

## RAJYASABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019/Magha 24, 1940 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Modernisation of Thoothukudi airport**

1083. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated/taken up modernisation of Thoothukudi airport after obtaining 600.97 acres of land from the State Government of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete the upgradation/modernisation of Thoothukudi airport;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in domestic flight passengers**

1084. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details of increased number of passengers for last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether carrying capacity of airports are in accordance with the increased number of passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of steps undertaken for increasing carrying capacity of airports for last three years?

#### **MRO services in India**

1085. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MRO Association of India (MAoI) has urged Government for a fair chance to compete with foreign Maintenance, Repair and Overhauls (MROs) that enjoy a favourable import tax policy of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that GST for importing MRO services to India is levied at a maximum five per cent, whereas the same services offered at home are taxed at a GST of 18 per cent; and

(c) despite Government opening up 100 per cent FDI, no foreign player had been bought into MRO operations in the country?

#### **Debt of Air India**

†1086. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of debt of Air India and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the aviation companies in the country are flourishing due to expansion of air services network whereas Air India is continuously going under debt; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Introduction of 'Digi Yatra' programme for air passengers**

1087. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced a programme called 'Digi Yatra' programme for air passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme includes face recognition trials to the passengers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) in what way, it will make the boarding process and security check, more efficient;

(e) when it shall be introduced and whether it will be available in all airports in the country; and

(f) whether there is any mechanism to ensure data protection norms relating to passengers?

#### **Benefits to the lower cadre in Pawan Hans Limited**

1088. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Pawan Hans Limited a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry has released the Pay Commission benefits to the officer cadre last year itself while denying the same to the lower cadre and contractual employees till date; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to do justice in the matter without any delay?

#### **Difficulties in RCS**

1089. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Government's goal of bringing 100 million more passengers to the skies by 2022;

(b) how Government is going to achieve the above target through its Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) when only 16 out of 31 new airports have become operational by 2017;

(c) whether States are finding it difficult to provide basic infrastructure and other amenities at proposed new airports;

(d) whether Government is determined to open the remaining 15 airports by June, 2018;

(e) if so, the status of the same; and

(f) reasons why just 60 out of 128 planned routes are only in operation so far?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Disinvestment of Air India**

1090. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of disinvestment of Air India could not receive any bidder;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for failure to attract any bidder;

(c) whether Government is still in the process of disinvestment of Air India after modifying the terms and conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposed modifications being contemplated to start the disinvestment process again?

### **Losses incurred by Air India**

1091. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred by Air India during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and current financial year;

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

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

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

### **Coordination with Ministries to facilitate better facilities to citizens**

1092. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to coordinate with other Ministries such as Road Transport and

Highways, Culture and Tourism to facilitate better facilities to citizens and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any initiatives or construction under this initiative and the corresponding expected gains?

### **Airports in Haryana under UDAN scheme**

1093. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under UDAN 3.0 scheme and whether any bids have been received by the Ministry;

(b) the details of airports constructed and made operational and to be constructed in the future in the State of Haryana under the UDAN scheme;

(c) whether the Ambala Cantonment and Hisar airport are functional and operational;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time-line by when they will be made operational; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and spent under the UDAN scheme, State-wise, including the State of Haryana?

### **Sale of prime landed properties and subsidiaries of Air India**

1094. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has decided to sell some of its prime landed properties and subsidiaries in order to get the national carrier back in shape;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the other measures being taken for the revival of Air India?

**Development of aircraft leasing industry**

†1095. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to develop its own aircraft leasing industry in near future;

(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?

**Airport Entry Pass**

1096. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many fresh/renewal Airport Entry Pass (AEP) applications were received by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) from Members of Parliament for their PA/PS;

(b) how many fresh/renewal AEPs were issued and how many are pending till 31st January, 2019;

(c) what is the reason for keeping it pending; and

(d) when BCAS proposes to clear pending applications and steps taken for the timely issue of passes?

**Expansion of airports in Madhya Pradesh**

†1097. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the current capacity and status of further expansion of airports in Madhya Pradesh and availability of air services at each of these airports along with details of future work plan for expansion thereof?

**On-time performance of airline operators**

1098. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce a new method to compute on-time performance of airlines;

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

(c) how the new mechanism will be better in comparison to the current one;

(d) flights cancelled and delayed by airline operators during the last three years, year-wise and operator-wise, along with reasons therefor;

(e) the passengers affected due to cancellation and delays by airlines operators during above period, year-wise and operator-wise;

(f) the compensation or other benefits paid or given to passengers by airline operators because of above during the same period; and

(g) steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Expansion of airports in Karnataka**

1099. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans for expansion of various airports in the country including the airports in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with airports which are being under expansion?

**Airports at risk of floods**

1100. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some airports in the country are at risks of flood;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that due to technically operational crises, Government faces huge loss of emergency services as well as economic loss therefor;

(c) whether Navi Mumbai International Airport is one of the faulty and flood risk airport under construction thereof; and

(d) if so, plans and guidelines of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to tackle and overcome the problems and corrections of risk factors therein?

and trained pilots are unemployed due to inadequate employment opportunities, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the total number of pilots and cabin crew employed through recruitment exams held by various airlines during the last two years and the current year; and

(e) the total number of licences issued during the last two years and the current year?

#### **New drone policy**

1101. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new drone policy released by the Ministry;

(b) whether the policy allows for the operation of drones beyond the visual line of sight and the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which Government intends to address safety and privacy concerns; and

(d) whether Government is investing in geofencing software to ensure that drones do not trespass upon restricted areas?

#### **Employment generation in aviation sector**

1102. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the important steps taken by Government for employment generation in aviation sector;

(b) the details of all working staff in aviation sector of the country;

(c) whether a large number of licensed

#### **Bidding under RCS**

1103. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third round of bidding under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) for domestic routes concluded recently and 15 airlines had bid for a total of 111 routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these include a bulk of the 56 routes withdrawn from Air Odisha and Air Deccan because of their inability to launch flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Monitoring of block timings**

1104. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) will conduct any year long study to examine early arrivals at the Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru airports in order to devise ways to improve operational efficiencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that AAI

will be monitoring block timings followed by various airlines during peak and non-peak hours and in different parts of the year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Operationalisation of Veer Surendra Sai Airport at Jharsuguda**

1105. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Veer Surendra Sai Airport at Jharsuguda in Odisha still remains inoperative though inaugurated by Prime Minister on 22nd September, 2018, if so, the reasons therefor and the remedies thereto; and

(b) whether Government would start a direct flight from Jharsuguda to New Delhi by Air India or any other airline operator and direct flight from Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar to cities like Pune, Ahmedabad, Shirdi and Port Blair?

**Plan to bring another version of UDAN scheme**

†1106. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government encouraged by the success of UDAN scheme (Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik) is planning to bring forth another version of this scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the States will now have an option to grant subsidy for international flights in regions where such services are scarce but huge possibility of a large market for such services have emerged; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Regulation of Air Traffic Controller by DGCA**

1107. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that regulation of Air Traffic Controller has been taken over by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) from Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for transfer of Air Traffic Controller regulation from AAI to DGCA?

**New FDI e-commerce policy**

1108. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has placed any restriction on foreign investments in e-commerce sector keeping in view the interests of small traders and shopkeepers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any new policy for the e-commerce firms pertaining to the sale of their products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its benefits to the domestic retailers?

**Growth rate of FDI inflows**

1109. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the latest data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), FDI inflow growth rate recorded a five year low;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and in which sector and what was the FDI outflow;

(c) whether it is also a fact that external debt has increased during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and remedial measures being taken to shore up the FDI inflows?

(d) whether Government would consider providing incentives to the industries and institutions using artificial intelligence, robotics etc.;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether any Steering Committee would be formed to effectively implement the policy?

#### **US-China trade standoff**

1110. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN  
SINGH DUNGARPUR:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seizing the opportunity of the US and China trade war and position itself to enter into a long term agreement with the US Government on trade relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government will ensure providing conducive atmosphere for US businessmen after their exit from China in the backdrop of US-China trade standoff?

#### **New Industrial Policy**

1111. SHRIMATI AMBIKA  
SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized new Industrial Policy aiming at boosting manufacturing sector growth, foreign technology transfer, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the new Industrial Policy will be ready for implementation;

#### **Progress in the field of marine food exports**

1112. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the field of marine food exports during the last three years by the country;

(b) whether Government has received any representation from the marine food exporters regarding their problems, if so, what redressal measures have been taken so far; and

(c) the measures that have been taken by Government for the welfare of the manpower employed in the marine food processing units?

#### **'Invest India' programme**

1113. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched 'Invest India' with FICCI for promoting foreign investments in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise details and current status thereof including funds allocated by DIPP to FICCI;

(c) the year-wise and sector-wise details of schemes/programmes and their achievements so far in terms of FDI inflows;

(d) whether 'Invest India' programme has not taken off the ground yet and may meet the same fate as erstwhile India Investment Centre and India Brand Equity Fund; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to make the programme more effective?

**Impact created by 'Startup India' scheme**

1114. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of the 'Startup India' scheme since its inception;

(b) whether any monitoring and evaluation activity has been taken up for the scheme;

(c) if so, whether there has been any course correction as a result; and

(d) if not, why such an evaluation has not been undertaken?

**Border trade in the North-Eastern States**

1115. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated volume (in rupee) of the border trade from the North-Eastern States;

(b) the State-wise break-up of volume of trade per border trade points in the North-East;

(c) whether Government has planned to open more border trade points in the North-East specially in Assam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Port Performance Index**

1116. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a study has suggested policy recommendations to resolve the challenges across ports in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the study encapsulates key issues and challenges and also proposes 60 policy measures to strengthen the ports sector, which represents the bulk of India's merchandise trade and also introduces a 'Port Performance Index' as an attempt to benchmark performance of various ports by combining qualitative perception of stakeholders with quantitative outcome based; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or to be taken by Government?

**Income tax exemption to startups**

1117. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and spent under 'Startup India' scheme, State-wise and sector-wise, including the State of Haryana;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 4 per cent of the startups were certified for grant of exemption from income-tax;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken and planned to reduce the problems faced by the startups in the country?



### **Functioning of SEZs**

1118. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the 23 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, location-wise along with the details of goods for which these SEZs are functioning;

(b) the location-wise details of SEZs out of the said SEZs which are not following the rules laid down in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the details and outcome of the action taken by Government against these SEZs during the said period?

### **Impact of Walmart-Flipkart deal**

1119. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Walmart has become a majority shareholder of the Flipkart making the Walmart a majority in the e-retail trade sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how it will affect the small retail traders in the country?

### **Import restrictions by EU and other countries**

1120. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union (EU) from January this year has started disallowing import of our rice due to presence of tricyclazole which is a common fungicide beyond 0.01 parts per million when the earlier tolerance level was 1 ppm or 1 mg/kg which has now become 1 mg/100 kg;

(b) whether recently Saudi Arabia also stopped our shipment of chillis, cardamom, etc.;

(c) whether it is not a ploy by the EU, Saudi Arabia and other countries to stop India's exports on one pretext or the other; and

(d) if so, how Government is planning to address this issue?

### **Patent agent density**

1121. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has a poor patent agent density even after the introduction of the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy, 2016;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of patents filed and granted during the last three years?

### **Support to Artisan Scheme**

1122. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of artisans in the country particularly in Gujarat and Jharkhand who have received livelihood support under the 'Support to Artisan Scheme' during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to create infrastructure to support leather artisans; and

(c) if so, the details of the areas of investment under the scheme along with the funds utilised during the said period?

**Credit Guarantee Fund for startup companies**

1123. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up a Credit Guarantee Fund for encouraging startup companies in the country with a view to providing funding facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of companies that have availed the scheme so far, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the incentives being provided to the startup companies to overcome their initial hurdles, the details thereof?

**Trade with Pakistan and other SAARC countries**

1124. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's balance of trade with SAARC countries;

(b) whether the disturbance in relations with Pakistan has affected the trade balance with Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to improve the trade relations with Pakistan and other SAARC countries?

**Fluctuation in FDI inflow**

1125. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

fact that there is a fluctuation in FDI inflow, which has become a matter of great concern;

(b) if so, the details of FDI inflow since 2014;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any steps to increase the FDI inflow;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reservation in private sector**

1126. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Coordination Committee for Affirmative Action for SC and ST in the private sector has made specific recommendation/suggestion regarding reservation in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Growth of e-commerce industry**

†1127. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-commerce has become the fastest growing trade channel which is facilitating transborder trade of goods and services owing to advanced technological innovations;

(b) if so, the details of the growth of e-commerce industry;

(c) whether e-commerce industry and its consumers in the country are facing various pre and post transaction problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) whether Government is seriously considering to bring a national e-commerce policy and if so, by when?

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**Market capitalization of agro-export industry**

1128. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that market capitalization of agro-export industry has not improved much during the last three years;

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

(c) whether Government is considering tax relaxation for agro-export industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) details of incentives provided to agricultural produce export industry?

**Jabalpur-Rewa-Singrauli-Sonbhadra Industrial Corridor**

†1129. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government to build and develop an industrial corridor running *via* Jabalpur-Rewa-Singrauli-Sonbhadra; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

**Review of industrialisation in industrially backward areas**

†1130. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of industrialisation of industrially backward States is conducted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) names of States where industrialisation was noticed at slow pace and those States where industrialisation was at fast pace during above review during the last three years?

**Extra-judicial killings in Uttar Pradesh**

1131. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations human rights experts have expressed concern recently about extra-judicial killings since 2017 by Uttar Pradesh police and have sought inquiries by Central Government;

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

(c) the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the details of inquiry initiated by Central Government, case-wise?

**Crimes against women**

†1132. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of laxity in taking steps to prevent crimes against women and girls in Delhi, the required success in curbing the crimes is not forthcoming thereby boosting the morale of the criminals;

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

(c) the percentage of success achieved in getting the criminals committing various crimes against women punished during the last three years?

**Anti-India demonstration in Mizoram**

†1133. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that placards displaying Hello China, Bye-Bye India were fluttered in Mizoram on 25th January, 2019 protesting against India and incidents of shouting slogan 'going with China' by demonstrators are taking place frequently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the boycott by demonstrators in Mizoram, people did not attend Republic Day parade of 26th January, 2019 in the capital of Mizoram; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for stopping such regular demonstrations taking place against India in Mizoram?

**Firing from Pakistan violating ceasefire**

†1134. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the occasion of Republic Day, security forces and residential areas in Kashmir valley were fired upon from Pakistan's side violating ceasefire;

(b) the number of terrorists killed and caught in the encounter during the army's search operation in Kashmir valley in last three years; and

(c) whether on increase in infiltration of terrorists as compared to other years is being recorded even during this season of cold and snowfall?

**Deportation of illegal immigrants**

1135. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV  
GOWDA:  
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal immigrants deported to various countries since January, 2018;

(b) the total number of persons convicted under The Foreigners Act, 1946 from 1st January, 2018 to 31st December, 2018; and

(c) the total number of Rohingya Muslims deported since August, 2017, along with place of deportation?

**Advisories for security of women**

†1136. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many advisories have been issued to State Governments and Union Territories by Central Government in

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respect of security of women in last four and a half years which primarily includes compulsorily registering FIR, providing facility of online registration of complaints, enhancing the representation of women in police forces, sensitising police in respect of women, appointment of special women police volunteer, setting up of fund to support aggrieved women and establishing special units to check human trafficking; and

(b) whether adequate steps have been taken by State Governments and Union Territories in this direction and if so, the details thereof?

**Specialized agency for probing human trafficking cases**

1137. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created an Organized Crime Investigating Agency, a body to exclusively probe human trafficking and other organized crime cases in the country as recommended to be set up by the end of 2016 by the Supreme Court in the case of *Prajwala Vs Union of India* and others;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether any steps are being taken towards its creation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rape of women in police custody**

1138. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of rape of women in police custody where FIR was filed in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether mandatory judicial inquiries

were initiated in each case of rape of women while in police custody in each State;

(c) if so, State-wise, year-wise number of inquiries initiated, inquiries completed, their outcomes and action taken against police officers during the period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Police stations not having their own building**

†1139. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police stations in the country which do not have their own building;

(b) the number of police stations where telephone facility is not available; and

(c) the number of police stations where the facility of modern vehicle and wireless is not available?

**Incidence of insurgency in NER**

1140. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late there has been an increase in the incidence of insurgency in the States of North Eastern Region (NER) specially in Manipur; and

(b) the details of action taken to bring them back in the national mainstream by initiating dialogue with them and extending incentives?

**National Register of Citizens in Assam**

1141. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four United Nations Special

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Rapporteurs have written to Government on the issue of people especially from minority communities being rendered Stateless by updating of the National Register of Citizens in Assam;

(b) if so, how does Government respond to this letter;

(c) whether Foreigners Tribunals in Assam are labelling people, especially from minority communities, as 'doubtful voters' or 'D' voters; and

(d) if so, the number of such 'D' voters whose cases are pending before Foreigners Tribunals and procedure followed by Tribunals to deal with 'D' voters?

#### **Suicide by paramilitary personnel**

1142. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many personnel of paramilitary forces committed suicide in the last three years, the year-wise data thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any studies to find out the reason behind such suicides; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce stress and improve confidence among these personnel?

#### **Central aid for Kerala floods**

1143. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much was the total central aid given to Kerala for flood relief;

(b) how much was the amount requested by the State;

(c) whether Central Government has any estimate of the amount required to rebuild the flood affected Kerala;

(d) whether Government would consider the request of increasing the limit of loans by the State of Kerala;

(e) what is the reason behind the decision of centre to deny the help extended to Kerala by foreign countries such as UAE; and

(f) whether Government is planning to give more financial aid and announce special package to rebuild Kerala, if so, how much?

#### **Protection of witnesses**

1144. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to ensure protection of witnesses in criminal and other proceedings before courts and tribunals;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to bring a law which will include provisions on witness protection; and

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

#### **Assistance to States for prisons**

1145. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the category-wise and State/UT-wise details of financial assistance provided to States and UTs towards setting up, maintaining and modernising prisons or any other scheme relating to prisons and/or towards the welfare of prisoners, if any?

#### **Suicides by police personnel**

1146. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, on an average,

10 police personnel are killing themselves every year due to various reasons in service;

(b) whether it is also a fact that depression is one of the major causes for committing suicides by police personnel;

(c) whether Government is also aware that such incidents are also going up in Delhi Police in the last few years; and

(d) if so, how Government is planning to tackle this sensitive issue of committing suicide?

#### **Respite to NGOs receiving contribution from foreign countries**

†1147. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to give respite to NGOs receiving contribution from foreign countries;

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

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

#### **Repatriation of Rohingya migrants**

1148. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to repatriate Rohingya migrants to the country of their origin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the Rohingya migrants could be repatriated back to their country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Exclusive satellite to manage borders**

1149. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to launch a satellite for its exclusive use and to help it manage borders more effectively;

(b) whether such satellite communications are also set to guide deployment of central paramilitary forces in remote and difficult areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Deportation of Rohingya Muslims**

1150. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Rohingya Muslims have been identified so far by Government;

(b) how many Rohingya Muslims are supposed to be staying in various parts of the country;

(c) whether Government is facing problems in deporting identified Rohingya Muslims to Bangladesh or Myanmar; and

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

#### **Meetings of official language**

†1151. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the meetings of official language, Hindi held under chairmanship of Secretary of the secretariat and the Minister during the last four years, Ministry-wise along with reasons for irregular meetings therefor?

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### **Construction of new jails**

†1152. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more prisoners are living in the jails of the country than their capacity, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the total number of new jails required to be constructed as per the number of prisoners, the details of amount to be spent for this;

(c) whether Government is considering to keep undertrial prisoners and convicted prisoners in separate jails, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise amount allocated by Government for the improvement of jails, the details of last three years?

### **Proposals from States under Coastal Security Scheme**

1153. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States along the coastal regions of the country including Karnataka have requested and sent their proposals of requirement under Coastal Security Scheme being implemented in various phases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has considered and approved these proposals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the present status of these proposals of States?

### **Proposal of Karnataka for strengthening coastal security**

1154. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for strengthening coastal security under Coastal Security Scheme, Phase-III; and

(b) if so, what Government has done to process and consider the proposal?

### **Crimes against women across the country**

1155. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of crimes against women, including human trafficking reported across the country during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the crimes against women have been on the rise in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the conviction rates of such crimes remain abysmally poor due to loopholes in the existing laws of the country;

(f) if so, whether Government is taking any corrective measures in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

### **Cases against persons involved in anti-Sikh riots**

1156. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases against persons

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found involved in 1984 anti-Sikh riots that took place following the assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which are still pending in Courts;

(b) by when the pending cases are likely to be settled; and

(c) whether Government is aware that a large number of Hindus were shot dead prior to the occurrence of anti-Sikh riots and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in regard thereto?

#### **Sikh and Hindu refugees from Afghanistan and Pakistan**

1157. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

(b) how many of them have been granted Indian citizenship; and

(c) by when the remaining persons are likely to be granted Indian citizenship?

#### **Use of photo authentication software 'PhotoDNA'**

1158. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigating agencies are using or intend to use the software PhotoDNA in their investigations;

(b) the details regarding the working and scope of the software; and

(c) the details regarding the databases of photographs and images, including social media databases, being accessed while using the software?

#### **Citizenship on basis of religion**

1159. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any precedent post-independence where Government has granted citizenship on basis of religion, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the reason for the Buddhists to be included in proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 while Buddhists from Sri Lanka, China, Bhutan and Myanmar are seemingly excluded;

(c) whether Government has amply consulted stake-holders from already vulnerable North Eastern States on their opinion, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Mizoram has been homeland for any Bangladeshi tribe in the past to be justifiable basis for the Bill?

#### **Salary of guest teachers in NDMC schools**

†1160. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to increase salaries of guest teachers working in New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) schools is pending;

(b) whether salaries of guest teachers of other schools have been increased besides the said municipal council in Delhi;

(c) by when salaries of guest teachers of NDMC schools will be increased; and

(d) by when other facilities such as leave etc., will be approved for guest teachers apart from increasing their salary?

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### **CCTV cameras in prisons**

1161. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of prisons currently operational, State-wise;

(b) number of prisons which have not yet established CCTV camera based monitoring, State-wise;

(c) steps taken to monitor prisons in the country;

(d) whether Government will establish a National Commission for Prisons, as recommended by Mulla Committee, or any other similar body, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government is considering revision of 2015 guidelines for allowing visit inside jails by individuals/NGOs/company/press for research, documentary-making, etc. to allow regular visits and open communication with prisoners, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### **Repatriation of prisoners**

1162. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of applications received from Indian nationals imprisoned abroad for sentence transfer under the Repatriation of Prisoners Act, 2003 between 2015 to 2018;

(b) how many of these have led to actual repatriation/ transfer; and

(c) how many are still under process and their domicile-wise details thereof?

### **Implementation of Model Prison Manual**

1163. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had *vide*

advisory dated 4th May, 2017, asked all the States and UTs to implement the Model Prison Manual, 2016 and whether any step has been taken to monitor or study the implementation of Model Prison Manual, 2016 after this advisory was issued, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to set up a National Commission for Prisons as recommended in the Mulla Committee report and/or any other nodal/ central level agency for monitoring prisons in the country?

### **Loss of jobs by women**

1164. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether 8.8 million women have lost their jobs during 2018 as per a recent report;

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

(c) whether 9.1 million rural jobs have been lost in 2018 as per the same report;

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

(e) the response of Government thereto?

### **Increase in employment *vis-a-vis* GDP growth**

1165. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) the details of increase in Gross

Domestic Product (GDP) growth *vis-a-vis* growth in employment in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is a perceptible increase in productivity of enterprises during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no proportional increase in employment to commensurate with productivity in the last three-four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of employment opportunities created/provided during the last four years, year-wise/State-wise/scheme-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Payment of wages to unorganised labourers**

1166. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints about delay in payments and less payments than the wages fixed by Government to unorganised labourers;

(b) if so, who is the officer or agency responsible to make payments to eligible persons as per the job done during the day; and

(c) whether instances of bogus muster rolls were prepared to siphon Government money, if so, the details thereof?

#### **EPFO schemes covered under PMRPY**

1167. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees/workers have been brought into the fold of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

through various schemes of Government during the last four years, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) out of these how many workers have been covered under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) during this period; and

(c) the details thereof?

#### **Hazardous working conditions**

1168. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether accidents in factories/ industrial units have been increasing over the years due to poor standard of safety, health and environment at industrial workplace for labourers/workers;

(b) if so, details thereof during last three years, State-wise;

(c) details of work-related mortality rate as well as occupation linked diseases of industrial workers during last three years;

(d) whether factories are flouting rules by making labourers to work in hazardous conditions and by taking advantage of lack of worker's awareness about occupational safety and health hazards at workplace; and

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

#### **National policy for domestic workers**

1169. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the National policy for protection of domestic workers;

(b) whether Government is also considering drafting a Domestic Workers Bill;

(c) how many States have enacted a law for the protection of domestic workers; and

(d) how many States have a State Domestic Workers Board?

**Welfare and rehabilitation of bonded labourers**

1170. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any fresh initiatives for the welfare and rehabilitation of bonded labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Child care support for working women**

1171. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proportion of women engaged primarily in domestic duties has increased between the years 2004-05 and 2011-12, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any child-care subsidies are provided by Government to mothers;

(c) the status of implementation of the National Creche Scheme; and

(d) whether delayed and non-existent payments from the States have prompted many creches to shut down across the country, if so, the details thereof?

**Problems faced by Telangana handloom weavers**

1172. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government's

attention has been drawn to a research project of the Kakatiya University, Warangal on problems faced by Telangana handloom weavers particularly in Karimnagar district; and

(b) if so, what steps are planned to address issues identified in the report particularly women weavers related problems in areas like compensation package and working conditions?

**Impact of climate change on labourers**

1173. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has performed or is aware of, any study on impact of climate change on labourers and if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has planned any initiatives to help the labourers from the increasing number of heat-waves in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**SDG Indian Index Baseline Report**

1174. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of unemployment has become more acute for youth and women and whether according to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) India Index Baseline Report 2018 by NITI Aayog, 64 per 1000 persons appears to be unemployed in working age group of 19-59;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken up by Government to fulfill the Sustainable Development

Goal which speaks of full and productive employment and economic growth?

(e) the measures taken to increase job opportunities in the country?

**Creation of jobs after initiative of 'Make in India'**

1175. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new jobs created and people employed since the start of 'Make in India' initiative in September, 2014 to till date, the year-wise, State-wise and sector-wise data thereof;

(b) whether Government is planning to revamp the 'Make in India' initiative to increase job creation in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) which labour intensive sectors will be made the focus of such a revamped initiative; and

(d) how Government will ensure that labour laws are strengthened in order to prevent exploitation of workers in the name of ease of doing business?

**Domicile policy for jobs**

1176. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made on the recent policy of some State Governments to provide jobs to domiciled persons, which would threaten overall labour market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, how does the Ministry come to know of the impact of such policies in the labour market;

(d) whether it will lead to the country's economic fragmentation and adversely affect the market; and

**Vacancies in Central Labour Commission**

1177. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Labour Commission has not notified for recruitment to the post of Regional Labour Commissioner (RLC) and lower posts in the recent past;

(b) when was the last recruitment held for the post of RLC and lower posts in Central Labour Commissioner's office;

(c) the details of last recruitment held under Central Labour Commissioner's office in all sectors;

(d) whether there are any vacancies presently in Central Labour Commissioner's office in RLC and lower posts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Opportunities for physiotherapists in the country**

1178. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of physiotherapists employed in the Ministry including allied offices and autonomous organisations like ESI hospital, etc.;

(b) details of promotional hierarchy, pay and allowances extended to them;

(c) when was the cadre formed and restructuring done till date;

(d) if cadre restructure is done, whether physiotherapists are involved with equal opportunities or not, if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) if involved, whether their views were considered or not, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether 7th Pay Commission recommendation in respect to physiotherapists holistic cadre restructuring is done or not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Maternity benefits for women in unorganised sector**

1179. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a RTI filed by Vandana Prasad, CIC/MLABE/A/2017/118245 Vandana Prasad vs. PIO, M/o Labour and Employment, the Chief Information Commissioner had ordered the Ministry to proactively make available data on access to maternity benefits by women in the unorganized sector; and

(b) if so, how the Ministry is planning to implement this order?

#### **Shram Suvidha Portal**

1180. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many enrollment and Labour Identification Number (LIN) have been generated in Shram Suvidha Portal; and

(b) how many enrollment and Labour Identification Number (LIN) have been generated in Shram Suvidha Portal in Kerala during 2014-18?

#### **Projects under the NCLP**

1181. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects going on under

the National Child Labour Project (NCLP), the details thereof;

(b) the amount of grant-in-aid given to various agencies and NGOs during 2014-15 to 2017-18 under NCLP; and

(c) the details and address of agencies./ NGOs which are working in Kerala received such fund under NCLP?

#### **Increase in unemployment among graduates and postgraduates**

1182. SHRI AHMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment has increased among graduate and postgraduate degree holders in the country;

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

(c) the details of total unemployed graduate and postgraduate students in the country for last four years; and

(d) the details of initiatives undertaken by Government to reduce unemployment for graduate and postgraduate degree holders in the country?

#### **Employment in SMEs**

†1183. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of both the functional and closed small and medium enterprises in Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of local people which were provided employment in these enterprises, category-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Implementation of cadre restructuring in EPFO**

1184. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the cadre-wise strength of officers and staff of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) prior to and after implementation of the recent cadre restructuring;

(b) the steps taken to recruit/promote the existing staff/officers to the vacant posts;

(c) whether some persons at the grade of Assistant Provident Fund Commissioners (APFCs) were given promotion as Regional Provident Fund Commissioners after relaxing their qualifying service;

(d) whether EPFO proposes to fill the vacant posts giving similar relaxations to other grades also; and

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

### **Shortage of staff in EPFO**

1185. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has around 250 offices across the country wherein most offices are facing acute shortage of staff which is causing undue hardships to the subscribers in getting timely disposal of their claims and grievances;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present employees are overloaded with work assignments leading to impossible work output targets beyond their capacities;

(c) if so, whether Government has any plan to appoint more staff in EPFO for its smooth functioning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Diminishing job creation**

1186. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Ministry's report of April, 2017, only 6.41 lakh new jobs were created in eight major sectors like manufacturing, trade, construction, education, health, IT, transport, accommodation and restaurants, between July, 2014 and December, 2016, as compared to 12.8 lakh new jobs created in the same sectors between July, 2011 and December, 2013;

(b) if so, reasons for diminishing job creation despite implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana; and

(c) how the Central Government is planning to tackle the problem of unemployment after failure of the above schemes?

### **Working employees in companies under EPF**

1187. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees are working in various companies in the country and are part of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the initiative taken by Government to bring the companies not yet listed under the EPF scheme for the welfare of their employees; and

(c) the list of companies who are employing more than 20 people but not



contributing to the EPF as on date and the action taken by Government against them?

**Providing employment to people**

†1188. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assured employment to lakhs of people during the financial years from 2014 to 2018, if so, the number of needy people provided with employment so far in the light of the assurance given by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Establishment of SSIs to encourage Khadi**

1189. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Small Scale Industries (SSIs) to encourage Khadi in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such industries established during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

**New industrial units in MSME sector**

1190. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new industrial units

have been setup in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country during the last three years;

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

(c) whether the said units have been provided with necessary capital investment and funds for their operations as per their demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with gap in demand and supply for capital investment and funds for the purpose during the said period, year-wise?

**Establishment of new industry in Bihar**

†1191. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is considering on a new plan of establishing new industry in Bihar and running it with the Central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for showing indifference towards industrial development of Bihar?

**Subsidy and other benefits to MSMEs**

1192. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to introduce the subsidy and other benefits to medium and small scale industries in India especially in large States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



### **Relief to MSMEs**

1193. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring major relief to the MSMEs in practical terms and to promote their growth since these provide employment to the maximum people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further measures Government proposes to take to promote MSMEs in near future?

### **Status of cottage industry**

1194. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no definition of cottage industry;

(b) how, in the absence of a clear definition, Government is helping the cottage industry;

(c) whether there are any broad guidelines to help cottage industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the status of cottage industries in the country, with particular reference to Karnataka?

### **Agro-based industries included in MSMEs**

1195. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agro-based industries, except farming, have been

included in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of agro-based industries set up in the country during the last three years, the year-wise details thereof; and

(d) what is the amount of financial assistance given to the said industries in the form of subsidies, the details thereof for the last three years?

### **Financial incentive schemes for startups**

1196. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial incentive schemes provided to startup companies in the sector of micro, small and medium enterprises in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the finances disbursed to startups during the last three years and current year; and

(c) the details of the incubation centres established by Government to promote startups?

### **Establishment of small industries to promote khadi and village industries**

†1197. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering establishing small industries to promote khadi and village industries in order to realise Mahatma Gandhi's dream;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the details of number of small industries established to manufacture khadi clothes during the last three years?

**Micro enterprises financed under PMEGP**

1198. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of micro enterprises financed under Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Centre's expenditure in giving the subsidy for the same, State-wise and year-wise during last three years;

(b) what percentage of these projects are by women entrepreneurs, SCs/STs, minorities and physically handicapped, State-wise and year-wise during the period;

(c) the sector-wise break-up of the number of projects financed under the scheme;

(d) why there is a delay in sanctioning of loans under the scheme; and

(e) what steps have been taken to address the delays?

**Strategic Petroleum Reserve Programme, Phase-II**

1199. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UAE and Saudi Arabia have shown keen interest to participate in India's Strategic Petroleum Reserve Programme, Phase-II;

(b) the details of underground and over-ground caverns in the country with their capacity;

(c) whether Government has identified places to store petroleum reserves;

(d) if so, whether Visakhapatnam from Andhra Pradesh has been chosen for this purpose; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Handing over ONGC and OIL fields to private sector**

1200. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that last year Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) had identified some oil producing fields of Public Sector oil companies like ONGC and OIL and decided to hand over the fields to private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC had strongly countered the proposal with its own proposal on the same terms and conditions of Government; and

(d) if so, whether Government had given any green signal to ONGC and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Revenue through sale of petroleum products**

1201. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has gained ₹ 15,00,000 crores through the sale of petroleum products; and

(b) if so, in which sector the amount mopped up will be spent or has been spent?

**Gas pipeline network across the country**

1202. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to spread gas pipelines across the country, through massive network for transportation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would also extend CNG connections to more cities and towns for domestic and industrial purposes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount that would be required for the expansion of pipeline network; and

(f) the period by when the network would be spread across the country?

**Greenfield refinery in Andhra Pradesh**

1203. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision on the request made by Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding setting up of Greenfield Refinery in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Advertisements for petroleum dealership**

1204. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has advertised large number of petroleum dealerships in the country; and

(b) if so, State-wise and company-wise number of Retail Outlets (ROs) to be allotted to create new jobs and ease the fuel availability?

**Committee to supervise sale of oil/gas fields to companies**

1205. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formed a committee to look into the operations of selling some small and marginal oil and gas fields of ONGC and OIL to private and foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

**New petrol pumps and CNG filling stations**

†1206. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has invited applications for new petrol pumps and CNG filling stations;

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

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(c) the details of the procedures adopted for allocating new petrol pumps and CNG filling stations; and

(d) by when the entire procedure for allocation would be completed?

**Petrochemicals production hub in Gujarat**

1207. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a petrochemicals production hub will be set up in Gujarat under a joint venture, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the designated site has been identified and a feasibility study has been carried out before a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed, if not, by when it will be completed, the details thereof; and

(c) how it is going to benefit the State of Gujarat and the country in particular in respect of chemicals production, the details thereof?

**Exploration of shale reserve**

1208. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering changes in the definition of petroleum to let oil and gas exploration firms explore shale reserves in the country;

(b) if so, what methods of the extraction are going to be allowed and which companies, whether public or private would be eligible to undertake exploration; and

(c) what safeguards would be taken to ensure that fresh water does not get wasted in the process of hydraulic fracturing?

**Capacity expansion of Numaligarh refinery, Assam**

1209. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cleared the way for the expansion of capacity at Numaligarh refinery, Assam by 6 million tonnes to bridge the demand gap for petroleum products in the region;

(b) whether plans are also on the anvil to raise the capacity of LPG bottling facility at the Bongaigaon refinery in Assam aimed at increasing the LPG availability in the region by over 4 times the present capacity; and

(c) whether laying of new crude pipeline from Paradip to Numaligarh will facilitate further capacity additions for petro products for refineries in the region?

**Linking of National Gas Grid to Rajasthan**

1210. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to develop National Gas Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether gas producing areas in Rajasthan are proposed to be linked to National Gas Grid; and

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

**Constant increase in price of LPG cylinders**

1211. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in price of LPG cylinders both subsidized and non-subsidized since implementation of 5 per cent GST applicable on domestic LPG till date;

(b) the reasons as to why Government is unable to contain the ever increasing price of LPG cylinders which is an essential commodity; and

(c) the year-wise and company-wise details of profits earned by Public Sector oil companies during the last three years till date?

**Oil exploration and production in the country**

1212. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise/UT-wise/project/company-wise details of private/public sector oil companies involved in exploration and production of oil and gas along with oil and gas explored and produced by them during the last three years and expenditure incurred and investment made by them on exploration of such oil/gas wells; and

(b) the State-wise quantum of reserves of crude oil and natural gas and petroleum products explored in the country during the last three years?

**Rise in petrol and diesel prices**

1213. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) details of the rise in petrol and diesel prices since May, 2014 till date;

(b) whether Government has reasons for the increase in petrol and diesel prices, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to control the petrol and diesel prices, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Bringing down rising prices of petrol and diesel**

†1214. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring down the increasing prices of petrol and diesel, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether inspite of low price of crude oil, the hike in the price of petrol and diesel is not being controlled, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is planning to put petrol and diesel under Goods and Services Tax (GST), if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reducing crude oil and gas imports**

1215. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken

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steps to reduce the import of crude oil and gas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken for enhancing the production of Coal Bed Methane and Shale gas in the country and the steps being taken to maximise the use of natural gas in all sectors with a view to reduce the import of crude oil?

#### **Functioning of Petroleum University in Andhra Pradesh**

1216. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Petroleum University is functioning on temporary campus at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh since January, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated/granted towards university project cost;

(d) the details of funds released during the last three years;

(e) whether the funds released by Government are sufficient for early completion of this project; and

(f) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

#### **Petrochemical complex in Andhra Pradesh**

1217. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received any request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for implementation of Petrochemical complex in the State of Andhra Pradesh with any Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from the State; and

(b) if so, the status and the details thereof?

#### **Newly identified petroleum and natural gas reserves**

†1218. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether new petroleum and natural gas reserves have been identified in the country during the last four years, if so, the locations thereof and the quantum of petroleum or natural gas estimated to be found there?

#### **New auction policy for deep water energy development**

1219. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for new auction policy of its deep water energy development;

(b) details of offshore and onshore discoveries of oil and gas during last three years, till December, 2018 therein;

(c) year-wise number of projects that have been auctioned and blocks under operations thereon; and

(d) sale of shares and/or disinvestment plan of PSUs, if any, thereof?

#### **Skill development for unemployed youth**

1220. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes currently

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being run by Government for skill development of the unemployed youth in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(b) the number of people benefited with these schemes during the last two years along with the number of youth provided with avenues of employment?

**Skill development training camps in Karnataka**

1221. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of skill development training camps in various States particularly in Karnataka under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the target numbers and the total number of candidates trained during each of the last three years and the current year, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of the total placements provided to the youth trained through the skill development programmes, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) the dropout rate of the students taking skill development training under the programme, the State-wise details thereof?

**Increasing placement rates under PMKVY**

1222. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the placement rates of individuals trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal

Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to increase the placement rates achieved by the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the steps listed under (b) have had any tangible results yet, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Apprenticeship training at ITIs**

1223. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has identified the immense potential of apprenticeship training at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country;

(b) if so, whether Central Government has taken steps to boost apprenticeship training by involving all the stakeholders including the State Governments and the private industry; and

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

**Progress made under PMKVY**

1224. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise details of number of PMKVY centres opened thereof;

(b) number of youth trained under PMKVY, sector-wise;

(c) number of youth employed after the training;

(d) details and number of centres closed due to fake enrollment and other malpractices;

(e) details of funds allocated to private parties for training;

(f) whether it is a fact that a Government-appointed committee has found that Government's goal of skilling 400 million people under the National Skill Development Programme 2015 is too large, unnecessary and unattainable; and

(g) if so, the major findings of the report?

#### **Special grade steel plant in Bhubaneswar**

1225. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special grade steel plant will be set up in Bhubaneswar in order to boost the production of hot metal and increase the employability in the area; and

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

#### **Modernisation and expansion of steel plants**

1226. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has undertaken modernisation and expansion of their steel plants including Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the current status of modernisation/ expansion of the various plants under SAIL;

(c) whether there has been any delay in completion of the said project specially in Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(d) the time by when the modernisation/ expansion projects are likely to be completed?

#### **Steel industry running below potential utilisation**

1227. DR. SANTANU SEN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steel industry is running below its potential utilisation in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is reduction in the production capacity of steel PSUs;

(d) if so, the State-wise details of steel produced by PSUs in last three years; and

(e) the steps taken for increasing production efficiency of steel in the country?

#### **Use of domestic steel in Government in infrastructure projects**

1228. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government to make it mandatory for all Government infrastructure projects to use domestic steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, why Government is not considering such a proposal to give boost to domestic steel industries?

#### **Improvement in performance of PSUs in steel sector**

†1229. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed Public Sector Undertakings of steel sector,

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including Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) to improve their performance on various parameters as against private companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Public Sector Undertakings are not only lagging behind the international benchmarks, but are also behind their private counterparts and are indifferent towards tapping their potentials; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard and the progress made so far in this regard?

**Amendment of Handloom Reservation Act to protect handloom industry**

1230. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to amend Handloom Reservation Act to protect handloom industry from powerlooms;

(b) the State-wise allocation and expenditure in welfare schemes for handloom and handicraft sectors since 2014;

(c) total accrual towards waivers of loans of handloom weavers, balance amount and interest earned thereon from Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) package available with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD); and

(d) the steps taken by Government to constitute a committee on problems of handloom handicraft artisans/weavers?

**Improvement and development of textile sector**

†1231. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of steps have been taken for the improvement and development of textile sector during the last four years which primarily includes technology upgradation, research and development, investment in human resources and promoting the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian textile has become an incredibly trustworthy brand on world map in an unprecedented manner due to the steps taken for improvement and development in textile sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Welfare of rural artisans**

1232. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry possesses any data of rural artisans all over the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what schemes and programmes the Ministry has been working with for empowerment of the artisans and the handicrafts in general; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any structured coordination mechanism with other Ministries to boost export of Indian handicrafts, if so, the details thereof?

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**Rejuvenation of jute industry in West Bengal**

1233. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to rejuvenate the dying jute industry in West Bengal;

(b) the steps taken by Government to address the issue of intense competition and cheap import from Bangladesh; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the jute balers receive timely payments from mills?

**Shut down/closed jute mills in West Bengal**

1234. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise list of all the jute mills shut down or closed in the past four years;

(b) the steps taken by Government to rejuvenate the dying jute industry in West Bengal;

(c) the list of mills that have violated the jute control orders in past four years in West Bengal; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government against the mills violating the jute control order?

**Census and issue of photo ID card for handloom weavers and workers**

1235. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has selected any agency for census and issue of photo ID card for weavers and workers of handloom industry;

(b) if so, the detailed time-frame thereof;

(c) when are the results of the census going to be released; and

(d) the reasons for delay in carrying out with a census of weavers and handloom workers?

**Skill training centre for advanced technology in textile industry**

1236. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to establish skill training centre for advanced technology in textile industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the action taken/ current status of such project, if any, thereof?

**Scheme to promote handloom industries**

†1237. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to promote handloom industry;

(b) if so, the detailed information thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Closure of jute mills**

1238. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of jute mills in various States including Odisha have been closed or are on the verge of closure;

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

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(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for the revival of these closed mills?

**Credit facilities to all sections of weavers**

1239. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's intervention regarding yarn supply and credit facilities are confined to the handloom cooperatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to cover all sections of weavers under these schemes?

**Decline in cotton yarn production due to droughts**

1240. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) has predicted a decline in cotton yarn production this year to a three-year low due to crop damage following drought in its major growing States including Gujarat and Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure provision of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers and lowering the impact on textile industry for 2018-19?

**Shortfall in projected revenue target of textile industry**

1241. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of Indian Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the textile industry missed its projected revenue target of 45 billion US Dollars for financial year of 2016-17 by a huge margin, managing to earn only 38.6 billion US Dollars;

(b) if so, the reasons for such falling exports, low productivity and rising prices in the textile industry; and

(c) how the Central Government plans to tackle such downfall in textile industry?

**Handloom exports facing competition from other countries**

1242. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian handloom exports are facing competition from countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, what type of products are hit and from which States; and

(c) whether any action plan has been drawn up to face competition and to capture new markets from Indian handlooms?

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