

RAJYASABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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**(Ministries: 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

Sale of real estate of Air India

1894. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the financial loss of Air India;
- (b) what steps the Ministry has taken to reduce the burden;
- (c) whether Government is planning to sell the real estate of Air India;
- (d) whether Ministry will furnish the list of fixed assets (real estate and collection of art work);
- (e) which assets of Air India are being sold as on date;
- (f) which assets are already been sold and at what price;
- (g) whether Air India building at Nariman Point in Mumbai is being sold, if so, who bought the building and at what price; and
- (h) what is the brand value of Air India?

Renovation of airports

†1895. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new airports built in the country during the last three years and their current status;
- (b) the number of old airports renovated during the last three years and the funds spent on their renovation;
- (c) the number of airports from which operation of flights have started during last three years; and
- (d) whether the Ministry is contemplating on making flights operational from Bilaspur Airport in Chhattisgarh?

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Construction of NIAL airport in Uttar Pradesh

1896. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction of Noida International Airport Ltd. (NIAL), Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the land is acquired from the State Government;

(c) the number of runways proposed for the Jewar Airport, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the airport is expected to be operational?

Implementation of UDAN scheme in West Bengal

1897. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the flights operational under UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme in West Bengal, the details thereof;

(b) whether all the flights proposed under the UDAN scheme in West Bengal are operational, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disproportionate employee to aircraft ratio in Air India

1898. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employee to aircraft ratio is disproportionate in the case

of Air India in comparison to other airlines of this country;

(b) if so, the details of number of aircrafts and total number of employees in national carrier;

(c) what are the per day net losses Air India is making;

(d) whether Government has any plans to rationalise the routes and financial condition of Air India; and

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

Enhancement of passenger service fee

1899. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to enhance passenger service fee (PSF) in airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the proposed enhancement for domestic and international passengers; and

(d) airport-wise passenger traffic during last three years and PSF collected?

Leased out airports under PPP model

†1900. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has leased out many airports in the country under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total targeted investment to be collected through PPP mode and the details of the amount of investment collected so far; and

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(c) whether the private companies have been compelled to follow the reservation policy for recruitment of staff in the said airports, if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Bhogapuram Airport in Andhra Pradesh

1901. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made so far in setting up of airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of fund released so far for setting up/creating facilities at Bhogapuram Airport in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce 'Digi Yatra' at the Bhogapuram Airport;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of staff in BCAS

1902. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of total officers and staff in payroll of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS);

(b) the number of staff borrowed by private airlines and manpower agencies from BCAS;

(c) whether Government is aware of acute shortage of staff in BCAS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measure adopted by Government to reduce such shortage?

Need for capital infusion in airlines

1903. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all airlines in the country have reported losses and require a massive capital infusion;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the situation has adversely affected Government's flagship UDAN scheme; and

(d) if so, what measures are being contemplated by Government so that the scheme does not fail?

Privatisation of airports

1904. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to handover all the international and domestic airports to private entity;

(b) if so, the reactions from concerned State Governments therein;

(c) the role and responsibility of airport authority to manage and operate the airports and inclusion of private players in the safety and security of airports therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that inclusion of private entity in airports has increased the airfare in the name of users tax thereof; and

(e) airport-wise annual travellers and user fees collected in the country since 2016-17 to 2018-19 thereto?

Dependency on CISF for security of airports

†1905. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is totally dependent on Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for security of airports;

(b) the manner in which Government is considering to deal with the pressure of increasing passengers/air services in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai airports; and

(c) the number of security lapses occurred in the above mentioned airports since 2017 to 2019?

Construction of airport at Begusarai in Bihar

†1906. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airports proposed to be developed by Government;

(b) the number of new airports proposed to be constructed and currently undergoing construction;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish an airport at Begusarai in Bihar; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider in this regard?

Grounding of Boeing 737 (MAX) in the country

1907. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Boeing 737 (MAX) are

grounded in the country, airline-wise, details thereof;

(b) the action taken by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on these aircrafts; and

(c) how DGCA propose to bring them back to operation?

Rise in air passenger traffic

1908. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airlines have posted 3 per cent rise in passenger traffic in May, 2019;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has been amongst the fastest growing aviation markets in the world and saw double digit growth for more than four years until December, 2018;

(c) whether it is also a fact that induction of new aircrafts and discounts offered by the airlines have marginally lifted the passenger traffic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Dues owed to CISF by airports for security

1909. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various airports owe dues to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for providing security;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) amount of dues owed to CISF by airports and the reasons therefor?

Proposal for developing airstrips in the country

1910. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering new proposals for developing airstrips across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from State Government of Himachal Pradesh in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing air ticket prices

1911. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing air ticket prices in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has noticed that the air ticket prices for Delhi-Dharamshala and Dharamshala - Delhi sectors are sometimes raised unbelievably very high;

(d) if so, whether Government has monitored airfare movements of the above sectors and has taken any action with the concerned airlines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Report on postponing disinvestment of Air India

1912. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report indicating that postponing disinvestment of Air India would further lower its valuation;

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

(c) what is the present status of disinvestment of Air India?

Review of Boeing 737 (MAX) by DGCA

1913. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had reviewed the Boeing 737 (MAX) planes with airlines for issues related to engine and other parts of the aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the regulator had sought details about the plane crash from Boeing and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) after the crash of such plane in recent times; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sensor related issues in Boeing 737 (MAX) planes

1914. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked airlines to check and correct possible sensor related issues in the Boeing 737 (MAX) planes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the issue concerning sensor could cause the aircraft to lose altitude significantly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the

directive from the DGCA has come after a fatal air crash involving a Boeing 737 (MAX) 8 aircraft due to similar issues recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Developing airports in small cities

1915. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many airports in small cities have been developed and made operational by Government in the last two years;

(b) whether flights from all these airports have started;

(c) if not, which are the airports from where the regular flight is yet to start;

(d) how much time will be taken to operationalise all these airports in small cities; and

(e) what is the status of Pakyong airport which was inaugurated by Prime Minister on 24th September, 2018?

Solar power plants at airports

1916. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is setting up solar power plants in airports across the country to meet their power needs;

(b) the number of airports which have been selected in the first phase of establishment of solar plants;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a great delay taking place in the process of establishment of solar plants at these airports, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to resolve their problems?

Expansion and development of airports under UDAN-RCS

1917. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the identification of small towns for expansion and development of airports under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik) Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), the details thereof;

(b) the details of the States which have joined hands in this scheme, the details of the towns and airports developed/to be developed under this scheme, particularly in the State of Telangana;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked and released so far; and

(d) the present status of the scheme?

Closure of Jet Airways

1918. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jet Airways has ultimately closed down despite the attempted rescue plans of the lender banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what were the reasons for which the lender banks refused to implement their rescue plan of the airways; and

(d) what action Government has taken in the matter?

Air connectivity problem in North-Eastern States

1919. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether people in the North-Eastern States are facing air connectivity problem

with other parts of the country, the details thereof; and

(b) how many new routes from North-Eastern States have been introduced in the last two years to ameliorate the hardship faced by the people from that region, the details thereof?

Punctuality of Air India flights

1920. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that departure of Air India flights and their arrival is not punctual and generally delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to adhere strictly to the punctuality in arrival and departure of Air India flights;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Security norms set by FAA and ICAO

1921. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian aviation sector does not satisfy the security norms set by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO);

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to improve country's aviation security and safety levels to match with international security standards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Night landing facilities at all airports in the country

1922. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided night landing facilities at all airports in the country including Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) if not, the details of airports where night landing facilities have not been provided so far and where operations at the airports are not allowed after sunset; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide night landing facilities at all airports in the country?

Impact of private airlines on national carrier

1923. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation study have been conducted to know the impact of private airlines on national carrier during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to improve the performance of the national carrier and make it more comprehensive and profitable *vis-a-vis* private carriers?

Commencement of operations under the UDAN scheme

1924. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have demanded to commence

operations from airports which does not have air connectivity as of now under the UDAN scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that airports which have been included under the UDAN scheme in various phases are yet to see the flight operations; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay?

Review for improvement at airports

1925. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air traffic, slot distribution and infrastructure at major airports including Bengaluru airport in the country are being reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the review will be done and the execution of such improvement will be completed at these major airports?

Improving air connectivity and infrastructure in Karnataka

1926. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several non-operational airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in various parts of the country;

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

(c) whether Government has any proposal to operationalise such defunct airports in Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve air connectivity and infrastructure in Karnataka?

Daily flight between Sharjah and Indore

†1927. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of the action taken regarding the letters of the Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Government dated 12th September, 2014 letter No. 284/CS/PS/CI&E 2014 in connection with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between State Government of Madhya Pradesh and Air Arabia on 30th August, 2014 for starting a daily flight between Sharjah and Indore?

Privatisation of Chennai airport

1928. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise some of the airports including Chennai airport;

(b) if so, the details of the airports and the reasons for privatising them;

(c) whether any opposition has been expressed on privatisation of airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken any decision pursuant to the opposition of privatisation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking of police stations

1929. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal to rank police stations for better governance;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the parameters for evaluating the police stations;
- (d) whether such ranked police stations will get any recognition/award from the Centre; and
- (e) at present, how many police stations have topped the list, the details thereof?

Circulation of fake currency notes

†1930.CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the circulation of fake currency notes has increased in the border areas in recent years;
- (b) the value of counterfeit Indian currency seized in denominations of ₹ 2000, ₹ 500 and ₹ 200 of Indian currency notes, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to counter the fake currency; and
- (d) the assessment of impact of fake currency on Indian economy?

Increase in crime against women

†1931. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has

been an increase in crime against women in the country;

- (b) the details of crimes against women and girls during last three years, State-wise; and

- (c) the number of cases where apathy of local administration in preventing and taking action against various criminal incidents against women have been detected and the details thereof, State-wise?

Steps taken to stop terror financing

†1932. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to stop terror financing during the last five years and its effects thereon; and
- (b) to what extent demonetisation has helped curb terror financing?

Witness Protection Scheme

1933. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has drawn up Witness Protection Scheme to protect witnesses who testify in courts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how many categories have been identified, the details thereof;
- (d) the manner in which the expenses for the scheme would be met, funds to be

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allocated by the State or the Centre and in what proportion; and

(e) whether suitable law would be enacted to give statutory backing for the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Encounters after Pulwama attack

1934. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the aftermath of Pulwama attack, a series of encounters have resulted in the killing of a number of terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether terrorist units have managed to smuggle explosives and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) making material from across the border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to plug the loopholes in the transportation of IED material?

Pending cases under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

1935. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, State-wise;

(b) the number of such cases pending for more than one year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to issue directions for deciding such cases within six months as has been notified in the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Martyrdom status to deceased security personnel in Pulwama attack

1936. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether martyrdom status has been granted to the security personnel/CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 14th February, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Single window service in sub-registrar office

1937. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sub-registrar offices in the NCT of Delhi do not have a single window service for registration and amendment related formalities for any Non Government Organisation;

(b) whether these offices still take months for any small amendments in the registered organisation;

(c) whether even request of changing registered address of any organisation needed full amendment and takes months; and

(d) if so, the details of assessment for office mechanism in these offices last reviewed?

Benefits to paramilitary forces at par with defence services

1938. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to extend benefits to paramilitary forces at par with defence services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancy of IPS officers in Kerala

1939. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of IPS officers for the State of Kerala;

(b) the vacancies lying vacant for such posts; and

(c) whether Government proposes to review the strength of IPS officers with a view to increase the number of posts, if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Kalahandi in worst LWE affected districts

1940. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government for inclusion of Kalahandi district under the category of worst LWE affected districts;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government for enhancement of the bandwidth of the mobile towers installed in the State under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Scheme; and

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

Naxalite attacks on civilians and security personnel

1941. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of naxalite attacks on civilians and security personnel have increased during the last few months;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government to tackle such attacks by naxalites along with the achievements thereof?

National animal, National bird and National flower of India

1942. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which is National animal, National bird and National flower of India;

(b) whether there is any notification by Government or any other competent authorities in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of the notification, if not, under what provision, UGC, NCERT and Government of India portal are publishing the names of National animal, National bird and National flower?

Detention of foreign nationals

1943. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of detention centres where foreign nationals who have completed their sentence are detained pending their repatriation, along with number of such persons detained in such centres;

(b) the State-wise details of number of persons detained in these detention centres whose nationalities have not yet been confirmed by their embassies/consulates;

(c) the details of oversight mechanisms to oversee conditions within these detention centres, if present, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of measures taken to address the concerns of mentally-ill foreign national prisoners, who remain indefinitely detained in these detention centres, if present, if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in cross-border terrorism

1944. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cross-border terrorism have increased, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cross-border terrorism in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 till May; and

(c) how Government has been confronting and addressing these problems?

Ratio in recruitment to posts in UT of Chandigarh

1945. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in which year it was decided to have ratio of 60 per cent to 40 per cent for Punjab and Haryana respectively in recruitment to posts in UT of Chandigarh;

(b) the reasons for not following the said ratio by Chandigarh administration in letter and spirit; and

(c) the steps proposed to restore the

balance of 60 per cent to 40 per cent in favour of the loosing State under Chandigarh administration particularly in respect of police posts?

NCRB statistics about rapists

1946. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) statistics, 94 per cent of rapists are known to the victim;

(b) if so, whether imposing death penalty will put undue pressure on girl child to suppress the matter or, in some cases, turn hostile at a later stage of trial; and

(c) if so, how Government is planning to address this complex, complicated and sensitive issue?

Abduction of policemen and family members

1947. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that there has been high incidences of abduction of policemen and their family members in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

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

(c) the details of such cases in the country during the last three years, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Amendment/repeal of Articles 370 and 35A

1948. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to repeal Articles 370 and 35A;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether repeal of these Articles in any way violate any United Nations regulation or any international obligation of the country; and

(d) if so, how will the same be mitigated?

Linking of police stations of UP under CCTNS

†1949. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has linked all the police stations throughout the country under Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of interlinking of police stations in the State of Uttar Pradesh under CCTNS project?

Modernisation of paramilitary forces

1950. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to modernise and improve efficiency of country's paramilitary forces;

(b) the details of amount spent for buying state of the art arms and amunitions, new vehicles and availing other latest technology for the forces during last three years, category-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated for welfare of security personnels is negligible compared to the amount being spent for buying weapons;

(d) which are the main countries from which India buys weapons for the paramilitary forces; and

(e) whether Government is able to meet all the requirement of the forces?

Policy to prevent violence in West Bengal

†1951. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to lay down a policy to prevent increasing violence in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Political violence in West Bengal

†1952. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of political violence registered in West Bengal in the last five months;

(b) whether action has been taken against the culprits in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Khalistan activists assigned task of reviving militancy in Punjab

1953. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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Khalistan activists residing in Canada had recently been assigned the task of reviving militancy in Punjab by the Pakistan's ISI;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Allocation of more IPS probationers to Odisha

1954. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is allocating or plans to allocate more number of IPS probationers to the State of Odisha in the next five years than the allocation made in previous years;

(b) whether such proposal is being made keeping in view the severe shortage of IPS officers in Odisha cadre under the Promotion Quota and direct Quota; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Coastal security headquarters in Bhubaneshwar

1955. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning or having a proposal for establishment of a coastal security headquarters in Bhubaneshwar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such establishment is planned to be made; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Security of Indo-Pak border in Punjab

1956. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken up by Government for the progress of pilot project operational for the security of Indo-Pak border in Punjab; and

(b) the details thereof and if no measure is being taken, the reasons therefor?

Steps to wipe out naxal organisations

†1957. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to prevent naxalite attacks in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to wipe out naxal organisations, and by when the country will get rid of the problem of naxalism?

Deteriorating law and order situation in States

†1958. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the law and order situation has been constantly deteriorating in many States of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the incidents of violence against women including the incidents of robbery and murder during the last three years in Uttar Pradesh?

Missing children in Delhi and Rajasthan

†1959. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the age-wise details of the number

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of children missing from Delhi and Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to find missing children?

Combing operation against maoists

1960. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maoists spread fear in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ordinary citizens are living in constant fear as maoists are trying to make their presence felt in many parts of the country in recent times; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked all the States to intensify combing operations against maoists?

Holding J&K Assembly elections with Lok Sabha elections

1961. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 3rd January, 2019, the then Home Minister had stated in the Rajya Sabha that the Central Government is ready to hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly along with Lok Sabha Elections, if Election Commission desires so;

(b) the reasons for not holding the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections along with Lok Sabha elections; and

(c) when does Government plan to hold the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections?

Citizenship to refugees from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan

1962. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of refugees belonging to minority communities like Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians fled from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan and are staying in India for many years and demanding Indian citizenship; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Free hand to security forces to counter terrorists

†1963. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on giving free hand to security forces to counter the terrorists;

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

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

Zero tolerance policy on terrorism

†1964. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to implement the policy of zero tolerance on terrorism;

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

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

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Death of police and security personnel in Naxalite and terrorist activities

†1965. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy is in place to provide assistance/grant/compensation/job by Government to the kins of police personnel and jawans died in naxalite and terrorist incidents;

(b) if so, the details of policy thereon;

(c) whether Government is aware of the number of police and security personnel who died in naxalite and terrorist activities, in various parts of the country during last three years;

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

(e) the status of compensation/grant/assistance provided to the kins of the police and security personnel dying in said incidents, the details thereof?

Killing of political workers

1966. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of political workers are being killed in various States due to political rivalry;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to sensitize the State Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has any information of number of political activists killed during the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections?

Representation of women in police forces

1967. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that women are under-represented in police forces;

(b) what steps are being taken to increase women representation in police forces of States/UTs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of women recruited in last five years in police forces of States/UTs?

Damages caused by Fani cyclone

1968. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale damages were recently caused by Fani cyclone in Odisha and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with human lives lost and properties, crops etc. destroyed; and

(c) what relief and rehabilitation measures were extended by the Central Government and State Governments to the affected people?

Crimes against women

1969. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the States of the country including Delhi have become most unsafe place for

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women and crimes against women are increasing day by day;

(b) the details of the cases of murder, rape, abduction, dowry deaths and molestation registered during last three years till date, State-wise; and

(c) the immediate steps taken by Government for safety and security of women in the country?

Infiltrators living illegally in the country

†1970. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of infiltrators are living illegally in different parts of the country, especially in North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether it is mandatory to implement National Register of Citizens to oust the infiltrators living illegally in the country;

(c) whether Government proposes to implement National Register of Citizens across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Dual citizenship due to Article 370

†1971. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a citizen of Jammu and Kashmir has dual citizenship due to Article 370 of the Constitution and whether Pakistani citizens living in Kashmir also get Indian citizenship;

(b) if so, whether Government is making any remedial efforts in this regard and if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether abrogation of Article 370 of

the Constitution can prove to be an effective step for prevention of terrorist activities; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made by Government in this regard?

Terrorist attacks in Kashmir valley

1972. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of terrorist attacks in the Kashmir valley during last three years and current year till date, year-wise; and

(b) how many Army, CRPF, BSF, CISF, J&K police officials and how many terrorists were killed, year-wise, details thereof during the period?

Vacancies in police force

1973. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of vacancies in police force in the last five years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of police force and increase quantity in proportion to the required number?

compensation to families of paramilitary personnel

1974. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of paramilitary personnel have sacrificed their lives for the Nation during the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of personnel died during the last two years in each

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paramilitary forces such as CRPF, BSF, etc;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to provide more compensation to the families of the paramilitary personnel who died; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Data on farmers suicides

1975. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data for farmers suicides from 2016 to 2018; and

(b) what are the reasons that the National Crime Records Bureau has not been able to make data about suicides available to public?

Drug trafficking

1976. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug trafficking is a trans-national crime;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to improve coordination with international agencies and other countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber forensic training labs

1977. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient facilities of cyber forensic training labs are not available in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lack of such facility is hampering cyber investigation in the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve such facilities?

Ex-gratia payment from sale proceeds of enemy properties

1978. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government paid to a section of Indian citizens, 25 per cent of their total claim in 1970-80s as *ex-gratia* for the evacuee properties left out by them in erstwhile East Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the remaining balance of 75 per cent of such claim shall be paid out of the sale proceeds of enemy properties; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Social security schemes for prisoners

1979. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of social security schemes applicable to prisoners, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of any social security schemes applicable to women prisoners, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of any social security schemes applicable to children of prisoners, outside the prison, if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress made under PMAY (U)

1980. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) the number of houses sanctioned,

under-construction and completed under each component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)], year-wise details since 2015;

(b) the number of beneficiaries provided houses and rehabilitated under *in-situ* component, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of houses and the locations where work under *in-situ* rehabilitation under PMAY(U) is under progress and the dates by which the said work will be completed, the details thereof; and

(d) the deadline by which all the houses sanctioned under the scheme are proposed to be completed?

Audit by CAG on real estate sector

1981. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CAG has conducted performance audit across 12 major States on the real estate sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that 95 per cent of real estate developers and builders do not have the mandatory PAN number;

(c) whether such companies are not filing their Income Tax returns annually;

(d) whether it gives elbowroom to real estate developers, builders and agents to divert/siphon off money belonging to home-buyers to their personal ventures; and

(e) how the Ministry is planning to plug this loophole?

Problems in availing subsidized loans under PMAY (U)

1982. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that even after applying for subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY (U)] scheme for construction of houses, banks are denying release of loans under PMAY (U) and discouraging the consumers saying that there is no such provision, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government on the implementation of the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government and reissuing the guidelines under the scheme?

Proper utilization of funds under SCM in Karnataka

1983. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Karnataka Government has not utilised even 1 per cent of funds allocated to the State under the Smart City Mission (SCM);

(b) what steps Central Government will take to ensure that funds for Karnataka's Smart Cities are implemented for the SCM and neither diverted nor left un-utilised;

(c) whether Central Government has received any status report from Government of Karnataka on its progress in the Smart City Mission (SCM); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Free ride scheme for women in Delhi Metro

1984. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

introduce free ride scheme for women in Delhi Metro;

(b) if so, the details and modalities of the scheme thereof;

(c) tentative date of the launch of the scheme;

(d) cost to be incurred in launching and maintaining the scheme; and

(e) details of the cost-sharing involved in maintaining the scheme?

Improper housing facilities for SCs/ STs

1985. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many families have no proper housing in the country including SCs and STs;

(b) whether Government has done any survey in this regard in the country; and

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

Funds for Individual Household, Community and Public Toilets (PTs)

1986. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance the funds provided for construction of Individual Household, Community and Public Toilets (PTs);

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

(c) whether funds provided to set up Project Implementing Units at the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) level with 1.5 per cent of the total budget earmarked for capacity building activities is likely to be increased; and

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

Cable Car Networks and Light Rail System

1987. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to promote a web of Cable Car Networks and Light Rail System as an alternative to Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) to beat the traffic congestion in various cities;

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

(c) in which cities this system will be created and by when; and

(d) whether Government is providing any financial assistance thereon, if so, the details thereof?

Current status of Smart City Mission

1988. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities are covered under Smart City Mission (SCM) since its inception, whether there is any city which can be classified as a Smart City on the basis of parameters of mission;

(b) the details of funds approved, sanctioned, released and spent so far;

(c) what is the current status of facilities provided under this mission to the cities;

(d) what kind of measures are taken for the betterment of air quality, transport system and health care facilities under this mission; and

(e) whether the contracts were provided to Government agencies or not?

Arbitrary eviction of urban poor

1989. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to protect the urban poor from arbitrary eviction during the last three years; and

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

Overcrowding of major cities

1990. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards pitiable condition of some of the major cities of the country which are overcrowded beyond their carrying capacity leading to intense problems concerning civic amenities like drinking water, roads, transport, sewage, parking, heavy traffic, pollution, etc.;

(b) if so, measures proposed to be taken to put restriction on increase in density of residential, administrative and commercial units in such cities; and

(c) whether Government has any detailed study of cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Hyderabad, etc., conducted by experts to come up with recommendations to find workable solution?

Surrender of DDA Housing Scheme flats by allottees

1991. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousand allottees of DDA flats constructed under its ambitious 2017 scheme had surrendered flats within 45 days of the draw of lots held in November, 2016, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the corrective measure Government has taken to provide better amenities at lower rate?

IHSDP in Gujarat

†1992. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has been implemented in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated under this programme to the State of Gujarat during the last three years, the year-wise details thereof; and

(d) the details of the progress report received from the State of Gujarat in this regard?

Concessional Delhi Metro pass to senior citizens and students

†1993. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to provide Metro pass facility on concessional rates to senior citizens and students travelling in metro; and

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

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Metro rail proposals in the country

1994. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of metro rail proposals received during the last three years, stretch, city and State/UT-wise along with estimated cost of each stretch;

(b) the details of proposals from Gujarat and Jharkhand cleared and lying pending, stretch, city and State-wise along with the reasons for pendency and the time by when pending proposals are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the Central Government during the above period?

Permanent shelters for urban homeless poor

1995. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all States have complied with the Supreme Court order to provide permanent shelters for urban homeless poor and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and corrective action taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether Government has undertaken mapping of homeless concentration zones in cities; and

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

AMRUT scheme in Punjab

1996. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds sanctioned by Government under Atal Mission for

Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme for Punjab, district-wise;

(b) how much funds were utilized in Punjab; and

(c) if delayed, the reasons therefor?

Multilevel parking in Janak Puri, New Delhi

1997. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1146 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 2018 and state:

(a) whether the construction of multi-level parking in a vacant plot in Janak Puri, New Delhi has been started;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to be started and completed to avoid encroachment by unauthorised shopkeepers creating problems of movement of shoppers/passengers?

Subsidy on affordable housing

1998. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to offer subsidy on affordable housing;

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

(c) whether State-wise details of any such subsidies are available;

(d) if so, the details of such subsidies given in Rajasthan; and

(e) the details regarding number of beneficiaries of such scheme in Rajasthan?

Under-utilization of funds allocated to three major urban flagship schemes

1999. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large scale under utilization of funds allocated to three major urban flagship schemes Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY (U)];

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details of allocated and utilised funds during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any specific steps have been taken to address such under utilization; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project

2000. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has sought sanction of Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project under 50:50 joint venture partnership basis;

(b) the status of the project as of now; and

(c) when Government is expected to accord sanction for the project on 50:50 joint venture partnership basis between Union Government and Government of Tamil Nadu, as was done for Phase-I?

Innovation centres in the country

2001. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to set up innovation centres in the country;

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

(c) the extent to which these centres would be supportive to resolve the infrastructure problems being faced by the cities in the country?

National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)

2002. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) is totally reliable on the country's digital infrastructure;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to implement the scheme in rural India; and

(c) the present status of the implementation of this scheme and total NCMCs & distributed till date, the details thereof?

Implementation of the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008

2003. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the Act for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any scheme has been announced under Section 3 of the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 by the Central and State Governments, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any Workers' Facilitation Centres have been set up under Section 9

of the Act, if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Pulling back EPFO investments from select NBFCs

2004. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees of the EPFO is considering pulling back EPFO investments from select Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in the wake of NBFC sector reeling under a crisis of sorts;

(b) whether the move comes after the EPFOs difficulties with its investments in the debt-ridden Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Services (IL&FS) company;

(c) whether the Standing Committee on Labour pegs the investment by EPFO in IL&FS at ₹ 574.75 crores; and

(d) whether in an affidavit before the National Companies Law Appellate Tribunal, IL&FS has declared that it cannot immediately repay the ₹ 9134 crore investments by pension and provident funds?

Highest rate of unemployment in 47 years

2005. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) the unemployment rate in both rural and urban areas in the country is at its highest since 1972;

(b) if so, whether this can be ascribed to the abrupt decision of Government to abolish high denomination currency and unpreparedness and lack of proper implementation of GST; and

(c) what steps Government is planning to take to rectify this grave situation of unemployment?

Employment in informal sector

2006. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large percentage of workers in the country is engaged in informal employment and majority of them have low earnings with limited or no social protection;

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

(c) whether Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any specific plans for such kind of employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unemployed graduates in the country

2007. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unemployed in the country as on 31st March, 2018, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any existing mechanism of consultation between the Central Government and State Government to find out ways to provide gainful employment to these unemployed graduate;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the existing mechanism is working satisfactorily; and

(d) what is Government's assessment of the opportunities during the current year?

Policy and frame guide to generate employment

2008. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to generate one crore annual employment till the year 2025;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any plan proposal in this regard thereto;

(c) if so, the details therein and the action taken so far; and

(d) if not, policy and frame guide in generating five crores employment thereof?

High unemployment rate

2009. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to data compiled by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate rose to 7.2 per cent coupled with a significant decline in labour participation rate in February, 2019, the worst in 28 months;

(b) how many job opportunities have been generated and in which sector since 8 November, 2016 to lower the unemployment rate; and

(c) what steps are being taken to resolve the unemployment crisis?

Generating employment opportunities in drought and flood affected area

†2010. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated/proposed a comprehensive policy for generating more employment opportunities in the drought and flood affected areas of the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which the above policy is likely to be helpful in providing employment opportunities to the poor in various States of the country;

(c) whether Government has received requests to provide additional assistance for the implementation of various schemes for employment generation in some States; and

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

Prevalence of bonded labourers

†2011. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is neither aware of the prevalence of the bonded labourers in the country nor about the extent of action taken under the child labour laws;

(b) the response of Government in this regard; and

(c) the strategy being adopted by Government for the welfare measures of the bonded labourers in absence of above data?

Upgrading facilities in ESI hospitals in Jharkhand and Gujarat

2012. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning/ has any proposal to upgrade the facilities

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in all Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals functioning in the country, particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of ESI hospitals where Intensive Care Units and Sick Newborn Care Units have been set up in Jharkhand and Gujarat during the last four years;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a Trauma Centre in all the ESI hospitals in Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Rise in unemployment

2013. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to ease the unemployment situation in the country, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the efforts are being made to fill up the vacant posts lying vacant in various Government Departments, the details thereof?

Contract labour in corporate sector

2014. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contractual labour in corporate sector to keep a majority of their workforce in the informal sector and avoiding payment of the new minimum wage is increasing;

(b) if so, the details of formal and contract labourers recruited by corporate sector during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details of formal and contract labourers currently employed in corporate sector?

Substantial rise in employees under ESI scheme

2015. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a substantial rise in the number of employees being brought under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme and the number of employers who opted for it;

(b) if so, the details thereof since 2015-16 till 2018-19; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that reduction in contribution rate for ESI Act by Government invited criticism from the trade unions and are set to protest against the said decision?

Review of existing labour laws

2016. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute an expert committee to review some of the labour laws in the country where few provision have become archaic with the change of times, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many labour laws which received President's assent but rules thereof have not been framed so far, the details thereof?

Welfare schemes for unorganised sector

2017. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has some mechanism to monitor implementation part

of welfare schemes run for workers of unorganised sector in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that major employment is generated through unorganised sector which gets minimum support from Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase its support to unorganised sector for their welfare schemes?

Pension to EPF pensioners

2018. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of EPF pensioners across the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of amount that is being paid as pension to these pensioners, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has initiated any measure to make payment of pension to EPF pensioners in a hassle-free environment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Child/adolescent engaged in hazardous occupation

2019. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken to ensue that no child or adolescent is engaged in the hazardous occupation and process of beedi making/rolling at home or in a factory set up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Maternity leave incentive scheme

2020. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on an incentive scheme wherein 7 weeks' wage would be reimbursed to employers who hire female workers with wages upto ₹ 15,000 and provide the maternity benefit of 26 weeks paid leave and funded from Labour Welfare Cess;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

High operating cost of Indian refineries

2021. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian refineries are still operating with old technologies and are facing high operating cost;

(b) if so, the steps taken to modernise the refineries and to improve the technology for more efficiency;

(c) whether the logistic cost for the refineries is high as compared to other developed countries;

(d) if so, whether any strategy has been worked out to reduce the logistic cost; and

(e) the efforts made so far to make the refineries top ranking in the world, the details thereof?

Task Force on bringing petroleum products under GST

2022. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force is working on bringing petroleum products under GST;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some States, including Maharashtra, are willing to bring petroleum products under GST;

(c) if so, the details of States that have given willingness in the GST Council;

(d) whether it is also a fact that even if petrol, diesel and other petroleum products are brought under GST, States have a leeway to impose additional or top-up tax; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Exploration of sedimentary basins for natural gas

2023. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts have been made by the Ministry for exploration of new sedimentary basins for natural gas during the last three years;

(b) how many new sedimentary basins, if any, have been found through exploration of natural gas during the last three years; and

(c) what is the amount spent by the Ministry for these exploration activities during the last three years?

Cylinder refills under PMUY

2024. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many households are covered since the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) how many primary households came up to refill their LPG cylinders; and

(c) what measures were taken/will be taken by Government to ensure the availability of LPG cylinders to the

beneficiary for second, third refill and so on?

Investments by Indian oil companies in Mozambique

2025. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian oil companies have taken initiative to make investments in construction of gas liquefaction and export terminal in Mozambique;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any further scope for involvement in some other oil gas fields in Mozambique by Indian oil companies?

LPG pipelines across the country

†2026. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total LPG pipelines that have been laid till now by the all three public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), the metropolitan city-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to expedite the cent per cent laying of LPG pipelines in metropolitan cities, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the proposal of Government in this regard?

Supply of kerosene for poor people in urban areas

†2027. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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has discontinued the supply of kerosene for the poor people in urban areas;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that during load shedding poor people use kerosene for light; and

(c) whether Government proposes to resume the supply of kerosene considering the fact that electricity is not available 24 hours a day in the country?

Gas liquefaction and export terminal in Mozambique

2028. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC Videsh Limited and its Indian as well as foreign partners have agreed to invest USD 20 billion in constructing a gas liquefaction and export terminal in Mozambique to monetise vast offshore natural gas reserves they had found;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the LNG project would be fed with nearly 100 million cubic feet of natural gas a day from the Golfinho-Atum fields in the Rovuma Basin, Mozambique; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the companies plan to commission the project during 2024?

Steps to boost public sector crude oil production

2029. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps have been taken to boost public sector crude oil production, if so, the results thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that most banks are reluctant to provide loans for geological investigations that need to be undertaken to find oil reserves because of the risk element attached, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the drop in production of crude oil in the public sector is due to a decline of mature fields and less than envisaged production from new and marginal fields, if so, the details thereof?

Powers of NCBC at par with NCSC

†2030. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has not been accorded the status/powers akin to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to accord an equivalent status/powers to NCBC alike to NCSC;

(d) whether Government is considering to grant status and other amenities equivalent to that of a Cabinet Minister to the Chairman of NCBC as has been provided to the Chairman of NCSC; and

(e) whether the efficiency of NCBC would not be adversely affected by means of giving lesser degree of powers to it?

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Social welfare schemes in the country

2031. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
KASHYAP:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented in various States of the country along with the names of such schemes;

(b) whether there are specific schemes for economically poor people, particularly for women belonging to the weaker sections; and

(c) if so, the details of these schemes along with the allocations made for such schemes?

Unpaid Post Matric Scholarship to SC students

2032. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is unpaid Post Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Cast students pending to States/UTs during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and reasons for not releasing the funds on time?

Action against manual scavenging

2033. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that seven persons died on 15th June, 2019 after inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning sewer of a hotel in Vadodara, Gujarat;

(b) whether Government is aware that

manual scavenging is a known offence but is still rampant;

(c) whether Government is aware that no convictions have been made even though Central Government acknowledged the cleaning of dry toilets as manual scavenging and made it an illegal offence, punishable by upto two years of imprisonment; and

(d) if so, reaction of Government thereto, and details of action being proposed by Government to improve the deadly situation?

Progress of Accessible India Campaign

2034. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched an Accessible India Campaign (AIC) in 2015 for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made any progress in converting Government buildings in various parts of the country into fully accessible buildings within the specified timeline and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any annual accessibility audit in Government buildings to check whether they meet standards of accessibility and whether these standards are consistent with international standards, such as the ISO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rights to visually impaired persons

2035. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has estimated that there are over 62 million people in the

country who are blind and visually impaired and most of these persons live in the margins of the society untouched and unreached by Government and NGO's programmes;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to provide rights to visually impaired persons, enabling them to avail employment, social and financial security to live with dignity?

Commission for sub-categorisation of OBCs

2036. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) into groups to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formed any Commission to work out this sub-categorisation of OBCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attracting young talents among transgenders in sports related employment

2037. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to prepare any long-term plans to attract young talents among transgenders in sports or related employment including quality training of the players along with girls and boys in the field and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering some key legislation such as maternity benefits and Employees State Insurance be amended/implemented to include transgenders within this purview;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Altering reservation norms meant for backward sections

2038. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to alter reservation norms meant for backward sections;

(b) whether there is any proposal to further classify Other Backward Classes (OBCs) into three sections;

(c) if so, what is the criteria followed;

(d) whether Government has appointed any committee/official in this regard; and

(e) whether it is justifiable to deal with reservation principles in such callous and casual manner?

Pending dues under Pre and Post Matric Scholarships

2039. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is due more than ₹ 3000 crore to the States towards Pre and Post Matric Scholarship programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise funds allocated and released under Pre Matric and Post Matric Scholarship programme?

**MoU between DAIC and
DICCI**

2040. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) and the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said MoU will boost entrepreneurship among dalit youth, if so, the details thereof?

**Welfare and rights of Persons with
Disabilities**

2041. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the steps taken by Government with regard to United Nations Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities ratified by India on the welfare and the rights of differently abled persons in the country?

Functioning of NBCFDC

2042. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) implements schemes for welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated under each of the schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received, sanctioned and pending under each of the schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether most of backward classes have not been able to avail the schemes of NBCFDC due to lack of awareness and publicity in mass media; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Proposals for setting up of 'De-Addiction cum Rehabilitation Centres'

†2043. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of when and from which institutions the proposals with regard to grants for setting up 'De-Addiction cum Rehabilitation Centres' in Madhya Pradesh have been received; and

(b) the action taken to grant approval in this regard and by when the approval would be granted?

Unfilled vacancies for SCs

2044. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vacancies earmarked for the Scheduled Castes have remained unfilled;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to fill up these vacancies on a time-bound basis; and

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

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Crimes against SCs/STs

2045. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases that have been registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, between April 2014 to April 2019, State-wise details thereof;

(b) conviction secured under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act for the crimes committed during April 2014 to April 2019, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any provision or plans to support legal-aid or relief for the cases registered under this act for the empowerment of the victims, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of old age homes under 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana'

2046. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is constructing old age homes under 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare Schemes for Denotified Communities

2047. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures for the classification of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DNCs); and

(b) the details of the schemes and initiatives taken by Government for the welfare of DNCs, the details thereof?

Sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes

2048. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended the term of the Commission headed by Justice G. Rohini to examine the issue of Sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Central List; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far?

Steel plants operating under SAIL

2049. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many steel plants are operating under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and their production and sale status for the last three years;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government for disinvestment/sale of any of the plants, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps initiated by SAIL to

improve quality production and market viability of its plants; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for modernisation/expansion of steel plants including that of Rourkela, if so, the details thereof?

Quality and consumption of Steel

2050. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita consumption of steel in the country is quite low compared to the global standards;

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

(c) whether Government has taken cognisance of the fact that low quality steel is being pushed into the market, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the above as well as the impact *vis-a-vis* the steps taken?

Steel exports from the country

2051. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel exports from the country has reduced in the recent time compared to last year;

(b) whether the policies of the US on the steel import from India has caused any impact over country's exports;

(c) how much reduction in steel export has occurred due to this;

(d) how much was the revenue from

steel exports during last three years, provide year-wise data; and

(e) how much amount was spent for the steel import, if any, during the same period?

Import of steel for railways

2052. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the way in which domestic steel sector is able to fulfill the needs of the railways;

(b) whether steel is imported for railways in India and if so, the details of countries of import thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there are plans to liberalise this market?

Quality control regulations on tinplate and tin-free steel

2053. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to impose quality control regulations on tinplate and tin-free steel, nearly four years after it unsuccessfully tried to do so;

(b) whether this move is aimed to act as a non-tariff barrier to curb imports of the material and is prompted by the tinplate manufacturers lobby in India who claim to have abundant domestic capacity; and

(c) whether the MSME sector feels that it will be counter-productive to bring this sector under mandatory quality certification test?

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