

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 24, 2021/ 3 Chaitra, 1943 (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

Consent to participate in RCS

3201 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the number of States/UTs who have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and given their consent to participate in the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) as of December, 2020, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the airline and Viability Gap Funding (VGF) caps will be revised from time to time in accordance with the above-mentioned scheme, if so, what is the policy to that effect?

Full fledged domestic flights

3202 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) by when, domestic flights will scale up to 100 per cent of pre-covid levels;
- (b) the problem in scaling up; and
- (c) whether any of the existing airlines will collapse due to the grounding of the large number of aircrafts for close to a year?

Expansion of airports in Himachal Pradesh

3203 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to expand the airports of Shimla, Kullu, Kangra in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether land acquisition process has been completed for the expansion of said airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time limit set for completing the expansion of these airport projects?

Air services to Shimla under UDAN scheme

3204 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

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

- (a) whether there is a plan to start flight service on Delhi-Shimla sector under UDAN scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether consent has been received from related departments to start flight service on Delhi-Shimla sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Greenfield airport in Mandi (Himachal Pradesh)

3205 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

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

- (a) whether the development of Greenfield airport project is proposed in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the current status of the plan to develop this airport;
- (c) whether land has been acquired for the said airport development plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether clearance has been obtained from the department of environment; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Madurai airport

3206 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that development of Madurai airport is under going;
- (b) if so, whether any target time has been set for extension of Madurai airport, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sub-standard materials are used by contractor at Madurai airport; and
- (d) if not, the details of review of standards of construction taken?

Domestic and international slot to Jet airways

3207 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) the number of domestic and international airport slots given to the Jet airways so far; and
- (b) whether they are still valid with jet airways?

Exorbitant airfare during peak season

3208 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the private airlines are charging exorbitant rate/fare during the peak season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether Government has proposes to fix a maximum charge in ticket to each destination in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has any proposal to reduce the cancelation/reschedule charges in all airlines across the country including foreign trips, if so the details thereof?

Raising EBR for AIAH

3209 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) the steps taken to raise Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR) by issuing Government Fully Serviced Bonds to refinance Air India's debt transferred to Air India Asset Holding Limited (AIAHL) as on date and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the details of future action plan in this regard?

Conflict of interest in DGCA

3210 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the conflict of interest exhibited by officers of the DGCA is sine qua non for non-good governance;
- (b) if so, a copy of the rules laid down to penalise such conduct of the officers of the DGCA; and
- (c) the details of the officers of the DGCA who have been penalised for the same?

Encroachment of land under AAI

3211 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that enormous acreage of land belonging to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been encroached by unauthorized occupants; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken to reclaim the said encroached land in the last five years?

Development of Raxaul airport, Bihar

3212 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) owns 217.09 acres of land in Raxaul in Bihar which has a 1372 meter runway that is left dilapidated condition;
- (b) whether Raxaul is included in the additional hundred airports where Government is starting air services by the year 2024;
- (c) whether any airport of Bihar is included in the said hundred airports;
- (d) whether flight services for Nepal can also be started from Raxaul as the same is located on the borders of Nepal; and
- (e) by when, Government plans to start the operation of Raxaul airport, the details thereof?

Air connectivity in Gujarat

3213 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the number of cities, which have been connected under UDAN scheme;
- (b) the details of flights operating between Gujarat and other States under the said scheme; and

(c) the plan to connect this scheme with tourist places?

Night landing facility at Prayagraj airport

3214 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that air travel from New Delhi to Prayagraj (Allahabad) is in crisis due to the apathy of Government;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that due to the lack of landing facilities in Prayagraj (Allahabad) at night air services are having an adverse impact;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal under consideration to provide landing facilities to the aircraft at night in Prayagraj (Allahabad); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Green airports

3215 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether Government has incentivized any airports in Karnataka to adopt a similar model like Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) for solar powered operations to become self-sufficient in their respective consumption of power and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether Government proposes to provide any incentive to encourage use of green energy at Belgaum airport and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study to measure carbon emissions saved by an airport fully powered by clean renewable resources and if so, the details thereof?

Development of airstrips

3216 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering on the proposals to develop airstrips across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, pertaining to the State of Jharkhand;
- (c) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has approached the Central Government, in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with specific locations in this regard?

Kadapa airport in Andhra Pradesh

3217 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 100 crores has been sanctioned for extension and strengthening of runway at Kadapa airport in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons that not even 50 per cent funds have been spent till September, 2020;
- (c) the present status of the project and allocation made in 2021-22 Budget; and
- (d) the details of plan of action and timeframe by which the project is likely to be completed?

Investment in MRO sector

3218 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the details of airports identified for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) of civilian aircraft in the country;
- (b) whether any efforts are being made to attract investment from other countries into MROs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure on Air India

3219 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether the number of employees tasked with maintenance per aircraft for Air India is far higher than industry standards and the details thereof;
- (b) the number of employees going on strikes in the last five years and the details of demands and those met thereof; and
- (c) the details of initiatives taken by Government to prune capital expenditure and generate savings?

Air connectivity to important religious places

3220 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government propose to launch Flights to important religious places from different parts of the country under UDAN scheme, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government propose to constitute a small Expert Committee to chalk out the routes and viabilities thereof in this regard and likely expenditure to be incurred for the purpose, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Green aviation policy

3221 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Ministry as part of the green aviation policy of Government;
- (b) the methodology and framework followed in this respect with the international airlines which operates to India and Air India which operates to other countries;
- (c) whether there is any agreement between the Ministry, international agencies and international airlines regarding the green aviation policy;
- (d) the impact of the green civil aviation policy in reducing the carbon footprint in the civil aviation sector; and
- (e) the financial implications involved in following the green civil aviation policy?

Parking bays in Andhra Pradesh

3222 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) the details of parking bays in various airports of Andhra Pradesh, airport-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact in view of huge increase in air passenger traffic in Andhra Pradesh

from 28 lakhs in 2015-16 to 55 lakhs in 2018-19, there is a need to increase the number of parking bays in various airports; and

(c) if so, what the Ministry has done/is doing to provide additional parking bays in Vijayawada, Tirupati, Rajahmundry, Visakhapatnam and other airports started under UDAN scheme?

Vijayawada Hyderabad Dubai flights

3223 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

(a) the reasons that in spite of Vijayawada being an international airport, international services are being cancelled one-by-one;

(b) whether any request/representation received in the Ministry for introducing Vijayawada-Hyderabad-Dubai flights for three days; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Ministry in this regard?

Unmanned Aircraft System Rules, 2020

3224 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

(a) the status of the draft Unmanned Aircraft System Rules, 2020, released in June 2020;

(b) whether Government is required to notify these rules within a maximum period of six months from the last date of receiving comments, as per the Manual of Parliamentary Procedure of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs since it has now been more than six months;

(c) by when Government intends to notify these rules; and

(d) the list of all the stakeholders who submitted comments to this policy and whether the comments sent by stakeholders on this policy will be made publicly available?

Import of drones and components

3225 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

(a) the complete details for the procedure to import drones and its components under Indian law; and

(b) the number of Unique Identification Number (UIN) issued drones capable of generating permission artefacts and getting permission through Digital Sky?

Routes under UDAN scheme

3226 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) the number of air routes assigned to different airlines, both Government and private under UDAN scheme;

(b) the number of those not yet been operational and the reasons for it;

(c) the details of the airfields in Odisha included in the UDAN scheme and by when that will be operational; and

(d) the details of the airlines allowed to operate from Veer Surendra Sai (VSS) Airport, Jharsuguda and which are the cities/town connected?

New oil terminal/depots

3227 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

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

- (a) whether the IOCL, HPCL and BPCL are planning to install a new oil terminal/depot in the country, including Aurangabad, Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by when the said projects is likely to start and when is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the manner in which the project would improve the availability of petroleum products in the region when commissioned?

Smuggling of counterfeit and unsafe products

3228 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether any measures have been taken to ensure that customs department and border security enforcements work together to increase security of Indian borders to prevent smuggling of counterfeit and unsafe products, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to use advanced technologies to aid the customs and border security agencies in their operations to prevent illicit trade and smuggling activities of counterfeit and unsafe products;
- (c) if so, whether there are any technologies already being used, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Prison inmates from SC/ST/OBC categories

3229 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the reason behind more than 65 per cent of prison inmates in the country being from SC/ST/OBC categories, as per Government data;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to identify any caste bias in police officials which might have led to more people from backward classes being arrested; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being contemplated to eradicate such bias from the police force?

Conviction rate for crimes against SCs/STs

3230 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the conviction rate for crimes against SCs/STs in the country is less than a third of all cases;
- (b) if so, the reason for such low conviction rate;
- (c) whether there is any plan to further strengthen the Prevention of Atrocities Act so that more cases see conviction of the persons charged for atrocities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

States' cooperation in fencing of Indo-Bangladesh border

3231 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

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

- (a) the details of measures taken by Government during the last five years with regard to fencing of the borders between India and Bangladesh to prevent illegal infiltration; and
- (b) whether all the State Governments sharing the Indo-Bangladesh border are cooperating with Central Government by allotting adequate plots of land to construct Watch Towers or Border Posts and also fencing of the border, if so, the details thereof?

Cases registered with NHRC

3232 # Shri Rajmani Patel:

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

- (a) the number of cases registered with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the year 2021 and the details of the same from the year 2015 to 2021;
- (b) the category of cases registered, State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by Government for their speedy disposal?

Misuse of 'Cyber Crime Volunteer Programme'

3233 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to devise measures under the 'Cyber Crime Volunteer Programme' to ensure against its misuse for personal or political vendetta and prevent cyber vigilantism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has clearly defined as to what would constitute 'unlawful content' or content which would relate to anti- national activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, whether Government would frame an outline defining such 'unlawful content' any time soon; and
- (f) the process in place for withdrawal of cyber crime complaints once submitted?

Cases of domestic violence against women

3234 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to assess the impact of lockdown measures on the increased risk of women falling prey to domestic violence;
- (b) whether Government will consider initiating a survey on the aforementioned matter; and
- (c) whether Government plans to undertake special measures to curb cases of domestic violence against women in regions where they have reportedly soared to alarming levels?

Civilian deaths in Jammu and Kashmir

3235 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) the reasons for continued civilian deaths in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370;
- (b) whether Government has offered compensation to the families of the civilians

killed/injured in cross-fires between armed forces and militants in Jammu and Kashmir;
 (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

People arrested under UAPA

3236 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the number of individuals arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) during last five years, provide details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has check provisions in place to ensure that innocent individuals are not charged under the law; and
- (c) the number of individuals convicted under the UAPA during last five years and whether Government has revised its guidelines for arrest due to low convictions?

Cases of robberies and snatching in Delhi

3237 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether there has been significant increase in the cases of robberies and snatching in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to address the problem; and
- (c) whether Government has any data with regard to snatching and robberies in Delhi for the year, 2020?

Cyber crimes in Delhi

3238 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a significant spike in cyber crimes in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in the last one year in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government has compiled any data regarding such offences in Delhi?

Crimes in Delhi

3239 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that crimes in Delhi have increased to an alarming proportion recently;
- (b) if so, what effective steps are being taken to improve the situation; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan of carrying out regular checking of listed criminals, including those who are out on bail?

Law to curb chain snatching in Delhi

3240 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is no law to book small time criminals like chain snatchers etc., especially in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of chain snatching cases are supported by jewellers, if so, the action

taken against those supporting chain snatchers; and

(d) whether Government proposes any law/action to curb chain snatching cases in markets in Delhi?

Bio-terrorism

3241 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

(a) whether Government is aware about the threat of bio-terrorism attack , which is deliberate release of viruses, bacteria, or other germs used to cause illness or death in people, animals or plants etc.;

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

(c) whether Government is seriously considering to formulate effective laws to counter bio-terrorism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when, laws will be implemented to protect from bio-terrorism?

Sexual harassment cases in Chhattisgarh

3242 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

(a) the number of incidents of sexual harassment and gang rape having taken place in Chhattisgarh from the year 2019, till date, the year-wise and district-wise details thereof;

(b) the ranking of Chhattisgarh State as per annual report of National Crime Records Bureau for the year 2019, with reference to the incidents of sexual harassment and kidnapping of women per lakh population in the country; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such incidents in the country?

Making census data available online

3243 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to make Census data available online except the private details so that anybody can find his/her family tree; and

(b) whether there are any plans to make older Census datas available online with some restriction, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Induction into DANIPS cadre

3244 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

(a) whether inspectors (Stenographers) in Delhi Police are ineligible for inclusion in common seniority list of inspectors for induction into DANIPS, while other inspectors such as ministerial, communication etc. are considered eligible to get promoted as ACP;

(b) whether it is based upon a declaration obtained forcefully from the officials of ASI (Steno) grade in 2012 restricting further promotional avenues for them;

(c) whether it amounts to curtailment of their fundamental right to be considered for promotion; and

(d) the measures proposed/taken to amend this anomaly since this avenue is available to Steno cadre in CAPF such as CRPF?

Safe City Project

3245 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of Safe City Project, city-wise and year-wise during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to expand this project beyond eight cities and cover all States including both rural and urban areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has taken steps to integrate Safe City Project within the hundred smart cities plan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schools for Central Police Services

3246 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry would consider setting up schools on the lines of Sainik schools to nurture young talent for the various police force services when they grow up; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to Kerala

3247 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has offered any financial assistance to the Government of Kerala when the State was hit by a flood for two consecutive time;
- (b) if so, the details of the financial assistance assured;
- (c) whether the Central Government has provided all financial assistance as assured to the Government of Kerala on time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reason therefor?

Smuggling of petrol and diesel from Nepal

3248 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that petrol and diesel are being sold secretly in large scale in the districts of Bihar, which are bordered with Nepal, due to ₹15 to ₹20 difference in prices of petrol and diesel in Nepal as compared to India;
- (b) the number of raids conducted, the quantum of illicit petrol and diesel seized and number of people against whom action has been taken during the last six months;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Sashastra Seema Bal is not able to stop this smuggling; and
- (d) the effective action Government would take to prevent this smuggling?

Facilities in prisons

3249 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of central prisons in the country and total prisoners in these prisons in 2020-21;
- (b) the difference between the strength of jail for prisoners including undertrials and their actual number;
- (c) whether it is a fact that actual number is larger than the strength of these prisons;
- (d) the number of prisons which have libraries and facilities for prisoners to spend time in improving by reading books of their choice;
- (e) the proportion of number of prisoners and toilets in these prisons; and
- (f) whether Government would construct more toilets to facilitate human dignity, if proportion is imbalanced?

Third Gender in prisons

3250 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of persons in the category of Third Gender arrested in the last three years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21;
- (b) the number of persons who are in prisons and how many of them are undertrials out of the above;
- (c) the details of arrangement of their accommodation in jails;
- (d) whether there is separate arrangement for them in jails or they are kept with common men or female prisoners; and
- (e) whether Government would take steps for their separate stay in the prisons if there is no separate arrangements?

Gender-based Violence

3251 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether police officers are imparted training for handling the victims of gender-based violence in a more humane and compassionate manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of police officers trained in every police station to handle gender-based violence cases in the past five years, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether any study was done to check the increase in domestic violence during the lockdown and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Anti-Trafficking Bureau

3252 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to establish a National Anti-Trafficking Bureau in view of issues related to safety of women, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposing of work in official language

3253 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

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

- (a) whether Government departments feel difficulty in disposing their works in Hindi, the official language of Indian Union, and hence majority of their work is being conducted in English language;
- (b) whether Government has prepared any outline, so that Government departments start disposing their works in official language Hindi, in a phased manner;
- (c) the details of steps taken to promote working in Hindi language during last three years;
- (d) the percentage of works in Central Ministries being disposed in Hindi and English respectively; and
- (e) the ratio between the works being disposed in Hindi and English respectively, in the courts?

Online fraud crimes

3254 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has released its report on 'Crimes in India' in 2018;
- (b) if so, the details of rise in online fraud crimes as compared to 2017 and 2019;
- (c) in which three top States, criminals are involved in online frauds; and
- (d) the strategies evolved by these States and Centre to check the said crimes?

Harassment of workers' union activists

3255 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether incidents of harassment, custodial torture and imposing criminal charges under Indian Penal Code on workers and workers' union activists, are increasing;
- (b) if so, whether Government is aware of any such incidents occurred in the NCT of Delhi recently; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Human rights violations

3256 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether the status of human rights violation in the country is available; and
- (b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details of complaints relating to human rights violations reported during the last five years?

Model prison manual

3257 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the salient features of Model Prison Manual;
- (b) the details of review, if any, made by Government as to how the States are

implementing recommendations made in the Manual; and
 (c) how Government will ensure that UN Standard Minimum Rules for Treatment of Prisoners which are also called Nelson Mandela Rules are being followed in prisons?

Pension scheme for Central Armed Police Forces

3258 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) whether Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) are being provided pension benefits;
- (b) if so, the details of pension schemes available to them;
- (c) whether central armed forces personnel are allowed to withdraw any amount from their contributions towards the NPS at any time;
- (d) whether there are any limitations/stipulations on CAPF personnel withdrawing any amount from their contributions towards the National Pension Scheme at any time;
- (e) whether there are any charges levied on withdrawing any amount from their contributions from the NPS at any time; and
- (f) the steps Government has taken to familiarise CAPF personnel with rules and regulations of the NPS?

Narcotics seized by Narcotics Control Bureau

3259 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the state-wise details of narcotics seized by Narcotics Control Board (NCB) since 2010;
- (b) the procedure NCB follows to store or dispose of seized narcotics;
- (c) whether NCB has conducted any research on sale of drugs using internet;
- (d) whether NCB conducts any tests on the seized narcotics to determine its quality and if so, whether the tests have found any adulterants in addition to commonly found psychoactive compounds which may be detrimental to human health; and
- (e) whether Government has continued its scheme of 'Assistance to States/UTs for Narcotics Control' in the current financial year, if so, the state-wise details of the same?

Terrorism in J&K after abrogation of Article 370

3260 # Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether the incidents of terrorism have come down in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there has also been a decrease in the number of martyred security personnel and killings of local civilians during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the developmental work has gained momentum and the atmosphere of educational activities of children has improved after the abrogation of Article 370, if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to Pulwama martyrs

3261 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) the number of CRPF jawans and civilians killed in terrorist attack in Pulwama two years back;
- (b) whether any jobs/cash or any other form of compensation was announced by

Government to the injured or to the family members of those killed, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the promises made to dead and injured have been fulfilled, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not helping those who sacrificed their life for the nation?

Biofuels from surplus from FCI

3262 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:

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

(a) whether the Ministry initiated a programme to produce biofuels from the surplus rice and maize available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI), if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantity of biofuels produced or planned to be produced from rice or maize, the quantity of rice and maize to be used for such production (per 100 litres of biofuel);

(c) the cost of production of the biofuels produced per 100 litres and the usage of such fuel in various industries; and

(d) the details of the National Biofuel Policy and the progress thereof?

Modernisation of police force in Naxal-affected areas

3263 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

(a) the assistance being provided to the States for the modernisation of police force in Naxal-affected areas of the country; and

(b) the initiatives being taken by Government for the development and strengthening the infrastructure in Naxal-affected areas so that the support of local people could not be gained by the Naxal extremists?

Strengthening of Sashastra Seema Bal

3264 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

(a) whether Government has sanctioned an additional strength of 12 battalions of Sashastra Seema Bal to better guard the open borders with Nepal and Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the additional battalions shall be raised in one stroke or the strengthening process will take a few years; and

(d) Whether the distance between the check-posts at the borders will be reduced by establishing a few more check-posts?

Overcrowding in prisons

3265 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

(a) the initiatives taken to deal with the overcrowding in prisons, the State-wise details from year 2015-2020, year-wise;

(b) the details of States which have created the Board of Visitors to track prison facilities, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of vacancies approved for medical and correctional staff in jails, out of these approved vacancies, how many were filled, the State-wise details from year 2015-2020, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government has the details of the mortality rates in prisons, the State-wise details from year 2015-2020, year-wise?

Police-public ratio in the country

3266 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the present police-public ratio in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the said ratio is as per the recommendations of the United Nations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Development of Valmiki community in Jammu and Kashmir

3267 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether any policy has been formulated for the development of Valmiki community in Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Under-reporting of crimes against women

3268 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of potential under-reporting of crimes against women during COVID-19 lockdown period between 1 March and 30 September, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to facilitate quick reporting and redressal of crimes against women across the country especially domestic violence and sensitise/equip State Governments to respond to such crimes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of DGCA

3269 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether it is fact that the office of the DGCA Chief is held by an IAS Officer/bureaucrats as opposed to the same equivalent position being held by former Air Force pilots/Commanders in other major countries;
- (b) if so, whether bureaucrats of the IAS cadre are competent to deal with matters requiring intensely specific technical know-how about the aircraft industry and avionics as opposed to pilots who head the civil aviation bodies of other countries; and
- (c) the reasons for continued preference given to bureaucrats to head the DGCA?

SCM in Rajasthan

3270 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the status of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) in the State of Rajasthan and the aims and objectives of the same;
- (b) the impact of COVID-19 on the said project and the efforts being made by Government

to deal with the same; and

(c) the city-wise details of the targets that have been achieved under the SCM in Rajasthan and by when, all the projects would be completed in the said cities?

Regularising unauthorised settlements

3271 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged to regularise unauthorised settlements within a stipulated time frame;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the rules related to regularisation of unauthorised settlements will be implemented in other States of the country;
- (d) if so, the response of Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

PM-UDAY schemes

3272 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has given a call to provide housing to 4.5 crores people in the country, especially in Delhi under PM-UDAY scheme by infusing funds of 25 thousand crores of rupees, which will help control increasing of slums in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the works done by Government in this direction so far?

Allocation for infrastructure to ULBs

3273 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) the details of funds transferred to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for improvement of city infrastructure during the last five years;
- (b) whether the quality of infrastructure created utilising Central funds is very poor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is monitoring the quality of work?

ARHCs scheme for vulnerables

3274 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) the measures taken to ensure adequate consultation and participation with the target groups under Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) scheme;
- (b) whether priority is given to migrant workers, single women, single mothers, Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), transgender persons, older persons, and others in need of low-cost housing; and
- (c) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Investment in urban development

3275 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the total investment in urban development schemes and activities of the Ministry during

the last five years;

(b) the details for Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Assam;

(c) the new urban development schemes launched 2014 onwards, their allocation and utilisation of funds since introduction for the States mentioned above;

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any evaluation and impact assessment of new schemes introduced after 2014;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, when will this be undertaken?

Green buildings concept

3276 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has any action plan/agenda/implementing any scientific technique to revolutionize green buildings concept in order to reduce overuse of resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the time by when these measures are likely to be finalized;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of collaborations with various national and international agencies to bring better technological expertise in into the country, if any;

(e) whether energy conservationists are cautioning against growing number of buildings leading to global warming; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, and how green architecture can solve this problem?

Development of slums under SCM

3277 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

(a) the total number of cities covered under smart city projects, the details of funds allocated/spent for them along with the current status of work progress;

(b) whether Government has received the proposal for an overall development of slums in urban areas under Smart Cities Mission (SCM), if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of households resettled out of demolished slums in the said smart cities, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of smart cities where urban homeless households have been provided housing facility along with the number of such households?

Funds provided to the ULBs

3278 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

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

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has provided grant-in-aid to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as per the recommendations of 15th Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise?

AMRUT in Gujarat

3279 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

the number of cities from Gujarat that have been included in the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and amount of financial assistance

provided under the scheme in the year 2020-21?

Cycles for change campaign

3280 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) whether Government maintains statistics regarding the 'Cycles for Change Campaign';
- (b) if so, the total number in kilometers of bike track constructed across urban areas during the campaign;
- (c) the total number of cycles entered into circulation through community cycle sharing programs during the campaign;
- (d) how Government intends to make permanent, the temporary initiative started under the Cycles for Change Campaign; and
- (e) whether Government intends to promote cycling as an alternative mode of transportation to motor transport over the next few years?

Metrolite and Metro-Neo trains

3281 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the factors that make the Metrolite trains 40 per cent cheaper in terms of capital costs than conventional metro trains;
- (b) the factors that make the Metro-Neo trains cheaper than both MetroLite and conventional metro trains;
- (c) the comparative maintenance costs for all three types of trains in a single year, assuming no mishaps or unforeseen calamities;
- (d) whether Government proposes to start constructing metro rail tracks with materials such as asphalt for the new trains; and
- (e) whether there are any specific security related concerns raised by the introduction of these new metro trains?

STPs in Tamil Nadu

3282 Shri N.R. Elango:

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

- (a) the present status of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in cities of Tamil Nadu and the actual capacity utilization of these plants;
- (b) whether the Ministry has decided upon quality standards related to the reclaimed water from sewage, if so, the work undertaken on this front; and
- (c) whether there are limitations of available technologies for municipal wastewater treatment in removing heavy metals and micropollutants; and
- (d) whether this limitation is considered while including Urban Wastewater reuse as a special intervention area?

Houses constructed under PMAY(U)

3283 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the total number of affordable houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY)(U) for the benefit of urban poor during each of the last three years particularly in Karnataka, State-wise;

- (b) whether Government has any time frame for completion of the yojana and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the new targets fixed under the yojana for the next three years, year/State-wise; and
- (d) the proposed action plan to achieve the desired targets?

Progress and targets of Smart Cities Mission

3284 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the details of projects completed and in the process of completion, under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) since inception and the details thereof;
- (b) the budget allocation for the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) for last five years, the funds utilized, and the details thereof; and
- (c) the targets set under the SCM since inception, and the details of progress and whether the targets will be met?

HSCL and NTPC arbitration

3285 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has approached newly created Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSE's Disputes (AMRCD) for resolution of unsettled arbitration between HSCL (which is merged with NBCC) and NTPC-kahalgaon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when the Ministry will approach AMRCD for the resolution of disputes between HSCL which has merged with NBCC and NTPC KAHALGAON; and
- (c) whether Ministry contemplates any time frame for the resolution of the arbitration and action on delayed redressal?

Development projects in cooperation with foreign companies

3286 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether some of the urban development projects in India are being implemented in cooperation with foreign countries/companies during the last five years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and sectors decided for cooperation by India and the foreign countries and the progress made so far in this regard, project-wise?

Welfare for street vendors

3287 Shri K.P. Munusamy:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 during the last five years;
- (b) the measures taken to protect the rights of urban street vendors in the country;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries benefited under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM), in respect of providing finance, training and skill development for street vendors, during the last three years, State-wise, particularly Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) whether advisories are issued to the States/UTs for the implementation of the scheme for the urban street vendors, if so, the details thereof?

PMAY (U) in Karnataka

3288 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) the number of houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY(U)) Urban in Karnataka so far, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of houses allotted to beneficiaries under its each component, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of houses constructed and lying vacant;
- (d) whether it is a fact that PMAY (U) subsidy is delayed, causing shortage of funds for the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Health insurance for domestic workers

3289 **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to make health insurance mandatory for domestic workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has the data of the population working as domestic workers across the country;
- (d) if so, the State-wise breakup of the same; and
- (e) if not, whether Government is planning to recognize and enroll domestic worker in Government register?

Social security schemes for organised and unorganised sector

3290 # **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a huge number of unorganised sector workers are not getting the benefits of social security schemes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of workers of organised and unorganised sector respectively who are taking benefit of social security schemes and those who are still denied of it, the details thereof; and
- (c) the subscription made by each worker/labourer towards various social security schemes, the details thereof?

Pension for unorganised sector

3291 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced any schemes of pension for the unorganised sector labourers in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (b) if so, the number of States and UTs which have been covered under the scheme, the States/UTs-wise details thereof?

ESI hospitals in Punjab

3292 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the total number of hospitals and dispensaries run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) along with the number of beneficiaries, State-wise including Punjab;
- (b) whether the facilities of certain ESIC hospitals are made available to common people by charging nominal user fee; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise?

Employment generation strategy

3293 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated long-term and short-term Employment generation strategy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of jobs lost in COVID and the percentage of them which have been recovered?

Report of Bose Commission

3294 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose one man Commission on Labour, engaged by the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board of the Ministry has submitted a comprehensive report;
- (b) the salient recommendations of the commission; and
- (c) by when these recommendations will be implemented?

Survey on child labour

3295 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of number of child labourers in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of surveys conducted to ascertain the number of child labourers in the country during last three years; and
- (c) the details of increase/decrease in number of child labours during last three years, State-wise?

Change in working hours

3296 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce four days a week or 40 hours a week for Central Government officials;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulation of Work From Home

3297 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

- (a) whether there is sudden increase of 'Work From Home' (WFH) cultures in Indian industry especially in IT sector;

- (b) if so, whether WFH has made many youngs to be worn out and more stressful due to no timing of works at par with physical attendance; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken to regulate WFH and fix time of WFH at par with physical timing?

Unemployment data

3298 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the latest year for which the Ministry has data on unemployment;
- (b) the reasons for having lag period between the conduct of Periodic Labour Force Surveys (PLFS) and dissemination of results;
- (c) whether the Ministry is aware that the CMIE data on unemployment shows that the present levels of unemployment in the country is lower than pre-COVID levels;
- (d) whether Ministry is making efforts for quicker finalization of survey results on unemployment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Employment in rural and urban areas

3299 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted survey on the increasing number of suicides among the youths due to unavailability of jobs across the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of the serious steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) the detailed plan of steps/initiatives taken by Government to generate jobs for youth and increase the employment in rural and urban areas during the continuance of the pandemic; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to workers who have come back to their home States including Tamil Nadu?

Survey on migrant and domestic workers by Labour Bureau

3300 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Labour Bureau is all set to launch its five major surveys including on migrant and domestic workers across the country as two out of three mandated pre-testings of the studies yielded encouraging and positive results; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status thereof, survey-wise, State-wise?

National Minimum Wage

3301 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has suggested nine-hour normal working day in its draft wage code rules but refrained from fixing a national minimum wage; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Aims and objectives for ABVKY

3302 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) the salient features of Atal Beemid Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) alongwith its aims and objective;
- (b) whether Government has extended ABVKY till next financial year, if so the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (c) whether the rate of relief provided under the scheme is enhanced and has benefitted the unemployed, if so the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to enhance the working condition of persons working in unorganised sector in the country?

Data of employed youth in the country

3303 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog has collected the data of unemployed youth of the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof including the factors determining employment oriented economy;
- (c) the details of the schemes initiated by Government for employment generation in the country;
- (d) how far they are effective in providing job/employment to unemployed youth with details;
- (e) whether Government proposes to formulate a new employment policy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the other effective steps taken/to be taken in this regard?

Industrial accidents in Jharkhand

3304 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) the descriptive details of industrial accidents that took place during the last three years in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) whether any report has been prepared in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of compensation and other facilities given to the labourers and employees involved in the industrial accidents during the last five years in the State of Jharkhand?

Child labour in the country

3305 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the child labour during pandemic in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there are about one crore child labourers in the country;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to address this issue;
- (d) whether there are any schemes to rehabilitate the rescued child; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Generation of additional employment

3306 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) the percentage of youths unemployed in the country by the end of 2020;
- (b) the action taken to generate jobs for the unemployed persons during the period 2019-2020; and
- (c) whether a new strategy is proposed to be adopted to create additional employment in the 13th Five Year Plan period particularly in rural areas?

Status of NCLP

3307 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that National Child Labour Project (NCLP) is operated at district level by the Ministry;
- (b) whether this project is operated in about 100 districts, which was first approved in the year 1989;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this project, being run for the education of children of the families engaged in industry, remains pending at district and District Magistrate level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Inter-State Migrants Workmen Act

3308 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether there is proper implementation of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, 1979 which requires all establishments who hired inter-State migrants to be registered as well as contractors who recruited these workers to be licensed;
- (b) if so, the number of migrants registered in the last three years; and
- (c) the measures being taken for the proper implementation of the said Act and to maintain real-time database, if proper data is not maintained?

Schemes for women in Odisha

3309 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of training, capacity building and employment generation programmes conducted for women in various States especially in Odisha along with the sectors/trades included therein;
- (b) the amount of funds released during the last three years along with the total amount utilized therein, State/UT-wise including Odisha; and
- (c) the number of women getting employment through the said schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise including Odisha?

Percentage of working women

3310 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the details of the percentage of working women across the country, State-wise/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

- (b) the details of the percentage of working women on higher posts across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the percentage of women at higher posts is very low;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Child labour cases

3311 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of child labour is rampant in certain States, if so, the details of data of such States;
- (b) the details of State/district-wise data on child labour since March, 2020; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Ministry, in coordination with States, NGOs, etc. to contain child labour?

Vacancies in ESI hospitals

3312 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the number of Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals functioning in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether existing ESI hospitals are adequate in the country, the details of vacant posts in various disciplines in these ESI hospitals; and
- (c) the plan of Government to open more ESI hospitals in the country, the details thereof?

Employment of youth in Bihar

3313 # Shri Ahmad Ashfaq Karim:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of youth in Bihar are highly concerned over unemployment;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to provide employment to the youths from Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Job loss in informal sector during COVID-19 period

3314 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that around 15 per cent of informal sector workers continue to be unemployed after losing their jobs during COVID period;
- (b) whether it is also a fact after unlocking of economy nearly half of those informal sector workers have been reemployed in their previous jobs with hefty pay cut, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to restore normalcy in informal job sector?

Illegal placement agencies

3315 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Shri Rajeew Satav:

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

- (a) whether a large number of illegal placement agencies are functioning in the country particularly in the metro cities without any regulations;
- (b) whether such illegal agencies continue to exploit minors from other States by employing them at households work and also extracting money from unemployed persons in the name of providing jobs;
- (c) if so, the action taken against such illegal placement agencies;
- (d) whether Government had also earlier set up a committee to examine the issue pertaining to such placement agencies; and
- (e) if so, the recommendation of the committee and its implementation by Government thereto?

Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana

3316 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the details of features of the Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY);
- (b) the progress made under the scheme;
- (c) the State/UT-wise details thereof;
- (d) the recent amendments made to the said scheme; and
- (e) the proposed measures to be taken for welfare of unemployed in the country?

Children working in hazardous industries

3317 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

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

- (a) whether the children today employed in hazardous occupations work in construction, manufacturing beedies and firework industry thereof;
- (b) if so, the details of such children, State-wise; and
- (c) the various steps taken being taken by Government in this regard?

Rehabilitation of unemployed labourers

3318 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) the details of Government schemes for the rehabilitation of unemployed labourers, who used to work in closed industries and construction works before the COVID-19 lockdown period in the country;
- (b) the State/UT-wise number of these unemployed labourers;
- (c) the proportion in which States and Union Territories have suffered losses due to the closure of construction works during COVID-19 lockdown period; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Job loss in various fields due to COVID-19

3319 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any official and authenticated information regarding loss of jobs in various fields in the country during COVID-19;
- (b) whether Government has figures of the badly affected areas due to heavy loss of jobs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to provide/restore jobs to those who lost their jobs

due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) whether Government proposes to provide financial support to the affected companies so that the jobs lost due to the impact of pandemic may be restored, if so, the details thereof?

Problems being faced by LPG distributors

3320 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether millions of LPG distributors are facing economic problems due to the supply of green gas; and
- (b) whether Government has any plan to improve the economic status of these distributors?

Import of petroleum and crude oil

3321 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of the amount of fund spent on the import of petroleum and crude oil by Government, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government is formulating any special scheme to reduce country's dependence on oil import, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a high level committee has been constituted to form strategy under the said scheme; and
- (d) the details of the recommendations by the said high level committee?

Gas pipeline from Iran to India

3322 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the progress of the gas pipeline laying from Iran to India;
- (b) by when would the work get completed; and
- (c) how it would benefit India?

Committee on import of crude oil

3323 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) the suggestions made by the committee headed by Dr. Vijay Kelkar with regard to the import of crude oil and production of domestic use gas, in the country; and
- (b) the suggestions on which Government has started to work the details along with the target fixed in this regard?

Import of refined oil

3324 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of quantity of refined oils imported by India during last three years;
- (b) the details of refining capacity of each oil refinery in the country;
- (c) whether the current refining capacity is adequate to meet the oil demand in the country; and
- (d) if not, whether Government plans to set up more refineries in the country, if so, the

details thereof?

PNG supply in Bangalore

3325 Shri Hishey Lachungpa:

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

- (a) whether GAIL has laid and provided gas pipeline with meters in Sobha Chrysanthemum, Housing Society Complex, Kothanur, Thanisandra Main Road, Shivaram Karanth Nagar, Bangalore -560077, having 509 dwelling units, and since are awaiting supply of PNG for the last several years; and
- (b) the details of reasons for not starting supply and by when it will be started to ease living of a large number of senior citizens there?

Biodiesel

3326 Shri Rajeev Satav:

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

- (a) the number of factories producing biodiesel that are registered in the country;
- (b) the amount of daily production of biodiesel in the country;
- (c) the number cases registered for the sale of adulterated diesel in the name of biodiesel in the country and selling it in the name of biodiesel to Central Government and State Governments;
- (d) whether there is an estimated loss of revenue of about ₹ one lakh crores due to adulteration from the sales to be done; and
- (e) the steps Government is taking against these companies?

Rising prices of petroleum products

3327 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the average import price of crude oil per barrel since the last two years, month-wise;
- (b) the average prices of petroleum products like petrol, diesel and LPG of the last three years, month-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the huge gap of prices of the said petroleum products;
- (d) the net profit of petroleum companies since the last two years, year-wise;
- (e) the reasons for not including petroleum products under GST; and
- (f) efforts made to bring down the prices of petroleum products in the interest of common men and farmers?

Bio refinery for production of bio-ethanol

3328 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a bio refinery for production of bio-ethanol in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of work done in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up any such refinery in Odisha also and if so, the details thereof?

Excise duty and cess on Petrol

3329 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of the percentage of Central Excise duty and cess levied on petrol and diesel from the year 2009 to March 2014; and
- (b) the date-wise list of the occasions whenever the prices of petrol and diesel had increased and cess was levied on the same from April 2014 till now?

CGD network

3330 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether India aims at expanding its City Gas Distribution (CGD) network to 400 districts;
- (b) if so, the current status of development of CGD in India; and
- (c) the quantum of Government and private investment made in that direction?

Study on benefits of use of ethanol

3331 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has approved travel of experts to the countries that use ethanol abundantly to study the benefits of the uses of ethanol;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said experts have submitted their report to Government; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

LPG distributorship

3332 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) the total number of LPG distributorships in India as on date;
- (b) the number of LPG distributorships, State-wise as on date; and
- (c) the details of Shehri Vitrak, Urban Vitrak, Gramin Vitrak, Durgam Shetriya Vitrak, State-wise, as on date?

Bringing petrol/diesel under GST

3333 **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether price of petrol has crossed ₹100/- per litre in the country despite 50 per cent decline in price of crude oil in comparison to 2014;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken up with Ministry of Finance to bring petrol and diesel under GST as Government has imposed more than 100 per cent Central taxes on petrol and diesel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of Ministry of Finance, date-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons for callous attitude towards public?

PMUY in Rajasthan

3334 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the district-wise number of beneficiaries covered under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government is providing refilling cylinder to the beneficiaries of PMUY in the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the price at which the refilled cylinder is available; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

People skilled and trained by SDI, Bhubaneswar

3335 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) the total number of people skilled and trained by the Skill Development Institute (SDI), Bhubaneswar under the Hydrocarbon Sector Skill Council (HSSC) as on date; and
- (b) the total number of people placed from the Skill Development Institute (SDI), Bhubaneswar as on date?

Merger of OIL with IOC

3336 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of ONGC's decline in stock price below ₹100 for the first time in 15 years;
- (b) the reasons, why such a decline has occurred and the actions taken/proposed to be taken by the Ministry;
- (c) whether the Ministry is considering a proposal to merge Oil India Limited (OIL) with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC); and
- (d) if so, the details including the modalities being worked out in this regard?

SCSP allocations

3337 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has earmarked any allocation under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) this year, if so, the Ministry-wise allocation details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that utilization of SCSP funds is not upto the mark and a huge amount is lapsed every year, if so details of utilized amount from Sub Plan in the State of Rajasthan during the last two years; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that un-utilized fund allotted under SCSP are used in other schemes, if so, details thereof?

Funds for Welfare of Transgenders

3338 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to allot special funds for generating livelihood opportunities among the Transgender community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Transgender persons currently working in public service;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to impart skill training to Transgenders and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government is considering to provide reservation to Transgenders in educational institutions and Government jobs;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the details of relief and support provided to members of Transgender community during the national lockdown?

Social distancing for visually impaired

3339 Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:

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

- (a) whether Government has planned to take steps on how to make social distancing accessible for people with sight loss (visually impaired) and other hidden disabilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the future plans of Government in this regard?

Welfare of senior citizens

3340 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of senior citizens living in the country are facing various social, health and economic problems during the last three years;
- (b) if so, details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government is considering to create more old age homes for the senior citizens in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the welfare of senior citizens?

Scheduled caste benefits reserved for Hindu, Sikh, Budhists

3341 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) whether according to Constitution (Scheduled Caste) order, 1950, no person who professes a religion different from Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist religion shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste;
- (b) if so, what in the Ministry assessment constitutes professing a religion different from Hindu, Sikh, Budhist religions mean for the purposes of enforcement;
- (c) what proof needs to be submitted that they profess other religions in case erstwhile Scheduled Caste members are wrongly availing reservation benefits after converting to Christianity or Islam; and
- (d) what penal actions can be initiated against members wrongly availing Scheduled Caste reservation benefits?

Upliftment of PwDs in Tamil Nadu

3342 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Tamil Nadu and other States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the amount provided by Government for the welfare of PwDs in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether Government has provided any funds/equipments to uplift PwDs in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government is taking any steps to increase job avenues to these PwDs in Tamil Nadu or other States?

Tackling drug menace

3343 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the drug de-addiction initiatives that have been undertaken by Government so far;
- (b) how successful have these initiatives proven to be; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to coordinate with the Home Ministry to reduce this scourge of drug addiction by identifying and eliminating the drug providers and networks?

New provisions of SC/ST Act

3344 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of atrocities have been reduced after implementation of new provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that new provisions of the Act have been effectively implemented in educational institutes also, and the cases of atrocities have been reduced in higher educational institutes, if so, the details thereof?

Senior citizens' rehabilitation

3345 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:

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

- (a) whether there is any mechanism to rehabilitate senior citizens abandoned by their families;
- (b) if so , details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Subsidy given on loans

3346 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal for subsidy on loans given to underprivileged sections of the society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding the financial assistance provided to underprivileged sections under

Priority Sector Lending during the last five years?

KBK scheme providing SC/ST scholarship in Odisha

3347 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) the reasons for cutting the funding of the KBK (Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput) scheme providing SC/ST scholarship in Odisha; and
- (b) whether the scholarship for SC/ST students under the KBK (Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput) scheme is on the revision agenda?

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

3348 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

- (a) total number of beneficiaries under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) during the Financial Year 2020-21; and
- (b) the State-wise total number of beneficiaries under RVY in the Financial Year 2020-21?

Temporary and permanent sanitation workers

3349 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) the number of temporary and permanent sanitation workers employed in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a difference between the allowances and facilities provided to the regular and casual sanitation workers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the sanitation workers are provided with adequate safety equipments while working;
- (d) if so, the reasons for their death due to suffocation during the sewage cleaning work; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government for ensuring their safety?

Senior Citizens and PwDs in Chhattisgarh

3350 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) whether Government has collected figures by means of identifying the senior citizens living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and those suffering from age related disabilities;
- (b) if so, the number of such people identified in Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Scholarship scheme for backward classes in Assam .

3351 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced ₹59,000 crore scholarship scheme for five years in Assam for backward classes on Centre and State sharing basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has plans to introduce similar scholarship schemes for other

States also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Commission for Senior Citizens

3352 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish a National Commission for Senior Citizens which the erstwhile Planning Commission had approved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (d) the proposed measures to be taken to study and resolve challenges relating to senior citizens in the country?

Funds unspent due to COVID-19 pandemic

3353 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the quantum of funds which could not be spent under the various schemes of the Ministry due to COVID-19 pandemic during last year;
- (b) the scheme-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the development of those areas for which the schemes were launched has been hindered and the funds have not been spent for the development, conservation and promotion of the same as originally aimed at; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps taken to execute schemes expeditiously and to compensate for the discrepancies?

National Centres for Elders

3354 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently set up National Centres for the Elders in the country, if so, the details thereof, centre-wise; and
- (b) the number of such Centres Government proposes to set up in various States of the country?

Discrimination in OBC admissions in college

3355 Dr. Banda Prakash:

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

- (a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding discrimination in OBC admissions in Central universities and NEET admission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government and the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has recently issued notices on complaints regarding the discrimination in OBC admissions in Central universities and NEET admission in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

National portal for Transgender persons

3356 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the steps Ministry has taken to spread awareness about the National Portal for Transgender Persons amongst the Transgender community;
- (b) the number of transgender persons applied and received ID cards;
- (c) the number of applications currently pending and how many have been rejected;
- (d) whether the procedure for identification certificates issued by the District Magistrate has been established and is functional in all districts of the country, if not, the details of districts where the same is not functional and the steps the Ministry is taking to address the same; and
- (e) the details on the total transgender persons population in India?

Spending of CSR fund by SAIL

3357 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of item-wise spending of CSR Fund by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during last five years;
- (b) whether Government would give any instruction to the management of SAIL to send the CSR amount for any particular area; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in prices of steel products

3358 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is sharp increase in the prices of steel products which is adversely affecting the growth of various sectors of the economy particularly construction and infrastructure sector and engineering sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to impress upon steel manufacturers to reduce the prices of steel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Concern of metal packaging industry

3359 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that metal packaging industry of India is facing acute hardship in securing raw material after global players and suppliers of tin-free steel have refused to supply the same to India in the wake of imposition of BIS standards, if so, the rationale behind such a move; and
- (b) the action contemplated by Government to address the genuine concerns of metal packaging industry?

House Lease Scheme of Bhilai Steel Plant

3360 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the 'House Lease Scheme' was implemented in Bhilai Steel Plant by Government and this scheme was scheduled to be completed in six phases and five phases thereof have been completed, till 2008;
- (b) whether the sixth phase could not be completed till date; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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