

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Airports under UDAN scheme

2561. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of all the airports sanctioned under UDAN scheme;

(b) the list of all the airports that are completed but are yet to operationalise;

(c) the reasons why a dozens of airports launched under UDAN yet unserved;

(d) whether the airports of Cooch Behar in West Bengal, Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh, Sholapur in Maharashtra and Jharsuguda in Odisha are all idle despite getting the DGCA licence; and

(e) by when, these airports will start operating?

Subsidy under UDAN scheme

2562. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the number of routes

which are being given subsidy or are subsidised under UDAN scheme and the number of airports which have been waived off from airport charges under UDAN scheme, so far?

Jewar international airport, Uttar Pradesh

2563. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government in the construction and speeding up the process of authorisation of Jewar international airport in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh and what advancements and approvals are being given by DGCA to speed-up the airport construction in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Air service from Gujarat to other cities

†2564. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new air service has been started from Gujarat to other cities;

(b) if so, the details of the cities where it has been started;

(c) whether any plan is being considered for starting new air service from the cities of Gujarat to other cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any time-limit has been fixed for it, city-wise?

Funds allocated to States under RCS

2565. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocated under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released including the State of Andhra Pradesh under the said scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds spent/un-spent under the above scheme, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has achieved the desired objectives of the scheme?

Development of airports in Uttar Pradesh

†2566. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any action plan to provide facility of airport service to all district headquarters;

(b) if so, the number and names of the district headquarters in Uttar Pradesh which still do not have the facility of airport; and

(c) whether Government would consider to accord priority to the most backward districts of Etah and Mainpuri in Uttar Pradesh and provide airport facilities there?

Job security for employees of Air India

2567. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the jobs of all existing employees of Air India will be secured once the National Carrier is disinvested; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Sky platform

2568. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Digital Sky platform;

(b) the number of flights approved and rejected through the Digital Sky platform;

(c) the number of varieties of drones licensed to fly in the country under the new rules set by DGCA; and

(d) the number of requests received by DGCA for beyond line of site drone flying?

'DiGi Yatra' programme

2569. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the 'DiGi Yatra' programme;

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(b) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has run pilot projects for 'DiGi Yatra', if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people who joined the programme, airport-wise;

(d) the number of people who have deleted their 'DiGi Yatra' IDs; and

(e) whether Aadhaar is mandatory for 'DiGi Yatra'?

Problems faced by civil aviation industry

2570. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government noticed that in spite of having abundant expansion opportunities and domestic aviation market, the industry is not growing as per the demand and expectations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the private operators are not venturing into civil aviation market freely due to stringent procedures; and

(d) whether Government has analysed why all the private operators in civil aviation sector are running their business in losses and how to improve the aviation sector, if so, the details thereof?

FDI in MRO operations

2571. SHRI AHMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Domestic MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) operators are paying more taxes than the imported MRO operations;

(b) if so, the details of GST rate charged

on Domestic MRO operators and rate of taxes levied on import fees of MRO services;

(c) whether Government has failed to bring anticipated FDI in MRO operations in domestic routes; and

(d) if so, the details of bids filed and foreign operators approved for domestic operations in the last three years?

CSR expenditure of civil aviation companies

2572. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure of all PSUs and private sector civil aviation companies in the country over the past three years;

(b) the details of expenditure against their respective PSUs and private sector civil aviation companies, year-wise; and

(c) the activities undertaken by these PSUs and private sector companies from the CSR fund expenditures undertaken as provided in question number (a) ?

Violations of emergency row seat guidelines by various airlines

2573. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of the violations by various airlines regarding the guidelines/rules as promulgated by the Ministry/DGCA regarding pre-assigning of emergency row seats to ensure appropriateness of persons occupying those seats and the action taken/penalty imposed in such cases during the last three years?

Expansion of air cargo facilities

2574. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to expand the cargo facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any airports in Andhra Pradesh have been identified for this purpose, if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of airstrips in Bihar

2575. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar has a good number of airstrips;

(b) if so, the details of the total airstrips available in Bihar;

(c) whether Government proposes to develop pilot training institute in Bihar to utilise these airstrips;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Security lapses at airports

2576. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DGCA officials have noticed serious major complaints on security lapses particularly in the apron and ground handling services in a surprise check at airports;

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

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

New air routes

†2577. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new air routes have been cleared for air operations in the country after the year 2015;

(b) if so, the names of the said new air routes and the population of country that would be benefited by these air routes; and

(c) the number of more cities that Government proposes to connect with air transport by the year 2022?

RDGs for scheduled air operations

2578. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) for scheduled air operations issued by the Ministry;

(b) whether various airports are facing problems in roping in various airlines for their operation in various sectors;

(c) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any corrective steps in this regard including discussions regarding finalisation of routes with domestic airlines; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Sharing of data under 'Digi Yatra'

2579. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the benefits under the Ministry's 'Digi Yatra' project implemented at various airports across the country;

(b) whether the data stored under the

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

scheme is shared with private airline, companies involved in airport operations; and

(c) if so, whether passenger's consent is required before something like this is done?

Air services from small cities in Karnataka

2580. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started air services from small cities of the country under UDAN scheme;

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

(c) which small airports have started their services and the airports which are proposed to start their services in the coming years, State-wise?

Progress and status of Kurnool airport

2581. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn to the matter of development of new airport at Orvakallu in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the airport; and

(d) the time by which this Kurnool airport will come into operation of flights to general public, the details thereof?

Loss incurred due to non-operational airports

†2582. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports which are not being used in the country at present;

(b) the detail of funds spent on the maintenance of such airports during last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the total loss incurred to Government due to non-operation of these airports during last three years, State/UT-wise?

Expansion of service facilities to air passengers

†2583. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of action plan and implementation thereof with respect to the measures adopted for expansion of easily accessible air service for all, to bridge the gap between minimum and maximum fare for air travel, identification of centres having excessively growing number of passengers, the increase in frequency of flights, time-bound operation and expansion of service-facilities *vis-a-vis* to the evergrowing ratio of passengers on airports?

Development of regional air cargo hub

†2584. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to formulate any special scheme for the development of regional air cargo hub, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal in this regard from various State Governments and if so, the State-wise details of the proposals received and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government has proposed any budget for this scheme, if so, the State-wise details thereof?

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Safety of non-Kashmiri migrant labour force

2585. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that innocent non-Kashmiris are being killed in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure the security and safety of non-Kashmiri migrant labour force working in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government has paid any compensation to the dependents of those who have been killed in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir?

Mandate of CISF

2586. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose for which Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was established in the country;

(b) whether CISF can be deployed for personal security;

(c) what are the areas and sectors in which CISF is working presently and whether it can be deployed without consulting the State; and

(d) the total number of sanctioned posts presently and the vacancy position in CISF?

Allocation of funds to States under MPF scheme

2587. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being followed for allocation of funds to the States under the

Modernisation of State Police Force (MPF) scheme;

(b) whether Government proposes to take fresh initiatives for the modernisation of State police forces and training of police personnel as well as provision for hundred per cent financial and adequate technical assistance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the said scheme and to curb corruption/irregularities in the utilisation of MPF funds?

Attack on innocent citizens

2588. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of cases registered under the attacks committed by Left Wing Extremists on common man, religion-based crimes against innocent citizens and violence against journalists during the last three years and the actions taken by Government in this regard?

Ranking of India in social hostilities

2589. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was ranked fourth in the world in year, 2015 after Syria, Nigeria and Iraq for the highest social hostilities involving religion, as reported in the media on 14 April, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Extremist activities in Jammu and Kashmir

2590. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of extremist activities and Cross-Border Terrorism have been increasing in Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what was the number before withdrawal of Article 370 and after withdrawal of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir?

Modernisation of Gujarat police

‡2591. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government for equipping Gujarat police system with modern technology and buying modern equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof for last three years and the year-wise details of amount spent thereon; and

(c) the extent to which success has been achieved in modernising Gujarat police by taking the above actions and spending the above money?

Demand for conferring Bharat Ratna

2592. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is looking at the public demand for conferring Bharat Ratna posthumously to Late Field Marshal Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Free legal aid provided to undertrials

2593. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 16 out of 28

States surveyed under Prison Statistics India, 2017 report have a prison occupancy higher than 100 per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 68 per cent of inmates were undertrials, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of undertrials who were provided free legal aid or any sort of relief in accordance with recommendations of 268th Law Commission report in the last two years, State-wise, year-wise and social category-wise; and

(d) the number of capacity augmentation projects for jails undertaken by Government in past five years, the details thereof?

Cases of lynching

2594. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of cases of lynching reported during the last five years;

(b) the State-wise details of cases of lynching which are under consideration in various courts;

(c) the State-wise list of such cases disposed of by the court so far;

(d) the State-wise details of such cases in which the accused have been convicted; and

(e) the State-wise details of such cases in which the accused have been acquitted?

Vacancies in forensic labs

2595. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies in

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the country's forensic labs are alarmingly high even as cases pile up in trial courts and undertrial prisoners languish in jails;

(b) if so, the list of vacancies in Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) and in rest of the 31 forensic labs across various States; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

NRC exercise in Assam

2596. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court monitored long drawn exercise of compilation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam has been rendered futile with Government of Assam not accepting it;

(b) whether NRC exercise in Assam was tortuous and long-drawn which was overseen by the Supreme Court and involving the active participation of both the Central and State Government and if so, whether the Centre has proposed to do it all over again; and

(c) whether with the Assam exercise stuck up, the Centre plans to do it all over again with similar plans for all States, if so, the details thereof?

India's place in global index of countries affected by terrorism

2597. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual report by the Sydney based Institute for Economic and Peace has ranked India at the 7th place in a global index of countries most affected by terrorism;

(b) whether the report says that

compared to other ten most impacted countries, India faces a wider range of terrorist groups, with Islamist, communist and separatist groups operating in Kashmir, northeast and tribal pockets in Central India; and

(c) whether with the Islamic State under retreat in Iraq and Syria, its Korasan Chapter is now surfacing in Pakistan and India, more deadly than the Nigerian group Boko Haram?

Suicides in the country

2598. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of suicides is higher among men than women;

(b) the detailed report of suicides for the age group between 20-45 and 45-60, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the rate of suicides in the country have gone up over 50 per cent during the last three years; and

(d) if so, whether young adults account for 33 per cent of the suicide cases?

Electronic Surveillance in major metro cities

2599. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up electronic surveillance towers in major metro cities owing to the increased criminal activities in metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the estimated total annual expenditure and technical manpower required for the purpose, city-wise?

Issues pertaining to solitary confinement

2600. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether solitary confinement (and cells) will be indefinitely prescribed under Section 73 and 74 of the Indian Penal Code, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) if not, then according to a media report, a prisoner in Nashik Central Jail, had been living in the 'anda cell' for the last nine years, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what is the mechanism available to compensate such person whose rights have been violated by putting them in solitary confinement for such longer periods, the details thereof?

Establishment of more IRBs in Karnataka

2601. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for the establishment of more India Reserve Battalions (IRBs) due to insufficient strength of Karnataka Special Reserve Police (KSRP) in the State to maintain law and order;

(b) if so, the present number of battalions in the State and the number of new battalions proposed to be established; and

(c) the details thereof and the status of the proposal?

AP Reorganisation Act

2602. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former NITI Aayog Deputy Chairman, Panagaria, submitted a Report on implementation of assurances given in the AP Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details of each of the recommendations made with regard to revenue deficit, institutions under Tenth Schedule, resources for Amaravati, financial assistance to backward districts, Polavaram, Dugarajapatnam port and petrochemical complex under AP Reorganisation Act, 2014; and

(c) how Government justifies that implementation of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, would not impact other States?

Relaxation in internship visa rules

2603. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has relaxed the internship visa rules to include students who are still pursuing a course in the country without remuneration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that earlier only a graduate who was drawing remuneration could obtain internship visa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing package to Andhra Pradesh

2604. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of

package to backward areas of Bundelkhand and KBK districts, Government has given ₹ 4,000 per head, but for identified backward districts of Andhra Pradesh, Government has released only ₹ 400 per head;

(b) what are the reasons for this discrimination;

(c) whether it is a fact that the CM has submitted a Memorandum to PM to rectify this discrimination and pay ₹ 4,000 per head to identified districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what Government has done so far on this front?

Unauthorised flying of drones in border areas

2605. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Paramilitary Forces deployed in sensitive international border areas are still not equipped to detect flying of drones by neighbouring countries having nefarious designs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the incidents of flying of drones by neighbouring countries in the last one year; and

(c) what immediate measures Government has taken to equip the Paramilitary Forces with sophisticated technology to spot unauthorised flying of drones in border areas?

Incidents of naxal violence

†2606. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of naxal

violence registered in the States affected by naxal activities in the country during last three years;

(b) the number of security personnel martyred in such incidents, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the facilities provided to the families of those martyred security personnel by Government?

Truckers and migrant labourers targeted by terrorists in Kashmir

2607. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that truckers and migrant labourers are being targeted by terrorists in Kashmir valley after the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken in regard thereto?

Review of coastal security situation

2608. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the coastal security situation in the country in order to strengthen it;

(b) whether Government has contemplated upon equipping the security forces in the country with modern facilities under the new scheme for further strengthening the coastal security in the country; and

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

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Funds under MPF scheme

2609. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a performance evaluation study of the Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) scheme;

(b) the amount of funds sanctioned under the scheme to each State over the last five years and the amount of funds released; and

(c) the reasons for non-release of funds?

Permission of Supreme Court to return land to original owner

2610. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government sought the permission of the Supreme Court to permit Government to return to the original owner land earlier nationalised by Government in 1993, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the permission of the Supreme Court was required under the enacted law, viz., the acquisition of certain areas of Ayodhya Act, 1992 which in compliance with the provision of Article 300A of the Constitution and upheld as constitutionally valid by the Supreme Court in its judgement in Ismail Vs. Union of India?

Amount collected from traffic violations

2611. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and amount of fine collected from Delhi commuters on account of traffic violations after the amended Motor Vehicles Act came into effect; and

(b) the details of utilisation of the said amount?

Facilities for children of women prisoners

2612. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of children of women prisoners residing in prisons across the country;

(b) the details of the States/UTs that have established creche or nursery facilities for children of women prisoners;

(c) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to ensure that all States/UTs provide these facilities for children of women prisoners; and

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

Renaming of border posts on Bangladesh border

2613. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Bangladesh has recently renamed all border pillars in their country which had the name Pakistan engraved on them;

(b) whether Government has done so for India; and

(c) if not, when Government plans to do so in this regard?

Review of implementation of A.P. Reorganisation Act

2614. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is conducting reviews on implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act with all concerned departments and successor States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action plan including various issues for implementation of the A.P. Reorganisation Act;

(d) the present status of implementation of these issues;

(e) the details of issues yet to be implemented and expected date of their completion; and

(f) the details of specific funds released to States under this Act during last five years?

Citizenship to refugees from Afghanistan and Pakistan

†2615. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sikh and Hindu refugees came to India from Afghanistan and Pakistan during the last three years;

(b) the number of refugees among them who have been granted Indian citizenship; and

(c) by when the rest of the said refugees would be granted Indian citizenship?

Welfare of private security guards

2616. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of estimated private security guards in the country;

(b) whether any welfare scheme is being contemplated for their social security and protection;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any legislation is being brought forward to improve their service conditions;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) whether any awards are being mooted for deserving private security guard, if so, the details thereof?

Prosecution under Section 66 of IT Act

2617. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any arrest, detention or prosecution under Section 66A of the IT Act since April, 2015; and

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

Terrorist attack on migrant workers

2618. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of incidents of terrorist attacks on migrant workers in Kashmir has been reported recently;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported so far and the number of people killed/injured therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that large scale exodus of migrant workers have started in the wake of these terrorist attacks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken for the safety of the migrant workers in the valley?

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Proposal to rename Delhi

2619. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to rename the capital city of Delhi to Dilli;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to take any action in this regard?

Protection to land and property of UT of J&K

2620. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to bring any legislation on lines of Article 371 for securing protection to the land and property for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Child trafficking

†2621. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trading in child trafficking is going on unabated in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any steps to prevent child trafficking; and

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

Study on landslides along Western Ghats

2622. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to engage agencies like National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for a study on the disasters of consecutive landslides along Western Ghats in the recent years; and

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

Amount spent from NDRF in Kerala

2623. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Response Fund has been declining over the last few years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the total amount spent from the NDRF for the disaster management in wake of flood havoc in Kerala during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has formed a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the modalities for revenue mobilisation for natural calamities and disasters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the report of the GoM?

Internally displaced persons in the country

2624. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of internally displaced persons in the country, State-wise;

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(b) total number of people living in relief camps due to internal displacement in the country;

(c) details of basic amenities and standards of these relief camps;

(d) steps taken to repatriate internally displaced persons to permanent homes and total number of families who have been resettled;

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to promote education, skilling and other such activities amongst internally displaced persons in the country and to help them find employment; and

(f) if so, details thereof including data on employment of these persons?

Ex-servicemen employed in paramilitary forces

2625. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government employs ex-servicemen (ESM) to active posts in the Central paramilitary forces;

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

(c) the number of ex-servicemen employed in all the Central paramilitary forces from 2015, year-wise, till date;

(d) whether Government hires ex-servicemen for the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF);

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

(f) the number of ESM employed in NDRF since 2015, year-wise?

Proposal to amend FCRA rules

†2626. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently cancelled the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration of over 2000 non-governmental organisations and educational institutions, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of FCRA registrations of non-governmental organisations and Educational Institutions which have been cancelled by Government, the State-wise details during last five years;

(c) whether new FCRA registrations have been done by Government during the last five years, if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to amend the FCRA rules, if so, the details thereof?

Prison reform policy

†2627. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more prisoners in Indian prisons than their capacity and due to the poor condition of these prisons, a large number of prisoners die and moreover, the condition of women prisoners is extremely miserable in these prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal of bringing a comprehensive prison reform policy by Central Government keeping in view the above said problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Compensation to dependents of security personnel in J&K

2628. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of security personnel who have lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir due to terrorist attacks since abrogation of Article 370;

(b) whether Government has ensured that the family dependents of all security personnel who have lost their lives due to the aforesaid reasons, have been provided compensation for the same;

(c) if so, the average compensation amount per family, which has been provided by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

US Country Report on Terrorism

2629. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Country Report on Terrorism 2018, the State Department has blamed Communist Party of India (Maoist) for the killing of 311 people last year in 177 terror incidents even as Government data shows that there were 240 deaths in 833 violent incidents involving the group in 2018 ;

(b) whether Government's data on deaths in the Maoist violence was different from that of the US State Department report;

(c) whether Government disputes the findings of the US State Department report as inaccurate; and

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

Foreigners in detention camps

2630. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to keep lakhs of people in detention camps whose names are not there in the final National Register of Citizens (NRC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether whoever will be declared as foreigner, Government will keep them in detention camps for their complete further life or whether Government will deport them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New visa category

2631. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four new categories have been included in the 'X-Misc' visa category to cover foreign nationals living in India for at least 15 years who are working in NGOs or doing voluntary work in religious institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has strengthened the 'X-Misc' visa which can now be used by foreign nationals staying for 15 years and above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Detention centres in the country

2632. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise list of detention

centres that are already constructed, are under construction or have been sanctioned by the Ministry for foreign convicts and those declared as foreigners;

(b) the details of expenditure to be incurred on the same;

(c) the number of people living in already constructed detention centres at present and maximum capacities of the same;

(d) the number of people who have been deported to other countries or released from these detention centres since their construction; and

(e) how many of them have spent more than three years in detention centres without being released or deported?

Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-Alwar RRTS corridor

2633. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has modified alignment of Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-Alwar RRTS corridor;

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

(c) whether NCRTC has taken any decision to exclude Bhiwadi from the corridor;

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

(e) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has requested for inclusion of Bhiwadi in the corridor; and

(f) if so, the details regarding decision taken on the request of Rajasthan Government?

Regularizing unauthorized colonies across the country

2634. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to regularize all the unauthorized colonies across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such regularization can accommodate easily the scope of town planning?

Funds allocated to States under SBM-U

2635. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated State-wise under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) scheme during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh under the said scheme during the last three years;

(c) the details of funds spent/unspent, State-wise, under the above scheme; and

(d) whether Government has achieved the desired objectives of the scheme?

P-1 zone villages under Land Pooling Policy in Delhi

2636. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of villages of P-1 zone which have been proposed for inclusion in Land Pooling Policy in Delhi;

(b) names of villages out of these which have already been urbanised and villages which are yet to be urbanised for the purpose of inclusion under Land Pooling Policy;

(c) whether Government would fast track the process of bringing P-1 Zone on window portal of DDA;

(d) how much time DDA would take for sector delineation and putting P-1 zone on window portal after notification of villages from Land and Building Department; and

(e) whether Government will do it on priority basis?

AMRUT in Bihar

†2637. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Bihar shortlisted under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transportation (AMRUT) and the details of completion of works specified under this scheme in those cities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the development works specified could not be completed successfully in the cities shortlisted under the scheme; and

(c) city-wise details of expenditure incurred during the last three years for the development schemes undertaken in this mission?

Registration under Land Pooling Policy of DDA

2638. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been very less

registrations of land under the portal of Land Pooling Policy of DDA;

(b) whether shift from 2013 policy, especially lowering of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from 400 to 200, requirement of 70 per cent contiguous land in a sector and also delay in execution of policy are discouraging the land owners from registering their land on portal;

(c) whether Government would consider amendments in policy and regulations especially increasing FAR to make it lucrative for land owners and also making flats affordable for buyers; and

(d) whether Government plans to implement policy in a time-bound manner?

Status of implementation of AMRUT

2639. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme;

(b) whether all the selected towns have finalized the implementation plan;

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

(d) the amount of fund released and utilised for the selected towns, the State-wise details thereof?

Survey on cities

2640. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has conducted a survey to rank 4,000 cities and towns in the country;

(b) if so, the details of parameters

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adopted for such survey and when the results of survey are going to be announced; and

(c) the amount spent under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Short movies on works done under HRIDAY

2641. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has joined hands with National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) to prepare 12 short movies on every individual city to showcase works done under National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an overall short movie will also be prepared once all projects works are completed under the Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GPA for transfer of title

2642. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has approved a proposal to regularise 1,728 unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said scheme would recognise General Power of Attorney (GPA) as a valid document for effecting

transfer of title since the sale by GPA has been held to be illegal by the Supreme Court?

Budget for regularization of unauthorised colonies

2643. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to identify unauthorized colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many unauthorized colonies have been identified;

(c) the road map proposed for regularisation of unauthorised colonies; and

(d) the budget proposal for the same?

Financial status of real estate sector

†2644. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the poor financial status of real estate companies;

(b) whether Government has assessed the difficulties being faced by the buyers of houses owing to financial crisis of these companies;

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

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to give relief to the home buyers who have been waiting to get their homes for years; and

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

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**Amount sanctioned under
PMAY(U)**

2645. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amount sanctioned to State Governments has not been released under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] on time;

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

(c) the State-wise details of amount sanctioned and released under PMAY(U) scheme during the last three years; and

(d) how many houses have to be constructed for urban poor till 2022, according to Government?

**Urban infrastructure projects of
Nagaland**

2646. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has granted approval and released funds for implementing a number of urban infrastructure projects of Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released for the said purpose during the last four years and the current year, city-wise;

(c) the present status of those projects and the steps taken/being taken for expediting these projects; and

(d) the total allocation to the North Eastern Region under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and expenditure already incurred under the same since its commencement?

**Second round of SCM and
AMRUT**

2647. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VAIKO:

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

(a) by when the second round of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) would be launched;

(b) the efforts made to cover the remaining 35 per cent of urban population which are not covered under SCM, including the State of Tamil Nadu, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of SCM where all infrastructure facilities have been completed, including water and sewage management projects, the State-wise details thereof?

Phase 4 of Delhi Metro Project

2648. SHRI VAIKO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the status of Phase 4 of the Delhi Metro projects;

(b) the total amount required for Phase 4, with contribution of Centre and State, separately;

(c) the details of projects and lines that are being proposed in the Phase 4; and

(d) the time by when each project is likely to be completed, the details thereof?

Recycling construction and demolition waste

2649. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has been taking to encourage use of recycled products made from construction and demolition waste for construction and other similar purpose across the country;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any regulatory framework for mandatory use of construction and demolition recycled products in construction activities; and

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

Revival of real estate sector

†2650. 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 planning to take steps for the revival of real estate sector;

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

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

Urban poverty in the country

2651. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that urban poverty in India remains high, at over 30 per cent with over 80 million poor people living in the cities and towns of India;

(b) whether Government is also aware

that urban, poverty poses the problems of housing and shelter, water, sanitation, health, education, social security and livelihoods along with special needs of vulnerable groups like women, children and aged people; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by Government during the last three years, the details thereof?

Mobile shops for urban street vendors

2652. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce 'mobile shops' for street vendors across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the livelihood concerns of the urban street vendors by facilitating access to suitable spaces, institutional credit, social security and skill to urban street vendors for accessing emerging market opportunities?

Fake and unregistered housing societies

2653. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of fake and unregistered housing societies are mushrooming, promising houses under land pooling schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to identify such societies and to curb such malpractices;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with

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the steps taken to create awareness among the home investors and end users; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Accommodation for students
migrating to large cities**

2654. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess stay accommodation required by students who are attracted to large cities for higher studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof with respect to major metropolitan cities (Group-A);

(c) whether more than 80 per cent students are forced to hire private accommodation because of non-availability of hostels owned by universities/institutions; and

(d) what action Government proposes to organise the sector which involves about 35 million students engaged in higher studies in cities if the percentage of accommodation seekers is so high?

**Regularising of unregularised
colonies in metropolitan cities**

2655. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has considered regularising unregularised colonies in metropolitan cities across the country;

(b) if so, the detailed plan of action thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) why was there a delay in approving the regularisation of unregularised colonies

in New Delhi since the demand has been coming for several years?

**Demand of financial assistance by
States to HUDCO**

†2656. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to construct houses for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the society in urban areas including Uttar Pradesh, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)];

(b) if so, the details thereof and State/UT-wise details including Uttar Pradesh of the funds sanctioned for this scheme during the last five years;

(c) whether various States have demanded any financial assistance from "Housing and Urban development Corporation Limited" (HUDCO) during the said period for the construction of houses for the EWS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Targets under PMAY(U)

†2657. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the execution of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] has been carried out as per the target set for this and whether those targets would be achieved within the stipulated timeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the execution of PMAY(U) in Madhya Pradesh has been carried out as per the target fixed for this and whether those targets would be achieved within the stipulated time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Large scale laying off/cuts by private companies

2658. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding large scale laying off/job cuts by private companies during 2018-19 and 2019-20 till date;

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

(c) if not, whether Government would conduct survey to ascertain the real number;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Criteria for recognising trade unions

2659. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale for departing from a tripartite (employees, employers and Government) consensus structure to the use of Government discretionary power for recognising trade unions;

(b) the criteria for recognising Central trade unions and State trade unions; and

(c) the details of procedure followed when there is a conflict of interest between the union stakeholders and Government?

Implementation of Maternity Benefit Act

2660. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry came out with a report on working of the Maternity Benefit Act in 2014;

(b) the number of establishments covered by the Act and the number of women in such establishments who claimed maternity entitlements;

(c) the number of women who were provided maternity entitlements including the amount of entitlement paid out and the number of complaints received for not implementing the Act and action taken thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Ministry is monitoring implementation of the Act; and

(e) whether such data has been compiled for years 2015-18, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Unemployment allowance

†2661. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of educated youth in the country do not have employment or source of any income;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the policy initiatives being taken by Government to provide appropriate employment to this educated manpower; and

(c) whether Government would consider on providing unemployment allowance to them so long as they do not get employment?

Periodic Labour Force Survey

2662. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware about

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the National Sample Survey Organisation's Periodic Labour Force Survey where it has been shown that the unemployment in the country is all time high since the independence of our country; and

(b) if so, what actions has been taken or being taken by Government to tackle this employment crisis?

Children working in advertisement

†2663. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a business of millions of rupees is being generated through the advertisements filmed on the children in the world of advertisements;

(b) if so, whether Government does not consider the children working in the advertisement as a 'Child Labour';

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by Government for bringing the children working in advertisements under the ambit of 'Child Labour' and to deal with this menace?

New ESI hospitals

2664. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many new ESI hospitals have been opened by Government in various States of the country including in the States of Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) whether the new hospitals have been equipped with modern facilities for treatment of various diseases of patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any plan/proposal to open such hospitals during the year 2019-20?

Workforce in the unorganised sector

2665. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any data on the workers in the unorganised sector, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the total percentage of Indian workforce in the unorganised sector, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of welfare measure taken by Government for the workers of this sector?

Protection of domestic workers

2666. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many domestic workers are employed by private household, the details for the years 2014-15 to 2019-20, gender-wise, caste-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government plans to bring in legislation protecting the rights of domestic workers which includes minimum wages and social security and protection from abuse and harassment; and

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

Unorganised Sectors Pension Scheme

2667. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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

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beneficiaries are added for pension in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, enrolled beneficiaries on the unorganised sector, State-wise;

(c) if so, the media houses employees viz. journalists and other employees are also covered under unorganised sector pension scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployment of youths

2668. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the high unemployment rate amongst young adults in the country;

(b) the reasons for unemployment rate increasing with an increase in the level of education; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that young graduates have more employment?

Privatisation of ESI hospitals

2669. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals functioning under Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of new hospitals sanctioned and the present status, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposed new hospitals under ESIC, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has any plan for privatisation of ESI hospitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ESIC hospitals in small cities

†2670. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any special scheme to establish Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals in small cities, if so, the details of the above mentioned scheme and the criteria fixed for the establishment of hospitals;

(b) whether the districts/cities have been selected for the hospitals to be opened under this scheme, if so, the State-wise details of the selected places; and

(c) if not, whether any time-limit has been fixed for their identification, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Alternative livelihood for Beedi workers

2671. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:
SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) what is the number of beedi workers engaged in beedi rolling industry in the country;

(b) what steps have been taken till now to provide alternate source of livelihood to people involved in beedi industry;

(c) how many workers shifted to alternative livelihood;

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any assessment to show whether their total earnings of beedi workers have increased after shifting to alternative livelihood; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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**Jobs/employment through
employment exchanges**

2672. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the unemployed youth are on the rise in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of jobs generated/created by Government in various sectors during the said period, sector-wise;

(c) the number of jobs/employment provided to the unemployed youth through employment exchanges and otherwise during the said period; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government for generation/creation of job opportunities for unemployed youth in the country?

**Job lost in manufacturing and
construction sectors**

2673. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs lost in the manufacturing and construction sectors for the last four years, State-wise including Punjab;

(b) whether Government is taking steps to increase employment in these sectors; and

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

**Percentage of contractual workers in
the organised sector**

2674. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of workers employed on a contractual basis in the organised sector for the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the total number of workers employed in the organised sector and the number of workers amongst these who are contract labourers for the year 2019; and

(c) the percentage of workers employed on a contractual basis in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)?

**Survey/identification of child
labourers in Chhattisgarh**

†2675. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposal from Government of Chhattisgarh for survey/identification of child labourers in 27 districts of the State as per the guidelines of revised Child Labour Rehabilitation scheme, 2016;

(b) if so, the details of funds thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the reasons for the pendency of such proposal received from the State Government;

(d) whether a time-limit has been fixed for the disposal of such proposals; and

(e) whether excessive delay in clearing such proposals hampers the development related works and the manner in which the cost increase in work is adjusted?

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**Funds under Bonded Labour
Rehabilitation**

†2676. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from Chhattisgarh Government regarding releasing funds into the account of non-lapsable fund of Bilaspur district for the help of 70 released bonded labourers of Bilaspur district under revised Bonded Labour Rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details of the fund sought and action taken thereon;

(c) the reasons due to which received proposal from State Government is pending till date; and

(d) whether any deadline has been set for the disposal of the proposal?

Employment Index

2677. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:
SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH
DULLO:

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

(a) the prevailing rate of unemployment in the country, gender-wise, caste-wise, State-wise and age-wise;

(b) the rate of unemployment since 2014, year-wise;

(c) the method by which Government arrived at these numbers;

(d) the reasons for discontinuing the Labour Bureau's household surveys after 2016-17 instead of increasing its coverage and improving its quality; and

(e) whether Government plan to introduce an 'Employment Index' and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Joint Venture for LPG pipeline
projects**

2678. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish infrastructure for LPG pipelines across the country to cater to effective distribution of LPG;

(b) if so, the details of the LPG pipeline projects under construction, sanctioned and to be considered for sanction in near future;

(c) whether Government has proposed formation of Joint Venture (JV) or consortium for implementation of the LPG pipeline projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DBTK scheme in Rajasthan

2679. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received request from Rajasthan Government for compulsory marking of LPG connection holders in ration cards to facilitate Direct Benefit Transfer for Kerosene (DBTK) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government has given directions to oil companies for sharing database of LPG connection holders with State Government in Rajasthan;

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

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(e) the details regarding steps taken by Government to make DBTK scheme more effective in Rajasthan?

**New categories in allotment of LPG/
RO dealerships**

2680. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include MPs/MLAs category for allotment of LPG distributorships and Retail Outlets (RO) dealership;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total allotments of ROs during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the outlets allotted to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Karnataka; and

(e) the other steps being taken in this regard?

**Methane project in
Tamil Nadu**

2681. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken on Methane project in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many number of gas projects are not materialised in Tamil Nadu due to stiff opposition by the people; and

(d) if so, any alternative plan to provide Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to cities of Tamil Nadu?

**Revenue loss due to privatization of
Petroleum sector CPSUs**

2682. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revenue loss on account of taxes, duties and dividend payment is anticipated due to the decision to privatization of petroleum sector CPSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any measures to address such revenue loss are proposed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Ethylene derivative plant at
Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh**

2683. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL, HPCL and Government of Andhra Pradesh entered into an MoU to set up 1.5 million tonnes ethylene derivative plant at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when was the MoU entered into, and the reasons for delay in setting up of the plant;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has asked the Government of Andhra Pradesh to pay ₹ 5,000 crores for this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CSR expenditure of oil companies

2684. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure of all

Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Private Sector Petroleum and Natural Gas companies in the country over the past five years, the expenditure, year-wise, against respective PSUs and Private Sector Petroleum and Natural Gas Company; and

(b) the activities undertaken by these PSUs and Private Sector companies from the CSR fund as provided in part (a)?

Import of oil and gas from USA

2685. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has committed to purchase USD 5 billion worth of oil and gas from USA per annum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the said commitment India has already imported crude and gas from the US; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Crude oil production by ONGC

2686. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has seen almost flat growth in crude oil production during the last financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the crude oil production stood at 22.31 million tonnes in 2017-18;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the gas production has also seen an increase during this period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Production of ethanol from non-sugarcane sources

2687. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the expected production of ethanol from non-sugarcane sources;

(b) the source-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether it is sufficient to meet country's ethanol blending target of 10 per cent?

Deadline for submission of oil/gas fields auction bids

2688. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has deferred for the second time, the deadline for submission of bids in the auction of 25 oil and gas fields that hold resources worth an estimated ₹ 1 lakh crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has not yet fixed the revised date for submission of bids?

Permission to private companies to sell subsidized LPG

2689. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on allowing private companies to sell subsidized LPG;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the process has already started, if so, the details thereof?

Provision of free cooking gas to BPL families

2690. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal/scheme to provide free cooking gas connection to the families in addition to Below Poverty Line (BPL) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the BPL families for the purpose of providing gas connection;

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

(e) the cost of connection per family to be borne by Government and number of connections likely to be released, State-wise and year-wise?

Production Enhancement Contract by ONGC

2691. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has already identified two onshore fields for implementation of Production Enhancement Contract;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC has also got the baseline production profile vetted by the third party; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enhanced oil recovery activities by ONGC

2692. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC

has already initiated major Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) activities in order to enhance the recovery of oil from the matured fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the EOR model through Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) will not only help increasing its production but also provide impetus to environmental management to a great extent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Economically Weaker Section

2693. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people in the country recognized under Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category, State-wise;

(b) the details of such people, State-wise, gender-wise and age-wise;

(c) whether Government aims to introduce more measures for the welfare of the EWS in the country;

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

(e) other initiatives being taken by Government in this regard, during the last three years?

Discrimination against SC/ST people on social media

2694. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the caste-based discrimination against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people on social media/networking sites like Twitter, Facebook, etc.;

(b) whether Government has taken any action for suspending and verifying the accounts which are handled by the discriminators against SCs/STs on these social media platforms and taken strict actions against them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Sub castes synonyms to castes
enumerated in SC list in
Uttar Pradesh**

†2695. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether sub castes namely Kahar, Kashyap, Kewat, Mallah, Nishad, Kumhar, Prajapati, Dhivar, Bind, Bhar, Rajphar, Dhimar, Batham, Turaha, Godiya, Majhi and Machua happens to be synonyms of the castes enumerated in the list of Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh namely Beldar at Sl. No. 18; Gond at Sl. No. 36; Majhwar at Sl. No. 53; Pasi at Sl. No. 59; Shilpkar at Sl. No. 65 and Turcha at Sl. No. 66 respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) category-wise and State-wise details of said castes; and

(d) whether any steps is being taken by Ministry to enlist these castes uniformly across States?

**Proposal from UP Government to
define sub-castes belonging to
OBCs**

†2696. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to define/enlist 17 sub-castes currently belonging to Other Backward Classes, namely-Prajapati, Kumhar, Bhar, Rajbhar, Manjhi, Kewat, Mallah, Nishad, Dhiwar, Dhimar, Machua, Batham, Kashyap, Kahar, Gauriya, Bind, Turaha under the category of Scheduled Caste;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the occasions when the Ministry had earlier received proposals to define/enlist the said sub-castes in Scheduled Castes and the grounds on which those proposals were rejected?

**Redefining under privileged sub
castes under SC list**

†2697. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to redefine the 17 underprivileged sub caste, viz. Prajapati, Kumhar, Bhar, Rajbhar, Manjhi, Kewat, Mallah, Nishad, Dhiwar, Dhiman, Machua, Batham, Kashyap, Kahar, Godia, Bind, Turaha of Uttar

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Pradesh's Majhwar, Gor, Turaiha, Beldar, Shilpkar, Pasi and Tarmali Caste, that are categorized under other Backward Classes, and list them under Scheduled Caste category;

(b) the names of States in which such castes are listed under Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Classes, respectively; and

(c) whether steps are being taken by Government to list the said castes in one common category in all the States?

Fund for rehabilitation of manual scavengers

2698. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much fund has the Centre allocated for the rehabilitation of manual scavengers;

(b) how much has been spent yet, the details thereof;

(c) what could be the reasons for prevalence of manual scavenging; and

(d) whether it is a fact that human excreta from whopping toilets are still removed manually, if so, why no action has been taken yet to prevent such practice?

Menace of Drug Mafia

2699. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure that the menace of Drug Mafia preying over school children stops; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Persons with Disabilities Act

2700. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of violation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act have come to the notice of Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Union and the State Governments to implement three per cent quota for Persons with Disabilities in all Government departments, PSUs and Government companies in the recent past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Union and the State Governments thereto?

Conviction under Manual Scavengers and Rehabilitation Act

2701. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of manual scavengers identified across the country;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the total number of manual scavengers and sanitation workers that have died during the last three years and current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether there have been any convictions for employing manual scavengers under the Prohibition of

Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013; and

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

Norms for maintenance of old age homes

2702. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/guidelines laid down for construction/maintenance of old age homes in the country;

(b) the number of old age homes presently running in the country especially Assam during the last three years;

(c) the details and the number of people who are getting benefited from these homes;

(d) the amount of grant released by Government to various States especially Assam to provide better care to such persons; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to monitor the facilities provided in these old age homes?

Welfare of differently-abled persons

†2703. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a national programme for the welfare of the differently-abled persons through Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for each programme during the current financial year?

Scholarship funds for SC students

2704. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not disbursed the scholarship amount for SC boy and girl students regularly, particularly in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of the pending amount to be disbursed to the said students during each of the last three years, State and year-wise; and

(c) the time by when the scholarship amount is likely to be reimbursed to the accounts of SC boy and girl students?

Schemes for SCs and OBCs

2705. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by Government for the welfare of SCs and OBCs with details of beneficiaries during the last five years, State/UT-wise details;

(b) the amount of money allocated and utilized for each of these schemes during the last five years, with special reference to Haryana;

(c) whether Government is planning to expand welfare schemes for SCs, and OBCs across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of pending proposals

†2706. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals related to

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various works has been received by the Ministry from the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the last five years and details of action taken with regard to those proposals;

(b) the reasons responsible for the pendency of the proposal received from State Government;

(c) whether any timeline has been stipulated for the disposal of said proposals; and

(d) the details thereof?

Central Assistance for SCSP

†2707. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides Central Assistance for the implementation of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan to promote the economic well-being of Scheduled Caste women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for transgender persons

2708. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes by the Ministry that provide for the welfare of transgender persons upto 2019; and

(b) the number of transgender persons who have benefited under such schemes, State-wise details for the period 2014-2019?

Scholarships for SC students in private colleges

2709. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sanction scholarship to SC students in the private colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to private institutions for children with autism

2710. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance Government provides to private institutions which are running exclusively for children with autism; and

(b) how many such institutions are running in the country?

National Commission for Senior Citizens

2711. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to constitute a National Commission for Senior Citizens;

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

(c) the amount of funds that have been allotted and utilized for research and on rehabilitation of senior citizens during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise details thereof?

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Irregularities in fixing of seniority in SAIL

†2712. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities in fixing the order of seniority in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of procedure of fixing the seniority; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard?

Observation of fraud by EPFO

2713. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has observed some fraud towards its subscribers/account holders spread through out the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect the employee's fund?

Suspension of operations by NMDC

2714. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has suspended operations in Donimalai over imposition of 80 per cent premium on sales from the mine of Karnataka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NMDC participated in previous auctions for mines

in Karnataka offering 95 per cent and 105 per cent as premium; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issue?

Steps to reduce carbon footprint of steel industry

2715. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seeing year 2019 as 'Year of expansion' and whether reducing the carbon footprint of the steel industry is one of the objectives of the National Steel Policy, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken so far to reduce the carbon footprint of the steel industry, considering that the domestic steel production in the country is rising;

(c) the success achieved in this regard while promoting sustainable steel production;

(d) whether Government proposes to build a new National Steel Safety Board; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Issue related to FSNL employee

2716. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PMO/CVC has received any complaints against MD, Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL) a steel PSU, and any report to the framing of false matters against whistle blowers/honest officers, employees termination, removal and dismissal cases;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last three years and current year;

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- (c) the nature of the said incidents;
- (d) various efforts made by Government to check corruption and provide justice to the concerned employees in FSNL; and
- (e) the outcome of the said efforts?

Crude steel production in the country

2717. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's crude steel production fell by 1.4 per cent to 8.936 million tonnes in December, 2018;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the country's pig iron production also fell by 5.5 per cent to 0.530 MT in December, 2018 from 0.561 MT in December, 2017; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Per capita steel consumption in the country

2718. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government to boost per capita steel consumption in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to announce incentive policies for PSUs to procure domestic steel; and

- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the discussions held with the Ministries/ PSUs concerned to boost steel consumption in the country?

Proposals from Madhya Pradesh related to various works

†2719. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals related to various works received by the Ministry from Government of Madhya Pradesh in last five years and details of action taken thereon;
- (b) the reasons for pendency of the proposal received from State Government;
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed for the disposal of said proposals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Slowdown in steel production

2720. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a slowdown in steel production in the country during the current financial year;
- (b) what is the reason for the slowdown; and
- (c) whether Government is doing anything to bail out the steel industry?

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