

## RAJYASABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, July 3, 2019/Ashadha 12, 1941 (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

#### ATF tax burden on Indian Airlines

1254. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is charged at 14 per cent excise duty by the Central Government and as high as 29 per cent tax rate by the State Governments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ATF can be brought under the GST regime to lower the ATF tax burden on the Indian carriers;

(c) if so, the details of the considerations and the stakeholders thereof; and

(d) if no consideration has been made, the reasons therefor and the measures Government will undertake to lower the ATF tax burden?

#### Upgradation/creation of airports

1255. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:  
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been taken

and implementation made towards upgradation/creation of airports and to increase frequent air services of national and private airlines including helicopter service on existing C category airports in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of steps taken in this regard?

#### Increase in domestic air passengers

1256. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the number of domestic air passengers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in the last three years, upto 15th May, 2019;

(c) whether seating capacity of various airlines are in accordance with the increased number of passengers;

(d) whether it is a fact that private airlines are exploiting the potential customers by unjustified fare hike in economy seats; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government to regulate the airfare?

**Upgradation/modernisation of airports in Himachal Pradesh**

1257. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the upgradation/modernisation of airports in the country including the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government proposes to upgrade/modernise other airports in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time-limit proposed in this regard; and

(d) the status of upgradation/modernisation of other airports in the State?

**Implementation of UDAN Scheme**

1258. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of operational airports in the country in 2016 and what is it now after the implementation of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN;

(b) what was the target of the UDAN Scheme in making regional airports operational and what has been achieved so far;

(c) what was the number of regional routes proposed for coverage under the UDAN Scheme and how many of such routes are operational now;

(d) whether many regional airlines have

discontinued operations under the UDAN Scheme, reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government is contemplating for resumption of services on discontinued routes under UDAN Scheme?

**Proposal to decommission airports in the country**

1259. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to decommission airports in the country;

(b) the details and number of airports decommissioned in the country so far; and

(c) what is the current percentage of market share of each airline company operating in the country?

**Expansion of Thoothukudi Airport**

1260. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) had received proposal from Director, Thoothukudi Airport for extension of runway, taxiway, control tower, fire station and a new terminal building with a capacity to handle around 300 passengers;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken on that proposal for expansion of Thoothukudi Airport; and

(c) if no action has been taken on those proposal so far, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of travel options in aviation sector**

1261. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

flight prices shot up substantially after Jet Airways issues surfaced;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken by Government to provide travel options and keep prices in check after Air India and Jet Airways flight shortage; and

(c) whether Government has intervened in resolving the Jet Airways crisis including in finding solutions for problems being faced by passengers and employees of Jet Airways?

#### **Introduction of new flights on domestic and international routes**

1262. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a growing demand on air travel requires more flights and new routes to be introduced;

(b) whether Government will introduce new flights on domestic as well as international routes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of new airports**

†1263. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Central Government is constructing new airports in order to make flying services accessible and provide connectivity to every citizen and whether the new international airports are being built to connect air services with international air services, the details thereof?

#### **Operational airports under UDAN Scheme**

1264. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports started under UDAN scheme;

(b) whether all the airports are operationalised, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Jharsuguda Airport is functioning, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Resultant effect of non-operation of Jet Airways**

1265. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airfare has rocketed high because of non-operation of Jet Airways and grounding of Boeing 737(MAX) due to technical glitch;

(b) what steps Government has taken to contain the airfare within the affordable limits of domestic passengers;

(c) whether Government has given any clearance to the airlines to take on lease alternate aircrafts till Boeing 737(MAX) are adjusted flight-worthy again; and

(d) why the State-owned Air India has not taken any lead to substantiate the gap due to non-operation of Jet Airways by increasing number of Air India flights?

#### **Losses of Air India**

1266. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred by Air India

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during the last three years 2016-17, 2017-18 and current financial year;

(b) what are the reasons for Air India remaining in loss;

(c) how many profit routes have been allotted to Air India;

(d) what are the steps taken by Government for bringing down the airfares well besides promoting competition among different players; and

(e) what are the steps taken to strengthen Air India in the competitive market?

#### **Operation of flights under UDAN Scheme in Tamil Nadu**

1267. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) cities/towns selected for flight operations under UDAN Scheme in Tamil Nadu;

(b) when flight operations are likely to commence in these places; and

(c) whether Government would include more cities/towns in Tamil Nadu under UDAN Scheme?

#### **Replacement of Air India flight routes**

1268. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is operating routes with flights which are very old and needed replacement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India has carried out the fitness of all flights which they are operating on a regular basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Facilities for international air cargo operations at Visakhapatnam**

1269. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when international air cargo operations began at Visakhapatnam International Airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that facilities at the cargo terminal at par with international standard is yet to be provided;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are no proper infrastructure facilities to handle bulk cargo and hence companies are still operating from Hyderabad Airport;

(d) the time to be taken to upgrade/streamline cargo handling and other infrastructure facilities at Vizag Airport; and

(e) what plans Government has to connect cargo services to other destinations, apart from Dubai, Singapore, Colombo, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok?

#### **Waiver of landing charges for smaller aircrafts**

1270. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to further encourage the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) by reducing the landing charges for the smaller aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is holding talks with Ministry of Defence to waive the landing charges of the smaller flights in 15 airports working under Ministry of Defence, if so, the details thereof?

### **Civil aviation schemes**

1271. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of civil aviation schemes started during the last Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made under these schemes as on date;

(c) whether work being undertaken on these schemes is as per schedule; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds sanctioned, released and spent on these schemes so far?

### **Hiring foreign pilots**

†1272. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is hiring foreign pilots to deal with the shortage of type rated pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to deal with the shortage of pilots; and

(d) the details of the retired pilots re-employed for a short period by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

### **Awarding ground-handling work to vendors by AAI**

1273. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to award ground-handling work at some of its airports to vendors;

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

(c) the impact of such a move on the revenues of Air India Air Transports Services Limited (AIATSL); and

(d) whether the proposed move will have any adverse impact on Government's efforts towards disinvestment of AIATSL?

### **Proposal to privatise some airports in the country**

1274. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some airports in the country have recently been privatised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some more airports are likely to be privatised in the near future; and

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

### **'Digi Yatra' programme in select airports**

1275. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started 'Digi Yatra' programme in select airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Target fixed for new airports by 2022**

†1276. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of new airports targeted to be built/old airports to be upgraded by the year 2022 in the country;

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(b) the names of the places where these new airports are being constructed in the country; and

(c) the number of air passengers expected to increase on account of construction of new airports?

#### **Success rate under UDAN scheme**

1277. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the success rate under UDAN scheme is apparently less than 20 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that of the 400 odd air routes allotted to 14 major and fledgling airlines under the two phases of UDAN, not more than 40 to 60 routes are operating regularly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for the failure of UDAN scheme is the lack of infrastructure at the airports; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacation of flats by staffers of Air India**

1278. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has asked almost 700 of its staffers to vacate its flats in the country due to mounting losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Air India Housing Colony has 810 flats out of which 676 are presently occupied; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Air

India is considering to enter into a lease agreement with the landlord of the employees?

#### **Constraints affecting India's aviation market**

1279. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the constraints envisaged for India to become the third largest aviation market in the world; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to address the problems/constraints affecting the growing aviation sector?

#### **Disinvestment of Air India**

†1280. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on disinvestment of national aviation company Air India;

(b) if so, the reasons for which Government is considering it's disinvestment;

(c) the amount of debt increased on Air India during last three years; and

(d) the reasons for the financial constraints being faced by Air India despite having more resources *vis-a-vis* the private airlines?

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**Permission for movement of civil flights on Defence airports**

†1281. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH

YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA

VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR

PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to grant permission for movements of civil flights on Defence airports to increase domestic air connectivity;

(b) if so, the names of such airfields and by when the operation would be possible on these airports; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to offer concession in fees to aviation companies under this new concept of flight operation?

**Regional Connectivity Scheme routes**

1282. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of routes awarded in phase 1 and 2 under the Regional Connectivity Scheme that are operational;

(b) whether there has been a delay in operationalising these routes; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Study on air passenger traffic**

1283. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the number of airports in the State

of Jharkhand and in its neighbouring States like Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha and Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any study has been done by Government for the air passenger traffic and the requirement of new airports in the above mentioned States with direct connectivity with metro cities and with other important big cities of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the timeline of such study?

**Airlines suffering due to Pakistan's airspace closure**

1284. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India and other airlines are suffering heavily due to Pakistan's airspace closure since 27th February, 2019;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to resolve this crisis by diplomatic way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Air passenger service in Madhya Pradesh**

†1285. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the international status-wise details of airports available for air passenger service in Madhya Pradesh at present, the present status of the places to which air

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connectivity is available from these airports; and

(b) the details of the programme to initiate air passenger services and establishment of new airports under the proposed action-plan to provide affordable and seamless air passenger services in Madhya Pradesh in view of part(a) above?

**Using air cargo to increase ancilliary revenue by major airports**

1286. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in major airports in the world, significant portions are used for air cargo to increase its ancilliary revenues instead of depending upon revenues from passenger operations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is also considering to earmark certain portions of the airports in the country for dedicated air cargo, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Tenders by AAI for playing pre-recorded music in airports**

1287. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued tenders for putting in place/system for playing pre-recorded music in some of the airports in the country, the details thereof;

(b) how many tenders have been received and processed in this regard, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the timeline for the above system to make it operational, the details thereof?

**Huge losses due to aviation pacts with foreign airlines**

1288. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aviation pacts with foreign airlines resulted in huge losses to the national carrier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that every time the foreign carriers obtained more points of call, it resulted in the loss to the Indian carrier as India got only less calls; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Grounding of fleet of aircrafts with neo engines**

1289. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many aircrafts with neo engines operating flights in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there were demands to ground the entire fleet of aircrafts with neo engines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Night landing facility at Thoothukudi Airport**

1290. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created night landing facilities for big aircrafts at Thoothukudi Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Compensation to Jet Airways employees**

1291. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to accommodate or compensate the Jet Airways employees or crew members, after the operation of the Jet Airways stopped;

(b) whether Government has directed the airlines to take any initiatives in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps for rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits**

1292. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps Government has taken to rehabilitate the Kashmiri Pandits who have moved out of the valley?

**Special rights under Article 35A**

†1293. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir have been given special rights under Section 35A of the Constitution of India and non-permanent residents are deprived of those rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Parliamentary procedure was not followed while adding Section 35A to the Constitution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Naxal affected districts**

†1294. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the number and names of the naxal affected districts, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any scheme/programme by Government is being undertaken with the view to speed up the developmental works of basic infrastructure in naxal affected districts, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some of the operational central schemes have been discontinued in naxal affected districts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Encounters between terrorists and security personnel**

1295. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of encounters that have taken place across the country involving the security personnel with terrorists during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of terrorists and security personnel killed in the encounters during the said period?

**Safety and security measures in the country**

1296. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to enhance safety and security measures in the country keeping in view the recent

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incidents of killing of a girl and other anti-social activities that have taken place recently in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government in this direction?

**Cases of crimes registered in the country**

1297. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of crimes registered in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, crime-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(b) the total number of such cases solved/pending including action taken against the accused and the steps taken to solve all the cases during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a nationwide surveillance system to curb such cases in the future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in crime rate with use of guns in NCR**

1298. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in recent days there have been media reports of increase in crime rate with the use of guns especially in the National Capital Region (NCR) area; and

(b) whether Government is contemplating changes in the Arms Act in order to check the availability and licencing of guns in the country?

**Insurgent groups in NER**

1299. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of insurgent groups presently operating in North-Eastern Region (NER) and the number of groups with which Government is having talks at present, the details thereof;

(b) the number of interlocutors who have been appointed for these talks along with their names and the outfits associated with them;

(c) the details regarding when the talks were started along with the status of talks, organisation/outfit-wise; and

(d) the timeline by when these talks would be completed?

**Increase in child rape cases**

1300. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are alarmingly high cases of child rape in the country during last three years;

(b) the rate of prosecution in such cases and the number of persons who were sent to jail and the term of imprisonment;

(c) whether there is any capital punishment or life imprisonment awarded to the guilty; and

(d) whether any person was hanged for rape during last ten years, the details thereof?

**Cases of people missing in Telangana**

1301. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of

Government is drawn to newspaper reports that missing cases of 550 people were registered in Telangana during first nine days of June, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken a serious note of these missing cases as the list includes women and minor children?

#### **Scrapping of sedition law**

1302. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling to scrap sedition law which is a colonial-era law applicable on free citizens of the Republic; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Loss due to Fani cyclone**

1303. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any details of the loss due to cyclone Fani in Odisha recently;

(b) how much was the Central aid requested by Odisha for rescue, relief and reconstruction;

(c) how much was the amount allotted by the Centre;

(d) the details of initial rehabilitation package by the Centre; and

(e) the details of people got injured, died and details of people who lost houses completely and whose houses were partially damaged etc.?

#### **Ban on lotteries**

1304. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where lotteries are being run in the country;

(b) amount of taxes collected by Government and States in the past three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to take steps to ban all kinds of lotteries pan-India; and

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

#### **Waiving of charges of deployment of central forces**

1305. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government to waive the charges of deployment of central forces in the State; and

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

#### **Women personnel in SSB**

†1306. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) deployed at International Border in Bihar does not have sufficient number of women personnel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that women moving at International Border are frisked by male personnel and due to this women feel uncomfortable; and

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(c) if so, whether Government would ensure to deploy sufficient number of women personnel at work place in SSB, so that women passengers do not have to feel uncomfortable situation?

#### **Terrorist attack on CRPF convoy**

1307. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether SSP, PCR, Kashmir on behalf of IGP Kashmir zone sent signal to CRPF, BSF, ITBP, Army, Air Force and all Range DIGs of Kashmir warning them of sanitizing their areas regarding use of RDX on 8th February, 2019;

(b) whether on 14th February, 2019, CRPF convoy was attacked by terrorist in which 44 CRPF jawans died;

(c) whether Government has conducted enquiry about why this warning was ignored and CRPF convoy route was not sanitized, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, who was responsible and Government has taken any action against officials who failed to sanitize the route?

#### **NRC implementation in Assam**

1308. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest status of National Register of Citizens (NRC) implementation in Assam, the deadline for completing the task and any hurdle faced in completing the task on deadline;

(b) whether Government is seriously trying to implement the NRC schemes in all other States as promised and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is pondering to re-introduce the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 in Parliament, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Abrogation of Article 35A**

†1309. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on abrogating Article 35A of the Constitution;

(b) if so, whether two-third vote of majority of all Members of the House is required for this purpose; and

(c) if not, by when a decision will be taken in this regard?

#### **Crimes in Delhi**

1310. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of crimes about murder, attempt to murder, robbery, carjacking and other registered crimes during 2018 and 2019 till date by Delhi Police, in which guns were used;

(b) whether use of firearms by criminals is increasing day-by-day in Delhi;

(c) whether illicit firearms are freely available in Delhi;

(d) the details of illegal firearms recovered during the last three years;

(e) the details of illegal gun factories operating in Delhi; and

(f) the steps taken to curb the use and supply of firearms?

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**Financial assistance to restructure  
and strengthen State Police**

1311. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of amount released to strengthen the various State Police forces during last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that several State Governments have requested the Union Government for financial assistance to restructure and strengthen State Police; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and the action taken in this regard?

**Recommendation for making NHRC  
more effective**

†1312. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made in the report provided by the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) for making the National Human Rights Commission more effective, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government intends to prepare a uniform format for the National Human Rights Commission for making a complaint before the various Statutory Commissions so that more and more cases can be disposed, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intends to set up a Human Rights Court in each district and to appoint a nodal officer in the Commission to make the Commission more successful, the details thereof?

**Terror Monitoring Group**

1313. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a multi-disciplinary Terror Monitoring Group (TMG);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the TMG will be responsible for taking coordinated measures to resolve all cases registered in matters of terrorism, including terror financing;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the TMG will also be responsible for identifying major leaders of organisations supporting terrorist activities as well as look for terrorist sympathisers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Deadline for NRC in Assam**

1314. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether disturbed by adverse media reports that updating of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam, with the deadline looming on 31st July, 2019, in a slipshod manner, Supreme Court has warned the officials responsible for updating exercise to give fair hearings for all regarding their claims and objections;

(b) whether the country's top Court has set 31st, July deadline for the completion of final NRC and has firmly refused to extend it any further; and

(c) whether Supreme Court has asked

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State Government to set up more such tribunals to deal with the rush of applicants before the deadline?

**Plan to modernise Uttar Pradesh police**

1315. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to modernise Uttar Pradesh police keeping in view new and high tech security challenges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka**

†1316. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to declare Bijapur, Dharwad, Karwar and Belgaum districts, which were transferred from Bombay State to Mysore State, as Union Territories until the Maharashtra and Karnataka border dispute gets resolved in the Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Duty allowance of Home Guards in UTs**

†1317. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the duty allowances being provided to the Home Guards in Union Territories, at present;

(b) the directives of the Supreme Court regarding duty allowance being provided to the Home Guards and by when this will be implemented in the Union Territories; and

(c) the reasons for delay in its implementation?

**Recruitment of local youth by terrorist organisations in J&K**

1318. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a marked increase in recruitment of local youth by terrorist organisations in Jammu and Kashmir during last three years, if so, the details thereof till date;
- (b) whether the number of local terrorists killed in the last two years are much more than foreign terrorists killed by security forces, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to discourage the youth from joining the terrorist ranks in the valley?

**Online services of CCTNS**

1319. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current status of implementation of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS);
- (b) whether CCTNS has started facilitating online services;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the challenges faced during the implementation of CCTNS across the country; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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**Presence of IS radicals and sympathisers**

1320. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Indian States have a considerable presence of Islamic State (IS) radicals and sympathisers;

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

(c) the number of cases registered against the outfit by National Investigation Agency (NIA) in each State and the status of those cases?

**Cases of snatching in Delhi**

1321. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been substantial increase during the current year in cases relating to snatching of cellphone and jewellery by bike gangs in the capital who also leave their targets wounded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to enact stringent law for such crimes and if so, the details thereof and by when it will be enacted, so as to deter the criminals from indulging in such crimes?

**Study to determine shortage of police personnel**

†1322. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to determine shortage of police personnel in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that there is shortage of five lakh police personnel in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether according to Bureau of Police Research and Development, three policemen are posted to serve every VIP while there is one policeman to serve 663 citizens;

(e) whether for many persons, engagement of police personnel around them has become a symbol of prestige than any threat to their lives; and

(f) if so, details of plans being formulated by Government to deal with this issue?

**Tracing missing passengers who left from Kerala coast**

1323. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about 243 passengers who left Kerala coast in a boat on 12th January, 2019;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to trace them;

(c) whether Government has any information about the boat in which they left the coast and its destination;

(d) why Government machinery has failed to trace these people and resolve the mystery about them; and

(e) whether their relatives have approached the Government in this regard and if so, the results thereof?

**Restricting intruders with adoption of space technology**

1324. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government was able to

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successfully restrict the intruders after adoption of space technology in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is applying this technology only in specific areas or on pan-India basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Assessment of loss of lives and property due to cyclone Fani**

1325. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has assessed the total loss of human lives and properties like houses, telecommunication, power generation, electricity transmission, road communication, agriculture and animal husbandry, etc. caused by cyclone Fani in Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the aggregate loss in terms of money assessed by Central Government and how much financial assistance has so far been provided to Odisha and what more assistance the Union Government proposes to give; and

(c) whether Central Government would consider according special category status to Odisha in view of repeated severe natural calamities in the State amongst other reasons?

**Action plan on women's safety**

1326. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient aspects of draft 'Action Plan on Women's Safety';

(b) the details of steps taken to enhance

safety and security of women in the country; and

(c) the details of the proposed 'National Policy on Women's Safety' and the timeline fixed for launching of the said policy?

**Steps for police and intelligence reforms**

1327. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken any steps for police and intelligence reforms for improving internal security;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Central support extended and being extended to the States by the Union Government for this purpose; and

(c) the other steps taken by Union Government for improving the working conditions of the police personnel by establishing a proper grievance redressal mechanism?

**Crimes in States**

1328. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different States in the country have been witnessing the increase in number of incidents of murder, attempt to murder, rape, attempt to rape, kidnappings, trafficking of women and children in 2017, 2018 and 2019 till May; and

(b) if so, the number of murders, attempts to murder, rape, attempt to rape, kidnappings, trafficking of women and children in 2017, 2018 and 2019 till May in different States?

**Amendments in Foreigners  
(Tribunals) Order, 1964**

1329. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for amending the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 to authorise State Government and District Magistrates to set up tribunals under the Order;

(b) whether appellant can appeal the orders of the newly constituted tribunals; and

(c) if so, the details of the appellate authority?

**Retired army officer declared  
foreigner in Assam**

1330. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a retired army officer and a war veteran in Assam has been declared a foreigner by the Foreigners' Tribunal and placed under detention in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the case and the circumstances that led to his detention as a foreign national and subsequent arrest; and

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent misuse of the exercise of detection of foreigners and prevent recurrence of such instances of violation of Constitutional and Fundamental Rights of the citizens?

**Renaming of West Bengal**

1331. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government has cleared the name 'Bangla'

for the State of West Bengal as proposed by the West Bengal Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rape cases of minor girls and women**

1332. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp rise in rape cases of minor girls and women in the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years, State-wise and in metropolitan cities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that conviction rate is very low in such cases; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to get rid of pending cases of rape through Fast Track Special Courts?

**Revision of SDRF norms**

1333. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) norms in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has increased the relief amount under various heads during the said period;

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

(e) whether Government has increased the annual allocation for SDRF to States on upward revision of relief amount; and

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

**Targets set for annual programmes on official language**

†1334. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Ministries, undertakings and institutes of Central Government towards making the methods of inspection more effective to achieve the targets set for annual programmes on official language;

(b) to what extent, the correspondence related targets stipulated for category 'A' and 'B' regions have been achieved, as on March, 2019, the Ministry-wise details thereof; and

(c) with reference to annual programme, the current status of the progressive use of Hindi language, the Ministry-wise details thereof?

**NDRF funds to Telangana and their utilisation**

1335. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telangana has not spent the funds released under National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) during last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Telangana has spent the funds, if so, the details thereof along with details of utilisation certificates submitted?

**Schemes under UIDSSMT**

1336. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes

under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) for providing basic facilities and upgradation of small towns in the country are not implemented successfully;

(b) if so, whether Government has initiated any action to analyze the reasons, the details thereof; and

(c) the alternative programmes proposed by Government for upgradation of small towns in the country, the details thereof?

**Projects undertaken through NERUDP**

1337. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the projects that have been undertaken through the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP) during the last three years;

(b) in which States have these projects been undertaken under North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP) and how many of them are with regard to water supply, sanitation and solid waste management; and

(c) how many new jobs, if any, have been created for the people of North-Eastern States under these development projects during the last three years?

**Enhancing walkability in Delhi for pedestrians**

1338. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development

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Authority (DDA) has approved a policy for enhancing walkability in the city to make it safer for pedestrians;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has approved the policy and if so, by when it will be notified; and

(d) whether the Ministry will advise for such a plan in other metropolitan cities also?

#### **AMRUT scheme in Uttar Pradesh**

1339. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme in Uttar Pradesh till date;

(b) the details of the cities of Uttar Pradesh selected for AMRUT scheme in U.P.;

(c) the details of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and fund allocation for implementation of AMRUT scheme in U.P.;

(d) the progress of AMRUT scheme in U.P.; and

(e) the time-frame for completion of projects under AMRUT scheme in U.P.?

#### **Pucca houses to every citizen of the country**

†1340. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating upon providing pucca houses to every citizen of the country;

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

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

#### **Funds for construction of Latrines and Public Toilets**

1341. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) and Public Toilets (PT) in urban areas during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess the demand for Public Toilets (PT); and

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

#### **Rising number of slums in metro cities**

1342. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of slums has been rising at a faster pace in Delhi, Mumbai and other metro cities of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken/propose to take steps to address the problems of these slums in the above metro cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-cooperation of States in achieving PMAY(U) targets**

1343. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan

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Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] is not achieving its targets due to non-cooperation from certain States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sanctions under PMAY are very low in North-Eastern States; and

(c) the State-wise details of number of beneficiaries under the programme?

#### **Installation of solar trees in government buildings**

1344. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has directed its officials to explore the possibility of installing 'solar trees' in residential complexes of government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these 'solar trees' have been installed at some other places in government buildings; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, particularly with regard to its success?

#### **Report on unauthorized colonies in Delhi**

1345. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-level panel headed by the Lt. Governor of Delhi has submitted its report to the Ministry on how to give land titles to Capital's population in unauthorised colonies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of construction of houses under PMAY(U)**

1346. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in meticulous monitoring mechanism for progress of construction of houses under PMAY(U) to ensure that each family in the country own a house by 2022;

(b) if so, the details of mechanism that has been put in place;

(c) the year-wise number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in each State since 2015; and

(d) whether the responsibility of construction of houses under the scheme is also being shared by agencies other than those under the control of Central and State Governments?

#### **Details of Smart Cities in Andhra Pradesh**

1347. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is embarking on development of Smart Cities Project in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details about all the infrastructural facilities being provided for developing Smart Cities in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the details of the cities identified in Andhra Pradesh for this purpose; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated for this programme and released so far?

#### **Unregistered projects after RERA implementation**

1348. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that even after implementation of Real Estate Regulation and Development Act (RERA), many States have hundreds of unregistered projects;

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

(c) whether those who have invested in unregistered projects are not going to get compensation/benefits which they otherwise would have got had the project been registered under RERA; and

(d) if so, how Government is looking at this trend and ensure that every project is mandatorily registered under RERA?

#### **Delhi Development Authority Housing Scheme, 2019**

1349. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has launched its Housing Scheme, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of applicants, date of draw, date of possession, water facility, etc.;

(b) whether the new Housing Scheme has received poor response from the public as number of applicants has been reduced to thousands and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether large number of allottees have surrendered their flats in previous housing schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard, so far?

#### **Smart Cities Project in Karnataka**

1350. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka is far behind in using funds for Smart Cities project;

(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned and released by the Centre for various works under the project in seven cities selected to implement the project, city-wise;

(c) the details of the funds utilized by the State of Karnataka for the project; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to expedite the works for early completion of the project, the details thereof?

#### **Status of SCM in Karnataka**

1351. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has failed to utilize the funds released by the Central Government for the development of seven smart cities in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what is the total amount released to Karnataka State under the programme and the amount spent so far for various works under the project; and

(c) the reasons for not utilizing the funds and the steps taken by the Central Government, the details thereof?

#### **Transfer policy of CPWD employees**

†1352. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Works

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Department (CPWD) employees that are posted in the National Capital for last one decade and not yet transferred;

(b) the policy of Government regarding transfers; and

(c) the reasons behind not transferring them?

**Audit for Government accommodations for MPs**

†1353. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to inquire into the work carried out by CPWD in the official Government accommodations for Members of Parliament (MPs);

(b) whether it is being done through 'open tenders', if so, whether Government will carry out any audit with a view for quality checks of the work done in some of the buildings selected on random basis; and

(c) whether Government will ensure involving Members of Parliament in audit of the said work?

**Projects undertaken in SCM**

1354. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of projects undertaken/ being undertaken by the Union Government under Smart City Mission (SCM) in various cities of the country;

(b) the targets fixed and achieved so far; and

(c) the time by when the Smart City programme will be completed in all respects, State-wise?

**Pickpocketing in Delhi Metro by women gangs**

1355. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 90 per cent of the incidents of pickpocketing are performed by women gangs in the various stations of Delhi Metro;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to form an anti-theft squad at every line of the metro?

**Redevelopment of flats on North and South Avenue, Delhi**

1356. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 400 flats on North Avenue and South Avenue, Delhi are likely to be rebuilt along the lines of the 36 flats on North Avenue that have just been rebuilt after being demolished in 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new buildings on North Avenue and South Avenue will be constructed using fly ash and waste bricks;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the next phase is likely to include 144 flats on North Avenue after its vacation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Status of draft National Urban Rental Housing Policy, 2015**

1357. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a public and expert consultation was conducted on the draft National Urban Rental Housing Policy, 2015;

(b) if so, the details of the feedback received and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the current status of this policy?

#### **SHGs and CLCs set up under DAY-NULM**

1358. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Self Help Groups' (SHGs) and 'City Livelihood Centres' (CLCs) set up under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) since the launch of the programme, State-wise; and

(b) the State-wise details of the funds allocated and disbursed to support SHGs and CLCs under various heads?

#### **AMRUT scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

1359. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any project under its Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Scheme (AMRUT) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has received any request from the State of Andhra Pradesh in the past for any excess project it wanted to execute besides the State Annual Action Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rehabilitation of bonded labourers**

1360. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people rescued and rehabilitated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers since the scheme was revamped in May, 2016;

(b) the funds that have been utilised for rehabilitation and whether these funds have been found to be adequate for the required purposes;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government plans to increase fund allocation;

(d) whether all individual State Governments have conducted a survey of bonded labourers with the financial assistance provided through the scheme; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, by when every individual State survey will be completed?

#### **Implementation of child labour eradication programmes**

1361. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the child labour eradication programmes have been implemented or are being implemented throughout the country properly so as to achieve the complete child labour eradication target;

(b) if so, what percentage of child labour eradication target has been achieved so far; and

(c) what are the further course of action by Government in this regard?

**Employment policy for prevailing unemployment problem**

1362. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed/envisaged a comprehensive employment policy for the country keeping in view the prevailing acute unemployment problem in the country; and

(b) if so, the brief outline of the same along with timelines for implementation in key sectors and more specifically in the field of skill development and entrepreneurship and micro, small and medium enterprises?

**Misuse of welfare fund for construction workers**

†1363. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of misuse of fund meant for the welfare of construction workers has been reported and whether it is being investigated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Supreme Court of India has directed Government to prepare a model scheme for the welfare of construction workers throughout the country comprising therein the issues like education, health, social security and pension; and

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

**New labour law**

1364. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is bringing new

labour law amalgamating existing 44 Central Labour Laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is taking care of rights of labourers and their social security in the process?

**Steps to create more employment opportunities**

1365. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has admitted rise in unemployment in the country;

(b) whether the employment growth rate slipped during last two years;

(c) whether the incidence of unemployment among youths in 15-29 age group is also rising and if so, to what extent; and

(d) what steps/programmes Government are likely to take/launch to create more employment opportunities?

**Formulating employment guarantee scheme for the unorganised sector workers**

†1366. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate an employment guarantee scheme for the workers of the unorganised sector in cities on lines of employment guarantee scheme for the rural areas 'MGNREGA', if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether unorganised workers are not getting benefits of various Government schemes, if so, the State-wise details of the

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beneficiaries along with those who remain deprived of such benefits; and

(c) whether a large number of unorganised workers are engaged in such industries where labour law does not apply, if so, whether Government proposes to make special law for the same, the details thereof?

#### **Minimum wages for daily labourers**

†1367. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to raise minimum wages for the daily labourers and employees of private institutions, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the details of steps being taken by Government to safeguard the interests of such labourers?

#### **Providing benefits to unorganised workers**

1368. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide benefits to unorganised workers including domestic help through direct transfer to their accounts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Target for employment generation**

1369. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for employment generation in next three years;

(b) the share of the private, public and unorganised sector to be therein;

(c) total employment generated in all the three sectors during the last four years of the plan and the estimates thereof for next three years;

(d) total reduction in employment as a result of global slowdown;

(e) the plan to rehabilitate those rendered unemployed; and

(f) whether it is a fact that there is a mismatch in demand and supply of employment and the plan to rectify that?

#### **Overdue labour reforms**

1370. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuit of long overdue labour reforms, Government has planned a slew of code bills for industrial relations, wages, social security and welfare and occupational safety, health and working conditions;

(b) whether Government has attempted to revive the tripartite body Indian Labour Conference to ensure a consensus of stakeholders to see through the proposed labour reforms; and

(c) whether the tripartite mechanism for resolution of issues on labour front is in a moribund state with no attempt by the establishment to revive the same?

#### **Loss of jobs in Maharashtra**

1371. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that massive job losses have taken place in Maharashtra and rest of the country in the recent past;

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(b) if so, the details thereof for the last four years, year-wise, State/UT-wise;

(c) what are the primary reasons for the massive loss of jobs in the country particularly in Maharashtra; and

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

**Minimum wages to informal sector workers**

1372. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing any concrete measures to ensure minimum wages and healthy working conditions to informal sector workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Proposal for merger of ESI, EPF with other central schemes**

1373. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is proposing dismantling and merger of ESI, EPF with other central schemes and privatisation of social security funds;

(b) if so, whether the suggestions from trade unions regarding this has been considered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of staff in ESI hospitals in Jharkhand**

1374. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ESI hospitals

in Jharkhand are running with shortage of staff which is leading to crisis in the ESI hospital service to the employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts in ESI hospitals to maintain minimum level of manpower?

**Increase in educated unemployed persons**

†1375. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of educated unemployed persons is steadily increasing in comparison to uneducated unemployed persons;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the present rate of unemployment with regard to educated and uneducated persons, the details thereof for last three years?

**Increase in unemployment rate after demonetisation**

†1376. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of unemployment in the country has doubled on account of demonetisation;

(b) if so, the action plan of Government to deal with the same; and

(c) if not, the data of employment during pre and post demonetisation period?

**NSSO report on unemployment**

1377. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has received a 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 therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has failed to create any job during their last tenure thereof; and

(d) if so, proposal and line of action to generate employment and jobs in the country within next three years therein?

**Unemployment rate amongst different age groups**

1378. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) job survey for 2017-18 confirming a surge in the unemployment rate to 6.1 per cent, a 45-year high;

(b) if so, the details and the breakup of unemployment rate amongst different age groups and rural and urban men and women; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to revive investments in the manufacturing sector to generate jobs to address the unemployment situation?

**Labour Code on Safety to protect labourers in workplace**

1379. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a Labour Safety Code to protect labourers in the workplace and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether most of the labour force will be excluded, as some experts have asserted, because of the conditions mentioned in the recognized labourers as per the Code and if so, the ways in which the large labour community will be protected?

**Significance of employment exchanges**

1380. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that employment exchanges are gradually losing their significance due to one reason or the other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to make the employment exchange across the country to be a one-stop placement solution to the unemployed and make employment exchange as job providers to job-seekers in all spheres;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Exit of Oil India Limited from US and Russian oil blocks**

1381. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-run Oil India Limited (OIL) is planning to exit from two major overseas blocks in the US and Russia;

(b) whether the US Shale Asset and the Licence 61 Asset in Russia have been found not lucrative enough to hold on, if so, whether OIL is looking for buyers both for the US Shale Asset and the Russian one; and

(c) whether OIL has called back its personnel from its block in Venezuela because of political turmoil and is waiting for normalcy to return, if so, the details thereof?

**Extra charge by LPG distributors in rural and remote areas**

1382. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that LPG distributors in rural and remote areas are charging ₹ 15-20 extra which they do not mention in the bill;

(b) if so, how many such cases have so far been reported to OMCs/Ministry during last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise and what action concerned OMC has taken on such agency;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a need to have more transparency in selecting LPG dealership since existing rules and guidelines are hurting expansion plans of OMCs; and

(d) if so, the measures Ministry is taking in this regard?

**Controlling increasing prices of LPG**

1383. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of subsidized and non-subsidized LPG cylinders are increasing tremendously during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has made any mechanism to control the prices of LPG cylinders?

**Goal for reducing crude oil imports**

1384. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has set the goal for reducing crude oil imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any five-year action plan for individual segments of Government has been set;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made for achieving it; and

(e) by when Government would provide clean cooking fuel to all households, the details thereof?

**LPG connections to poor women under PMUY**

†1385. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor women are unable to get free LPG connections provided under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of LPG connections provided so far along with the number of LPG connections yet to be provided under this scheme; and

(c) the target set by Government for the said scheme and time it will take for achieving the set target?

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### **Deduplication exercise by OMCs**

1386. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was deduplication exercise undertaken by OMCs;

(b) whether it is a fact that much time has passed and the need has come to have deduplication exercise since 2-3 OMCs have set up LPG distribution networks in one area which is hitting each other's business;

(c) whether it is a fact that in as many as 50 per cent of locations advertised in 2014 for LPG distributorship OMCs did not get any application; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to take to liberalize selection norms?

### **Refining capacity of oil refineries**

1387. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of refining capacity of each oil refinery in the country;

(b) whether the current refining capacity is adequate to meet the oil demand in the country and if not, whether Government plans to set up more refineries in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is considering investing money to raise oil refining capacity in Maharashtra and other places of the country and if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has sought or plans to seek help from any foreign Government or company to meet the oil demand in future and if so, details thereof?

### **Utilisation of Give it Up LPG subsidy**

1388. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG subscribers who opted to give up subsidy in the country during the last and current financial year, State-wise;

(b) the details of money received or likely to be received on this account;

(c) the proposal of Government to utilise this money and the purpose;

(d) the strategy of Government to mitigate the subsidy burden on this account; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to at least convince those who earn more than a lakh rupees per month to join the campaign to surrender this subsidy for the poorest of the poor people in the country?

### **Finances of ONGC**

1389. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) borrowed around ₹ 20,000 crore when it acquired Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and the Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation's stake in the KG Basin block as part of Government's policy to meet its disinvestment targets, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the cash accumulations of ONGC are adversely affected because these funds are used to pay back the above debt, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the present cash levels of ONGC are alarming and have never been witnessed in ONGC's history, if so, the details thereof?

**India's crude oil output and reduction of oil imports**

1390. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had promised to raise India's crude oil output and reduce oil imports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's crude output has fallen by around 4 per cent in fiscal year 2018-19, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there was a roadmap to bring down crude oil imports by 10 per cent but there has been in fact, a rise of 6 per cent in imports, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Protest against Nanar-Kumbhavade oil refinery setup**

†1391. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would reconsider the proposed setting up of oil refinery in Nanar-Kumbhavade in Rajapur Tehsil under Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Konkan area since local people are strongly protesting against setting up of the said anti-people refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far on the demands of such people?

**LPG connections to women under PMUY**

†1392. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of women eligible for getting free LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) the number of women benefited under the said scheme during the last three years, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and General category under the said scheme?

**Subsidies on petroleum products**

1393. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has been providing subsidies on petroleum products including petrol, diesel, kerosene, LPG, if so, the amount of subsidies given by Government for the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 till May; and

(b) the cost of petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG cylinder during the above said period?

**Promotion of clean fuel in Jharkhand**

1394. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand is lying far behind national average of using the clean fuel by households;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government would take to bring Jharkhand in the mainstream of using the clean fuel, especially in rural areas?

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**Revenue loss to Rajasthan due to actions of M/s Cairn Energy**

1395. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested Central Government to take action against M/s Cairn Energy which has reneged on the condition of year 2009 that it will keep point of sale of crude extracted from Rajasthan in that State only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against M/s Cairn Energy;

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

(e) whether loss of revenue to Rajasthan due to point of sale not being in Rajasthan has been assessed; and

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

**Allocation and utilisation under SCSP**

1396. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether SCs/STs are allocated budget according to their population and how much budget is allocated during the year 2018-19 according to the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP);

(b) how much of the allocated budget is used so far in this scheme;

(c) whether there is any instance when the budget allocated under SCSP has been used for some other purpose/in other heads; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Learning hiccups for differently abled**

1397. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures that Government has taken for making learning technology designed for differently abled accessible across campuses;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of campuses, since 2014 which provides learning gear for differently abled especially in cases of blind people; and

(c) if not, what measures Government will take to make various steps from application, preparation, to giving examinations which makes learning easier for them, the details thereof?

**Assessment of institutions/organisations implementing schemes for vulnerable sections**

1398. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete mechanism is available for the assessment of institutions, trusts and organisations receiving funds under various schemes being run by Government for the empowerment of vulnerable sections in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the names and addresses of the institutions implementing schemes run for the empowerment of vulnerable sections in the country along with fund provided to various State Governments during the last three years; and

(d) whether all the institutions have used the amount properly?

**Ensuring socially secured life for senior citizens**

1399. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the number of senior citizens in the country;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that a large chunk of senior citizens lead a very insecure life; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure a socially secured life for the senior citizens?

**Death of workers in gutters and septic tanks**

1400. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scores of workers often lose their lives, suffocating after inhaling the toxic fumes inside gutters and septic tanks;

(b) if so, the total number of such workers died during the last two years in the country on account of the above; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent such deaths?

**Death of sewer workers in metropolitan cities**

†1401. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a note of death of sewer workers occurring while unclogging the sewer lines in the major metropolitan cities, especially in Delhi in the recent past;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sewer workers are sent into the manholes even without protective gears;

(c) the immediate measures proposed to be taken by Government for safety of the sanitation workers; and

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

**Guidelines for establishment and maintenance of Old Age Homes**

1402. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines in place for establishment and maintenance of Old Age Homes in the country;

(b) the number of Old Age Homes set up by Government in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government for setting up and maintaining Old Age Homes during the last three years?

**Benefits of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

†1403. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana,

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the details of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, benefits provided in the scheme and the eligibility criteria for the beneficiaries;

(b) the State-wise details of the districts including Maharashtra where Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana has been implemented so far;

(c) whether Government proposes to make changes in Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is planning to implement this scheme in all districts of Maharashtra, if so, by when?

#### **Old Age Homes in each district**

1404. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made it mandatory for all State Governments to set up at least one Old Age Home in each district;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the reaction of the State Governments;

(c) whether there would be central funding for the programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scheme of Grant-in-Aid to voluntary organisations for SCs**

1405. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many organisations have received aid from the Ministry during the last three years through the scheme of Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the Scheduled Castes;

(b) how many residential and non-residential schools along with hostels have been covered through the Grant-in-Aid during the last three years; and

(c) how many SC girl students have benefited from the Grant-in-Aid provided to the organisations during the last three years?

#### **Recasting Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs**

1406. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to recast Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is going to change the fund sharing formula;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than ₹ 4,000 crores is due under this scheme to various States; and

(e) if so, the details of arrears to be given to Karnataka and by when Government is going to clear its dues?

#### **Doing away with manual scavenging**

1407. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of deaths of sanitation workers despite the fact that manual scavenging is prohibited by law in the country, if so, the details thereof and action taken to take away the manual scavenging work from sanitation workers;

(b) whether Government is aware of

the increasing incidents of deaths of workers engaged in sewer cleaning, if so, the details of such cases reported during last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to do away with manual scavenging by taking lessons from other professions that are modernising themselves with the infusion of technology and skills?

#### **Carbon dioxide emission on production of hot metal**

1408. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India, on an average two tonnes of carbon dioxide is emitted while producing every tonne of hot metal through blast furnace route; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb the carbon emission and reducing cost of production?

#### **Projects under SRTMI**

1409. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the steel import tariff barriers put in place by USA are affecting the demand and supply of domestic steel in international markets;

(b) the efforts made by Government in equipping SAIL and other PSUs with safeguards against such international protectionist measures;

(c) whether there have been allegations of low quality steel being produced for the market, if so, details thereof and reasons therefor and steps taken/ being taken by Government to resolve aforementioned issue; and

(d) the details and status of projects to be undertaken/ being undertaken under the Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI)?

#### **Expenditure on CSR project**

1410. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has succeeded in spending entire amount of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project during the last three years;

(b) if so, organisation-wise report on CSR expenditure therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is supporting local social organisations, schools, hospitals and local bodies towards different developmental works; and

(d) if so, the details of criteria and area-wise expenditure made in last three years?

#### **New steel plants established in the country**

†1411. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new steel plants established in the country from 2014 to 2019 and the percentage of people given employment in these steel plants; and

(b) the percentage of growth rate recorded in steel production from these plants, the details thereof?

#### **Fall in India's steel exports**

1412. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's steel exports fell by 34 per cent in the last fiscal year and that of finished steel imports rose 4.7 per cent;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is unable to meet demand for new rails of the Indian Railways for track renewal and capacity augmentation;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that imports from China, Japan, South Korea and Indonesia climbed as they diverted supply into India; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to curb the rising steel import? (b) if so, the details thereof including the demand received by SAIL during the last three years;
- Demand of steel by Railways**
1413. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Steel (c) whether SAIL has taken steps to supply all the required quantity to the agencies including Indian Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 27th June, 2019*  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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