (c) the data of the fund utilisation of the NDMA fund for the pandemic COVID-19?

### **Deportation of Rohingya Muslims**

#### 189 Shri Anil Desai:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the large scale entry of Rohingya muslims into the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such people and why security forces guarding border could not stop such illegal entry and what facilities they are receiving while living in India; and
- (c) the places where they are living in India and how long Government would bear them in the country and when they will be deported to their country of origin?

#### Blocking of Delhi border by farmers

#### 190 Shri Anil Desai:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the borders of National Capital is at present blocked by some farmers agitating against the farm laws;
- (b) whether it is not a cause of great inconvenience to the residents of Delhi and neighboring states;
- (c) whether any financial loss is also being suffered by people and Governments, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) what action Government has taken to clear the borders of National capital?

### Women in farmer suicide data

#### 191 Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 'housewife' category of suicides recorded in the Country includes the suicides of women farmers in accordance with the definition of farmer as given in National Policy for Farmers. 2007:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by Government to correctly identify suicides by persons engaged in agriculture; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Committee for reforms in Criminal Laws

### 192 Shri Mallikariun Kharge:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has appointed a Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws with no representation from women, transgender, religious minorities and backward castes;
- (b) if so, the reasons as to why there is no representation from said communities in the Committee:
- (c) what are the exact terms of reference of the Committee's work and the deadline within which same needs to be done;
- (d) whether there have been demands from several prominent lawyers and former SC judges for better representation and more transparency in the workings of the Committee; and
- (e) if so, what steps are being taken to address their concerns?

#### Cyber crimes

#### 193 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by Government to bring down cyber crimes which are gradually going up and how many of these instances are from across the borders;
- (b) the details of motives behind cyber crimes in the country and the reasons behind more cyber crimes taking place in States which are IT hubs;
- (c) how availability of cheaper smart phones and increased use of internet is contributing to cyber crimes; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to rein in cyber crimes in the country?

#### Police-population ratio

#### 194 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

- (a) whether the ratio of police personnel per thousand persons is 1:2 in India which is far below the recommendations made by the United Nations;
- (b) whether police reforms considered by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Shri Prakash Singh vs UOI seeking complete overhaul of Police administration, owing to vacancies across all cadres, overburden of work, non-grant of leaves, prolonged working hours and unhealthy dietary habits amongst police forces are highly required; and
- (c) whether Government of Rajasthan has decided to institutionalise its initiatives regarding

policy being adopted in some of the districts of the State at present?

### Data maintained by NCRB

### 195 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of all the databases maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau; and
- (b) the list of all Government and private companies with whom data of all these databases has been shared?

#### Electronic and other forms of surveillance

#### 196 Shri Tiruchi Siya:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has engaged in electronic or other forms of surveillance on citizens without prior consent, for purposes of Government;
- (b) if so, the details of surveillance carried out in the past five years; and
- (c) the details of the investigation and whether it has been culminated?

### Precautionary measures in prisons during COVID-19

#### 197 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any additional funding has been provided to State Governments during the pandemic to cater to the additional expenditure to institute precautionary measures inside prisons;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to resume or reinitiate the Modernisation of Prisons Scheme for the State Governments: and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Prisoners released to curb the spread of COVID-19

#### 198 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of prisoners released from 1st April, 2020 to December, 2020 from prisons across states and UTs as a precautionary measure to curb the spread of the COVID-19 in prisons;
- (b) the State-wise details of the total number of tests conducted in prisons between April, 2020 and December, 2020; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government as precautionary measures for curbing the spread of COVID-19 in prisons?

### Parameter for privatisation of airports

### 199 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to privatise all the airports in the country and how many airports are under private companies currently;
- (b) the details of airports which the Ministry has decided to privatise:
- (c) the parameter set to privatise the airports; and
- (d) the parameter that private companies should meet to participate in the auction?

## Concern over arrest of civil rights activists

### 200 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

## Dr. Amee Yajnik:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of concerns expressed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights over the rise in arrests and/or detention of civil rights activists in India for carrying out peaceful dissent;
- (b) if so, Government's response to the same; and
- (c) if there is no response from Government, the reasons therefor?

## Impact of abrogation of Article 370 on J&K

#### 201 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment of the impact of abrogation of Article 370 on Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (b) if so, the details of this assessment?

### Violation of human rights

### 202 Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government observed human rights day recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government and the National Human Rights Commission(NHRC) have registered cases against police personnel regarding violation of human rights and atrocities against people in the country; and
- (d) if so, the number of such cases registered by Government and the NHRC separately and the action taken against the guilty personnel during each of the last three years and the current year, crime-wise and State-wise?

#### Full Body Truck Scanners at Integrated Check Post

### 203 Shri Shwait Malik:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the installation of Full Body Truck Scanners (FBTS) at Integrated Check Post (ICP) Attari was approved last year as per the request but it is not operational yet;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) by when Full Body Truck Scanner at ICP Attari will be operational?

#### Aapda Mitra scheme

#### 204 Shri Dinesh Trivedi:

- (a) whether Government is planning to implement the Aapda Mitra scheme, pan-India based on positive feedback;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time frame of implementation; and
- (c) the districts to be included along with the natural disaster for which training will be provided?

## Lathicharge against protesting farmers

205 Dr. Amee Yajnik: Shri Anand Sharma: Shri Neeraj Dangi: Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any force including tear Gas, lathicharge and water cannons were employed against protesting farmers at inter-State borders of Delhi by police;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether cases have been registered against protesting farmers or farmer groups during the course of the protests as of January 15, 2021; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Police reforms

#### 206 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of States who have implemented Padmanabhaiyah Committee's recommendation of four constabulary personnel per officer; and
- (b) the number of States which have implemented Ribeiro Committee's recommendation to establish State Security Commission;
- (c) the number of States which have not implemented and what are the reasons for non-compliance; and
- (d) what is the proportion of police personnel per 1000,000 people and whether it qualifies the norms set up by the National Police Commission?

#### Criminal Law Reforms Committee

#### 207 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the mandate and scope of the Criminal Law Reforms Committee:
- (b) the details of grounds the members of the Criminal Law Reforms Committee have been selected: and
- (c) the status quo of the Criminal Law Reforms Committee's public consultation process?

#### Persons Arrested in J&K under PSA

#### 208 Shri Ripun Bora:

### Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

- (a) the number of political and civil society activists, public figures and journalists in Jammu and Kashmir detained and/or put under house arrest under the Public Safety Act since August 1, 2019; and
- (b) the number of political and civil society activists and public figures in Jammu and Kashmir detained and/or put under house arrest under the Public Safety Act that have been released since August 1, 2019?

### Undertrial prisoners afflicted with COVID Positive

#### 209 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of prisoners, including undertrial prisoners afflicted with COVID in various jails in the country. State-wise:
- (b) whether precautions were followed to save them from COVID, including mask wearing, social distancing etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) what arrangements have been made for the treatment and isolation of COVID prisoners in the jails; and
- (e) the number of prisoners died due to COVID, the details thereof and the compensation given to their families?

### Safe City Project under Nirbhaya Fund

### 210 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

#### Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of funds allocated and utilised from Nirbhaya Fund during last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of Nirbhaya Funds allocated / utilised to implement the Safe City Component of the Nirbhaya Scheme during last five years, city-wise;
- (c) whether certain irregularities have been reported in tendering process to implement the Safe City component in Bengaluru;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken / being taken by Government to rectify the irregularities?

### **National Suicide Registry**

#### 211 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has compiled data on deaths by suicide and attempted suicides between 1st March, 2020 to 31st January, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of deaths by suicide and the number of attempted suicides, State-wise, gender-wise, month-wise, social category-wise (SC/ST) and cause-wise in 2020 and 2019:
- (c) whether Government has considered releasing real-time data on deaths by suicide and attempted suicides;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has considered establishing a National Suicide Registry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Stimulus package for J & K

### 212 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

- (a) whether Government has created a stimulus package for Jammu and Kashmir to address the economic slump caused by the year long lockdown and communication blockade:
- (b) if so, the quantum of funds that have been allocated;

- (c) the guantum of funds released as on December 31, 2020; and
- (d) the quantum of funds utilised as on December 31, 2020?

## **Data on Refugees**

## 213 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

### Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains data on refugees, asylum seekers and Stateless persons residing in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of refugees, Stateless refugees, asylum seekers and Stateless persons currently in the country, as per their country of origin and professed religion to which they belong; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not maintaining such data?

## Summons to voluntary agencies helping farmer agitation

### 214 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NIA and ED issued summon against 40 people related with voluntary agencies, groups and individuals who are providing humanitarian support to farmers agitation;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the action taken by Government is not misuse of power to suppress the voice of Indian farmers, if not, the measures taken by Government towards solution of farmers' problems, except summons?

### Website of Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws

### 215 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the website of the Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws seeking stakeholder consultations is only in the English language that makes it not reachable to a wider audience;
- (b) whether it is mandatory to bring all public documents in Hindi and other regional languages; and
- (c) if so, the reasons as to why the website was not designed in multiple languages of the Country and steps taken to include other languages for stakeholder consultations?

### Pucca houses under PMAY(U)

#### 216 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide pucca houses to people living Below Poverty Line, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U));
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of houses built under this yojana in Bihar, so far, and the number of houses to be built; and
- (d) by when the target of this scheme would be achieved, the details thereof?

## Cost of new Parliament project

#### 217 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

the estimated cost at which the redevelopment project of new Parliament, Prime Minister and Vice-President's residences along with 10 building blocks that will accommodate all Government ministries and departments?

#### Slums cleared for SCM

#### 218 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of slums cleared in the selected smart cities, especially in Uttar Pradesh, for developmental projects;
- (b) whether instructions have been issued to State Governments for rehabilitation of the people living in slums before acquiring their land for developmental process under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the amount sanctioned, released and utilized for rehabilitation of these slum dwellers so far in these States under this Mission?

## Affordability under ARHCs scheme

### 219 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the parameters used by Government to define and ensure "affordability" under Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) scheme;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the conditions of the houses are 'habitable' for the tenants in the ARHCs model; and
- (c) what form of tenure security will be provided to the residents of these complexes to prevent their eviction or housing loss?

#### SCM benefits to marginalized section

#### 220 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of 'smart city' projects sanctioned and completed, the details thereof;
- (b) the total expenditure on these projects; and
- (c) the details of the projects that directly benefit the most marginalized and low-income groups in cities and urban areas?

#### Shelters for urban homeless population

#### 221 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) has presented an unofficial figure of the urban homeless population at 30 lakh (3 million) but Government's official count has only recognized 9.38 lakh (less than a million) out of which only 1.09 lakh shelters are created under the Deendayal Antyodaya- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) scheme; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to include the remaining number of homeless population into the official count and create shelters accordingly and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Demand for pucca housing

#### 222 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in demand for pucca housing due to ruralurban migration: and
- (b) if so, the details of the plans by Government to fulfill such demands?

### Adoption of technologies by civic bodies

#### 223 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan initiated by the adoption of technologies, especially in provisioning of civic amenities like SWM, UGD, SWD, long life roads, signaling systems, etc; and
- (b) the technology-related funding to corporations to lead the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) (SBM(U)) in a realistic way, the State-wise details for last five years?

### CLSS under PMAY(U)

#### 224 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of complaints regarding Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana(Urban) (PMAY(U)); and
- (b) the steps taken to address these complaints?

## Housing facilities for specially-abled persons

### 225 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the basic facilities for the specially-abled people have been taken into consideration at the time of construction of new houses for the public by Government and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the facilities planned for specially-abled people in the new houses to be constructed in the future?

### SCM in Chhattisgarh

#### 226 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cities in Chhattisgarh selected for Smart Cities Mission (SCM);
- (b) the details of funds allocated to these cities under SCM during the last two years along with the number and current status of works being carried out, under this project; and
- (c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding corruption in SCM in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government, in this regard?

### Rental accommodation for urban poor

#### 227 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

(a) the contours of proposed affordable rental accommodation for urban poor and migrant

workers by Government;

- (b) how Government will bring in industry to be a part of this initiative to help poor and migrant labours;
- (c) whether any framework for this initiative has been prepared by Government and, if so, the details thereof and incentives proposed to be given to private players who wish to develop such housing projects on their own;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to involve Government agencies also like CPWD, NBCC, etc.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Light House Projects in Andhra Pradesh

#### 228 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has laid the the foundation of six Light House Projects (LHPs) as part of Global Housing Technology Challenge India (GHTC -India) initiative, in six States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to include the State of Andhra Pradesh for the LHPs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Shelter to homeless people in Tamil Nadu

#### 229 Shri P. Wilson:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey on the homeless people in Tamil Nadu who live in public places like footpaths, flyovers and railway stations etc., if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether Government has formulated or would formulate any separate scheme to rehabilitate these homeless people; and
- (c) if so, the details of the amount disbursed across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Extension of CLSS

#### 230 Shri V. Viiavasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) how middleclass families would get the benefit of Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) at a time when crores of people have become jobless and are on roads;
- (b) whether it is a fact that it takes more than one year for bringing stability in middle class families and by the time they would get stability and think of buying a home, the benefit of CLSS will be over:
- (c) whether this benefit will be extended up to March, 2022; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Demolition of buildings for Central Vista Project**

## 231 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

#### Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

(a) the buildings to be demolished and reconstructed under the Central Vista

Redevelopment Project and the details of expenditure and cost to be incurred on all these scheme; and

(b) whether it was not possible to hold this project for some time like other projects in the wake of the current Corona pandemic?

### Sanitation and drinking water facilities in slums

## 232 # Shri Narayan Rane:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps or proposes to take any steps to ensure availability of toilets, sewage, water pipelines and drinking water facilities in such slums till formulation of a slum redevelopment and rehabilitation scheme along the lines of identical schemes implemented by the State Government of Maharashtra for the construction of slum redevelopment and rehabilitation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Smart City Proposals (SCPs) under SCM

### 233 # Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilized for Smart Cities Mission (SCM) during last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of completed and partially completed projects and the projects running into initial stage thereof under Smart City Proposals (SCPs):
- (c) the number of proposals received for water mobility, roads under Solid Waste Management (SWM) programme under SCP; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated, in this regard?

### Financial crisis being faced by municipal corporations

#### 234 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that various municipal corporations in the country are facing acute financial crisis;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to control the situation; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned/released to the each of the municipal corporations in the State of Maharashtra during each of the last five years and the current year?

### Auction of old equipments of HSCL

### 235 Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that HSCL (Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited) auctioned the old equipments of Bokaro unit last month, at lower price as comparison to the basic price of other PSUs. (b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and
- (c) whether is also a fact that the equipments which were auctioned were already in working condition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

## Housing for homeless living in slums

#### 236 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data of the homeless people living in the slums in cities and if so, the State-wise and UT-wise details thereof:
- (b) the target set by Government and the target achieved regarding housing units for homeless living in slums during period 2014-15 to 2019-20; and
- (c) the major roadblocks identified and the solution to tide over this hurdle, if the targets are not being achieved, the details thereof?

### **Objections to Central Vista Project**

#### 237 Shri Rajmani Patel:

### Dr. Amee Yajnik:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land for public use that has been notified to restricted Government use to implement the Central Vista Project:
- (b) whether Government has received representations from urban planners, heritage experts and the general public expressing opposition to the Project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for opposition;
- (d) whether Government withdrew Delhi's candidature as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015 in anticipation of the project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Contract awarded under Delhi-Meerut RRTS project

#### 238 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has awarded a contract to a Chinese company, Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Company Limited, for the construction of a 5.6-km underground stretch, from New Ashok Nagar to Sahibabad, of the Delhi-Meerut RRTS project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of companies who have submitted technical bids and how many of them qualified in the technical bid evaluation?

#### Beneficiaries under PMSVANidhi scheme

## 239 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative to support urban street vendors to resume their livelihoods who have been more severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic under Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme; and
- (b) if so, the number of its beneficiaries since its launch in June 2020, State-wise?

## ARHCs scheme for migrant labourers

## 240 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) scheme for

migrant labourers;

- (b) whether the scheme has been launched, if so, whether it is on pilot basis or on regular basis:
- (c) the details of parameters identified for this project;
- (d) the details of Government-funded houses in various cities of the country, city-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the role of private sector in this initiative?

### Job losses in private sector due to pandemic

### 241 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been huge job loses around the country in all private sectors due to pandemic;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware that private jobs do not provide job security and thus lead a working class Man's family in abject poverty and neck deep in loan in times of sudden job loss:
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide job security in private sector; and
- (d) the details of lessons learnt to protect the working class in private sector from complete financial collapse?

### Rehabilitation of migrant labours

### 242 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise data on migrant labours from unorganised sector who have returned back to their home town during the lockdown:
- (b) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of those migrant workers who have returned back to their home town during the lockdown;
- (c) the steps taken by Government for the compensating of the family members of the deceased migrant workers during the lockdown; and
- (d) the specific data about the loss of job of the workers who were in employment before the lockdown was declared?

### Complaints mechanism in EPS

### 243 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanism Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is using to scrutinizing firms that circumvent rules to avoid providing Employees' Pension Schemes (EPS) benefits to their employees; and
- (b) whether there is any provisions/mechanisms for receiving complaints of such firms and subsequently investigate them?

#### Settlement mechanism in EPFO

### 244 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

whether EPFO considered or proposed to create a mechanism of settlement of disputes on the lines on SEBI's settlement mechanism?

## Schemes/ policy for organised/unorganised sector

#### 245 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme/policy for the welfare and social security of workers engaged in organised/unorganised sector; and
- (b) if so, the number of beneficiaries and funds allocated/spent for said schemes and the State/ UT-wise details thereof including Uttar Pradesh?

### Investments by EPFO

### 246 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) how far the investments made in Bonds and other instruments has been beneficial to EPFO during last three years;
- (b) whether any of such or other investments have resulted in loss to EPFO;
- (c) the companies where EPFO has incurred losses and companies faced fall in ratings, the details for last three years;
- (d) the steps taken to retrieve the money invested, if returns on EPFO investments have faced negative impacts; and
- (e) how much is the expected loss out of the investments in de-rated companies and the list of companies in which investments of EPFO are in danger now, the details thereof?

### Child labour and trafficking

#### 247 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that child labour is still prevalent and increasing in many parts of the country despite the ban on child labour;
- (b) the details of the provisions fixed by Government for protecting children from trafficking and child labour and the number of cases reported against child labour and the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any legislation/laws in this regard; and
- (d) the policy initiatives/action plan to completely eradicate child labour and trafficking in the country?

### ESI hospitals in Tamil Nadu

### 248 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has changed statistics of labour Index in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether Government would set up more ESI hospital especially in Tamil Nadu: and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Extended working hours

#### 249 Shri M. Shanmugam:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have extended working hours to make up production loss due to lockdown;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Code on Wages provides floor wage based on minimum living conditions;
- (d) whether before fixing floor level minimum wages, it would take into account minimum living standard, including food, clothing, housing and other factors;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether objections and resistance were raised by several trade unions, if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the number of workers who are likely to benefit from across the country?

### Upgradation of facilities in ESI hospitals

#### 250 Shri M. Shanmugam:

### Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is proposing to upgrade the facilities in all the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals functioning in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof:
- (b) the number of ESI hospitals where Intensive Care Units (ICU) including for Pediatric have been set up in the last three years;
- (c) whether Government would increase the bed occupancy in all the hospitals where there is a demand in view of pressure in the ESI hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

### NSSO data on unemployment

#### 251 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received recent report of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on the unemployment issue of the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that during the last five years joblessness stood at a 45 year high;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has failed to create any job during their last tenure;
- (d) whether millions of jobs have been lost post lockdown in March 2020 up till now; and
- (e) if so, the proposal and line of action to generate employment and jobs in the country within next two years?

### **Provident Fund trusts**

#### 252 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Employee Provident Fund (EPF) trusts existing in the country under the PF Act, 1925, the details till date;
- (b) the number of subscribers who are availing the services of the EPF trusts in the year 2020:
- (c) the details of the contributions by the subscribers in these PF trusts; and
- (d) the details of amount which is unclaimed in these trusts?

### **Amendment in Migrant Workmen Act**

### 253 Shri Anand Sharma:

- (a) whether Government has considered steps to better implement the provisions of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act, 1979 in light of the plight of migrant workers during the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plans to introduce new legislation or amend the above Act to protect the rights of migrant workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### ESI hospital in Vizianagaram

### 254 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a new ESI hospital was sanctioned for Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh:
- (b) if so, what are the details of number of beds, facilities to be provided, departments to be started, etc.; and
- (c) what is the estimated cost of the project and by when it is likely to be completed?

### Medical college by ESIC at Bihta

#### 255 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ESIC has completed the construction of building for Medical College at Bihta under district Patna, Bihar in 2016;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Medical College could not be started even after four years; and
- (c) if so, by when the Government proposes to start the said Medical College?

### **New labour codes**

#### 256 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rules have been drafted for the new labour codes;
- (b) whether they have been published for inviting objection from the public; and
- (c) by when these rules would come to effect?

#### Reduction in ESI contribution

### 257 Shri K. Somaprasad:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed the adverse affect of reduction of employers contribution to the Employees State Insurance (ESI) scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the reduction has accelerated the enrolment of new employers in ESI?

#### Health hazards in asbestos industry

#### 258 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

- (a) the number of workers are employed in the Asbestos industry in the country:
- (b) whether Government is aware that the workers in this industry have danger of a fatal disease. Asbestosis:

- (c) if so, the number of workers who have been victims of Asbestosis between 2015-2020;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court's guidelines given in 2011 for the use of Asbestos has not been fully complied by the Asbestos industry; and
- (e) the steps taken to give proper treatment and privileges to the workers victim of the aforesaid disease and also implementation of the Supreme Court guidelines?

#### Statistics on workers and artisans

#### 259 # Shri Ram Shakal:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to count the number of workers and artisans working in various fields:
- (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the amount spent for this purpose in the current financial year 2019-2020; and
- (d) the percentage of success achieved in terms of the set target?

### Youth Employment

#### 260 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/qualification/gender-wise number of youth seeking jobs or available for work from March to December, 2020;
- (b) whether Government has provided any compensation for income lost during COVID-19 pandemic through direct benefit transfers to these youth;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (d) the sectors with the highest rate of unemployment from March to December, 2020;
- (e) whether Government has taken any steps to promote job creation and private employment of youths in these sectors; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Salaried unemployment post COVID-19

#### 261 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/qualification/gender-wise details of salaried employees seeking job or are available for work from March to December, 2020;
- (b) whether Government has provided any compensation for income lost through direct benefit transfers to salaried workers who lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (d) the State/qualification/gender/sector-wise details of salaried workers who have received employment through the National Career Service (NCS); and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of jobs, employers and rate of job-matching through NCS since March, 2020?

#### Draft rules for labour codes

## 262 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

- (a) whether the Ministry has recently convened a consultation meeting to discuss on the draft rules for labour codes; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

## Policy for migrant workers

### 263 Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating a comprehensive national policy for migrant workers in the country after their shocking and distressing experiences during the lockdown:
- (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the progress of the relief package announced as part of Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan including the number of beneficiaries that have been covered as of December 31, 2020?

### Data on employment/ unemployment

#### 264 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

### Shri Raimani Patel:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data on unemployment levels in the country in 2016-17;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether data for 2016-17 collected through the sixth Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey is included;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government intends to place in the public domain, unemployment data for the period 2016-17;
- (e) if so, the details including the date by which is expected; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Additional ESI hospital in Andhra Pradesh

#### 265 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up an ESI hospital in the State of Andhra Pradesh besides the existing ones;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Consultation with the labour unions before enacting the labour codes

### 266 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

- (a) whether Government had made any consultations with labour unions or stakeholders before enacting labour codes;
- (b) if so, details of meetings held and the participants in these consultations, if not, reasons therefor:
- (c) whether Government has incorporated any suggestions from workers and labour unions in the enacted acts and details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has taken into consideration the concerns of workers with regard to the lack of universal social security protections in codes; and
- (e) how social security contributions would work for atypical arrangements where there is no clear employer and employee relationship including home-based work, self-

employment, piece-rate work, etc?

## Schemes for unroganised sector

### 267 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any new scheme in future for better health and livelihood for workers in unorganised sector; and
- (b) if so, the details of the nature of this scheme and changes this scheme would bring in their lives?

## Employees' and employers' contributions to EPF

#### 268 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government intends to mandate reductions in employees' and employers' contributions to Employees Provident Funds (EPF);
- (b) if so, whether percentage contributed by employees and employers will reduce by the same amount and from when it is expected:
- (c) for how long does Government intend to keep the reduction in place; and
- (d) whether Government will take any steps to ensure that employers do not unduly reduce their contributions under the garb of this proposed move?

### Information on chilld labour in the country

#### 269 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the latest report of International Labour Organisation (ILO), child labour has decreased to 38 per cent during last decade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of decrease/increase in child labour in the Country during the period, yearwise and State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number of child labours in the country as on date, State-wise?

## Employment generation in organised and unorganised sector

### 270 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of *Labour and Employment* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employment generation in the country during 2020-21 till date, State-wise and month-wise; and
- (b) the details of employment generation in organised and unorganised sector during 2020-21 till date. State-wise and month-wise?

### Independent operators of gas pipelines

#### 271 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

- (a) whether the Government has decided on Independent operators for gas pipelines;
- (b) if so, the details of the benefits of such decision:
- (c) whether this will lead to further rise in cost of gas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Advanced Biofuel

#### 272 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a scheme pertaining to 'Advanced Biofuels':
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the national and State-wise targets; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Clean cooking fuel in households

#### 273 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total percentage of households using clean cooking fuels in the country as on date; and
- (b) the State-wise percentage of households using clean cooking fuels as on date?

#### **National Gas Grid**

## 274 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to promote the idea of National Gas Grid
- (NGG) and enhance the usage of natural gas across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of States being covered under the scheme; and
- (c) the expected cost of implementing this scheme, the details thereof?

### Outsourcing of refining process

## 275 Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started outsourcing of refining process in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed selection process;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and which are the refineries for such outsourcing?

#### Ethanol as an alternate fuel

#### 276 Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote use of ethanol as an alternate fuel in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the cost of production thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to augment production and use of ethanol in the country; and
- (d) the quantity of ethanol produced in the country during the last three years and the projected demand and supply thereof?

#### Import of components used in oil and gas sector

#### 277 Shri Sanjay Raut:

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of components used in the oil and gas sector productions are being imported from various countries leading to loss of lot of foreign exchange, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is considering to boost the domestic production of a large number of modern components for the use of oil and gas sector under 'Make in India' programme to save foreign exchange and to generate more job opportunities in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Hike in cost of petrol/diesel

278 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:** 

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) the actual cost of petrol and diesel at present and amount being recovered from the consumers by way of various taxes:
- (b) the details of hikes in per litre dealer commission, Central taxes and State taxes on petrol and diesel respectively during the last five years; and
- (c) whether recovery of an amount greater than the actual cost by way of various taxes is not against the interest of the consumers?

### Status of PMUY gas connections

## 279 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the providing free gas connections to the poor and needy people of the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh, under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the last four years. year-wise: and
- (b) the action taken by Government to provide free gas connection in next three years, the details thereof?

#### Low rates of petroleum products in neighbouring countries

### 280 Dr. Banda Prakash:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Pakistan are maintaining low rates of petrol/diesel;
- (b) if so, the analysis thereof including the reasons for high price of petrol/diesel in India despite their price being cheap in international market; and
- (c) the details of quantum of profit earned by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) due to cheap price of petrol/diesel in international market?

#### Petrol pumps allotments for SCs/ STs

#### 281 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any guidelines pertaining to allotment of new petrol pumps/ gas agencies to the SC and ST applicants by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (b) the State-wise/ UT-wise details of petrol pumps/ gas agencies allotted to SC/ ST applicants with a special reference to Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the efforts made by the OMCs to fill up the quota of the said category as per reservation policy and by when the said allotment is likely to be made?

## CSR funds utilisation by oil PSUs

#### 282 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of amount spent by different Oil and Petroleum Undertakings in various parts of the country under Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) fund, during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of different fields where CSR funds have been utilized during the last three years and how those fields have been identified?

## Connections provided under PMUY

### 283 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of free gas connections which been provided to BPL families during the last three years under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);
- (b) whether the target to provide free gas connections has been achieved;
- (c) whether the identification of BPL families is a major problem for the smooth implementation of the scheme and whether its successful solution is being done in consultation with the State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Fall in global crude oil price

#### 284 Shri P. Bhattacharva:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of fall in global crude oil prices:
- (b) what has been the drop in prices of petrol and diesel in the same period; and
- (c) the reasons why Government, after removing subsidies, is not bringing down the prices in proportion to the price of the international crude oil?

#### Taxes on petroleum products

### 285 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

### Smt. Chhaya Verma:

#### Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times central tax was increased on petroleum products such as petrol, diesel and LPG during period January 2019 to January 2021;
- (b) the amount of tax being collected from petrol and diesel per litre as a result of frequent increase in taxes on petroleum products: and
- (c) whether there is any mechanism for assessing the impact of increase in prices of petrol and diesel on general public?

## Fuels provided in the country

#### 286 # Shri Ram Shakal:

- (a) the details of fuels being provided to the public by Government;
- (b) whether these fuels are inadequate in comparison to the demand;
- (c) whether Government is striving to discover new fuel; and
- (d) if so, the expenditure made during the year 2019-2020 for the purpose?

### Increase in prices of petrol and diesel

## 287 Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the exorbitant increase in the prices of petrol and diesel in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps undertaken by Government to reduce these prices;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to reduce Central taxes on the petroleum products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### Strategic crude oil reserves

## 288 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has taken any steps to maintain strategic crude oil reserves in the country? (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the present condition of the crude oil reserves in the country; and
- (d) to what extent those crude oil reserves are sufficient to meet energy security?

### Use of E20 fuel

#### 289 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating on use of E20 Fuel a blend of 20 per cent of ethanol and gasoline as an automobile fuel in order to reduce vehicular emissions as well as reduction of country's import bill:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the vehicular compatibility of the fuel has been examined;
- (d) if so, the details of the report thereof; and
- (e) the details of the prospects of introducing E20 fuel for general use?

#### CNG filling stations

#### 290 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

- (a) the total number of CNG filling stations in the country, State-wise including Maharashtra as on December 2020;
- (b) the total number of new CNG stations to be installed in each State including Maharashtra during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the number of CNG stations will be sufficient to meet the growing demand of vehicles; and
- (d) if not, the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

## Oil exploration in Maharashtra

### 291 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning for exploration of oil in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the names of the companies which are working for the purpose;
- (c) the total funds spent by the said companies for survey and exploration work; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure timely completion of the exploration work?

#### Committee on fire accident at Tinsukia

### 292 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Committees constituted by the Ministry, Directorate General of Mines and Safety (DGMS) and Oil Industries Safety Directorate (OISD) have submitted any report regarding massive fire at Baghjan oilfield in Tinsukia, Assam of Oil India Limited (OIL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Curbing increase in prices of petroleum products

293 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

#### Dr. Amee Yainik:

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of petrol and diesel have been increased tremendously during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to curb the increasing prices of petrol and diesel in the country?

### **Targets under PMUY**

### 294 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of free gas connections been provided to BPL families during the last three years under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in various States including Haryana; and
- (b) the number of families targeted to be provided during the next two years, the details thereof?

### Strategic petroleum reserves programme

#### 295 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

- (a) whether it is a fact that UAE and Saudi Arabia have shown keen interest to participate in India's strategic petroleum reserves programme Phase–II;
- (b) the details of underground and over-ground caverns in the country with their capacity;
- (c) whether the Ministry has identified places to store petroleum reserves;
- (d) if so, whether Visakhapatnam from Andhra Pradesh has been chosen for this purpose; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Menace of Manual scavenging

#### 296 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

#### Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a mechanism to sensitise people about the ills created by manual scavenging, if so, details of such mechanism and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Central Government is planning to bring new technology to replace manual scavenging completely by machines;
- (c) if so, by when can manual scavenging be expected to be eradicated completely;
- (d) whether the Central Government has come up with a strategy to give discrimination-free alternate livelihood to manual scavengers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### **Attacks against Scheduled Castes**

#### 297 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of attacks on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the steps the Ministry is taking to eliminate such attacks in future?

#### Welfare of De-notified Tribes

### 298 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

### Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any welfare scheme or policy exclusively for the benefit of De-notified Tribes (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Curtailing of Post Matric scholarship students for dalits

### 299 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has curtailed the Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for Dalit students by changing the rules in 2018;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the plans Government have for all such Dalit students whose career could get affected by the absence of the stipend;
- (d) the number of Dalit beneficiaries that received stipend under the scheme during the current year, post COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (e) the comparison of last five years beneficiary numbers?

# National Commission for neglected De-Notified and Nomadic Tribal groups

#### 300 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a new National Commission for the neglected De-Notified and Nomadic Tribal groups across the country:
- (b) if so, the details of the welfare proposal prepared by Government in this regard;

- (c) the steps taken to implement the recommendations made by national Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes under the Chairmanship of Shri Balkrishna Sidram Renke;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to give them benefits of welfare schemes at par with those of STs: and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

## Sign language in the Eighth Schedule

#### 301 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to include sign language in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution keeping in view that there are 18 million deaf people in India and their first language is Indian Sign Language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the year-wise number of deaf people who are trained in proper sign language during the last five years; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to increase access to learning proper sign language, and communication skills?

## Free coaching to the candidates belonging to SCs and OBCs

#### 302 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed for selection of institutes providing free coaching to the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (b) the monitoring mechanism set up for review of the arrangements for providing quality coaching by enlisted institutes from time to time;
- (c) the number of successful candidates in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise, including Odisha; and
- (d) the number of successful candidates, institute-wise and employment/entrance testwise?

### Welfare of PwDs and visually impaired

## 303 # Shri Narayan Rane:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and visually impaired persons, especially in the State of Maharashtra, as on date;
- (b) whether Government has taken on proposes to take any steps for their rehabilitation and providing financial assistance; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Education of children with disabilities

## 304 Shri Dinesh Trivedi:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is high percentage of children with disabilities in the age group 0-5 years that have never attended any educational institution:
- (b) the steps undertaken by Government to reduce this percentage and improve enrolment

of disabled children:

- (c) whether the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has undertaken the task of developing a module for training and sensitizing teachers in all the schools of the country regarding the needs of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including current progress and time frame of implementation?

## Creamy layer provision for OBCs

305 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

## Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether that the provision of creamy layer in reservation for Government jobs is only being applied to candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs), thereby causing hurdles for the youth from this category in Government jobs;
- (b) whether applicability of creamy layer to the candidates from OBCs only is not an injustice to OBCs;
- (c) the categories on which creamy layer is applicable and whether Government is proposing to apply this on any other category; and
- (d) the current income limit fixed for creamy layer, when was it due for raising and whether it is being raised from time to time?

## Scholarship for differently-abled students

### 306 Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of differently-abled students who have been covered under various scholarship schemes during the last three years by Government, State-wise and year-wise details thereof;
- (b) the State-wise number of differently-abled students in the country. (c) whether Government is satisfied with the coverage of the differently-abled students under the schemes; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken and yet to be taken to provide scholarships to all differently-abled students?

### Increasing drug addiction in children and teenagers

### 307 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the incidences of drug addiction and abuse amongst children and teenagers have increased during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Central Government has issued guidelines in this regard to State Governments and UTs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Vacant post of Chairman in NCSC and NCSK

#### 308 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Chairman in National Commission for Scheduled

Caste (NCSC) and Safai Karamchari (NCSK) is still lying vacant from last year;

- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof, and the steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed to fill these vacant posts, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

### Rehabilitation of manual scavengers

## 309 Shri Kapil Sibal:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people currently engaged in manual scavenging in the country, the Statewise details thereof;
- (b) the number of people engaged in manual scavenging who have died during the last five years;
- (c) the number of manual scavengers who have been rehabilitated by Government since 2014, year-wise and State-wise details thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated for the rehabilitation process and how much of that has been utilized; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to ensure proper rehabilitation of workers?

## Mechanism to monitor steel imports

## 310 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has evolved any mechanism to monitor steel imports in the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the details of the progress of such mechanism?

### Steel companies gaining from exports

### 311 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Steel** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic steel companies have focused and gained from exports during the COVID-19 lockdown; and
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof during each of the last five years and current year as of now?

#### **Guidelines for CSR**

#### 312 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the guidelines for spending Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and the details thereof with regard to works and places for which it has been spent during last five years; and
- (b) the parliamentary constituencies in Rajasthan where CSR funds have been spent for community development, the parliamentary constituency-wise details thereof?

## Steel plants in the country

#### 313 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of steel plants in the country and the names of such steel plants on which work is going on at present including Odisha;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up new steel plants in near future in Odisha for generating/increasing employment opportunities;
- (c) if so, the time by which the said plants are likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor, and (d) whether the import of steel has increased during the last few years, if so, the details thereof and its effects on domestic market and indigenous steel?

### Boosting steel production in light of COVID-19 lockdown

#### 314 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether output of steel contracted between March, 2020 and 31 December, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, month-wise during the period;
- (c) whether Government has taken measures to boost steel production in light of the COVID-19 lockdown and consequent decline in manufacturing activity in 2020-21; and (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Criteria for standards of steel

## 315 # Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of overall steel production in the country;
- (b) the Nationally and Internationally prescribed criteria for determining the standards for steel:
- (c) the number of steel producers who meet these criteria in terms of steel production;
- (d) whether Government is aware of the fact that substandard steel produced by many domestic producers is available in the market;
- (e) the steps taken by Government to curb the production of substandard steel and to check their supply to Government organisations; and
- (f) the steps taken by Government to protect consumers from substandard steel suppliers?

### Steep hike in prices of steel

#### 316 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that prices of Iron have skyrocketed from ₹ 35,000/tonne in July, 2020 to ₹ 58,000/tonne in Jan 2021;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Iron ore (lump)price has changed 153 % in April-December 2020 in comparison to April-December 2019; and
- (c) if so, the reason for this huge increase?

### Money spent by steel PSUs on CSR

### 317 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of **Stee!** be pleased to state:

(a) how much money was spent by steel PSUs as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

during the last three years; and

(b) the details of amount sanctioned, PSU-wise and the organisations for which they were sanctioned during the last three years?

### Increase in price of Hot Rolled Coil

#### 318 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the wholesale price of Hot Rolled Coil (HRC) has gone up to ₹ 58,000 a tonne, an unbearable increase of 55% between January 2020 and January 2021;
- (b) what is Government's response to this increase, give details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Engineering Exporters Org. EEPC India is seeking urgent intervention by Government to stem the runaway rise in steel prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

## Decline in production of Bhilai steel plant

### 319 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the decrease in the production of steel reported at Bhilai steel plant as compared to last year and details of revenue loss taking place due to this reason, during Corona epidemic period; and
- (b) the details of current status of steel production in this plant?

### Increase in prices of steel

### 320 # Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of **Steel** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the prices of iron and steel have increased exponentially:
- (b) if so, the initiative being taken by Government to bring it under control;
- (c) whether it is a fact that increasing prices of iron ore is not solely responsible for the steep increase in iron and steel prices;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase the availability of iron ores; and
- (e) whether Government would consider exempting imports according to the demands of enterprise for the usage of steel in the country and to simplify the rules related to it?

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