

RAJYASABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs;
Labour and Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas;
Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel)

Total number of questions — 160

Share of aviation logistics cost towards GDP

†2694. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage-wise share of aviation logistics related cost towards GDP, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to bring down the logistics related cost, the details thereof?

Impact of GST and demonetisation on unemployment rate

2695. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate has been the highest during 2014 to 2019;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this high unemployment rate;

(c) to what extent demonetisation and GST has contributed to this unprecedented unemployment growth; and

(d) what measures Government proposes to generate employment in the country?

Zoning of airspace under digital sky platform

2696. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of zoning of airspace for flying of drones into red, amber and green zones has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the map and green zones that are marked for automatic approval for flying of drones under the digital sky platform, the details thereof?

Night landing facility at Kullu and Shimla airports

2697. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no night landing facility in many airports in the country

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including Kullu and Shimla airports in Himachal Pradesh;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to upgrade technology to provide night landing to all airports in the country including Kullu and Shimla airports in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, time by when it is to be upgraded and if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up new airport at Hollongi, Arunachal Pradesh

2698. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up a new airport at Hollongi, near Rajgarh, Arunachal Pradesh at the border of Assam-Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the project therefor; and

(c) what is the projected time for completed and operation of this airport thereof?

Comprehensive aviation infrastructure overhaul

2699. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned/propose to plan a comprehensive aviation infrastructure overhaul as air traffic is booming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Safety audit of airlines in the country

2700. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is doing with regard to safety of airlines;

(b) whether DGCA regularly conduct safety audit of airlines in the country;

(c) if so, the details of last five safety audits conducted by DGCA, findings of such audits and what action DGCA has taken on the same;

(d) whether there are any plans or any private airline came before the DGCA for its revival; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what the DGCA/Ministry has done in this regard?

Sale proceeds of components of Air India

2701. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state what is the list of significant (more than 5 per cent value of the total) components of property, plant and equipment of Air India, which were sold during Financial Year 2014-15 to 2018-19 along with its fair value and sale proceeds?

Non-operational airports of AAI

2702. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) are non-operational in the country, if so, the details thereof, as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has suffered losses on account of maintenance of such non-operational airports during each of the

last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by when such non-operational airports are likely to be operational; and

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

Black marketing of tickets for air travel in Kedarnath

†2703. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the pretext of air travel in Kedarnath, the cases of black marketing of tickets and ticketing frauds have come to light;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating on taking any action in this regard; and

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

Unusual jump in technical glitches in airlines

2704. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's airlines have reported an unusual jump in technical glitches and related flight cancellations and delays in the past several months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had issued any fresh directive to airlines to take maximum air safety steps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Taking over Jet Airways by Air India

2705. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to take over Jet Airways by Air India to get back the lucrative international/domestic routes; and

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

Resuming air service from Darima airport of Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh

†2706. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering to connect Ambikapur of Chhattisgarh with Raipur and other cities by air route under the Regional Connectivity Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to resume the air service from the Darima airport of Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh which was abandoned earlier;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for upgradation of Darima airport of Ambikapur, if so, the steps taken to start/increase air mobility from this airport?

Turbulence in airline companies in the country

2707. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the airline companies in the country undergoing any turbulence;

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(b) what is Government's assessment about the situation;

(c) the reasons for present situation of Jet Airways; and

(d) what Government proposes to do particularly for the employees who were not paid salaries?

Mid-flight engine damage to passenger jets

2708. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passenger jet to have suffered mid-flight engine damage or technical difficulties while flying during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) whether steps have been taken by Government to avoid the occurrence of near disaster-like situations with mid-flight engine damage;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Opening of Hosur airport in Tamil Nadu

2709. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in opening of Hosur airport in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether some vested interests are not allowing to open the airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any deadline has been fixed for opening of Hosur airport?

Dues owed to AAI by foreign airlines

2710. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of ₹ 2189.68 crore, which is due to Airports Authority of India (AAI), how much amount is owed by foreign airlines;

(b) the details of the amount owed and on what head; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government in recovering them?

Performance and financial progress of UDAN scheme

2711. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of UDAN scheme for regional connectivity both in terms of performance and financial progress;

(b) whether Government has achieved the desired result, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has cancelled some licenses issued under the scheme, if so, the details thereof together with the reasons?

Crisis face by Jet Airways employees

2712. MS. DOLA SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 20,000 employees of Jet Airways are facing an unprecedented crisis today since they have not been paid their salaries and wages all of a sudden and neither has the airlines made any provision for gratuity or full and final settlements or compensation, which is completely against the law of the land of the country; and

(b) what measures are being taken by the Central Government thereto?

Restarting of routes under UDAN scheme in Maharashtra

2713. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to restart five routes under the UDAN scheme in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the concerned airports have been readied for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of increased airfare on passengers

2714. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that private airports and the airports operated by AAI owe dues to CISC which may pull out its force from airports if the dues were not cleared;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not clearing the same;
- (c) whether the Ministry plans for increased Passenger Service Fee (PSF) to clear the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the impact of the same to the passengers due to increased passenger airfares?

Direct flights from Bhubaneswar to other countries

2715. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to provide direct international flights from Biju Patnaik International (BPI) Airport, Bhubaneswar to Sri Lanka, Dubai, Singapore and other countries;
- (b) whether Government is considering to relax the norms relating to bilateral rights for foreign airlines, so that they can operate direct flights to Dubai from International Airport, Bhubaneswar;
- (c) whether BPI Airport, Bhubaneswar has not been declared as embarkation point for Haj pilgrims in Odisha; and
- (d) whether Government would declare BPI Airport, Bhubaneswar as Embarkation Point for the benefit of minority communities?

Rise in demand for air travel in the country

2716. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that with the rise in demand for air travel in the country is expected to choke several key airports over the next few years, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is set to embark on a study to assess the capacity at 48 of its airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the AAI is in the process of selecting a consultant to conduct the survey; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment for filling up backlog vacancies in Air India

2717. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the end of December 2018, Air India had many permanent employees, including on deputation to other companies and agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it also had employees on contract and on deputation from other group companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that keeping operational requirements in view, a special recruitment drive is on and the airlines is in the process for filling up the existing backlog of vacancies of pilots; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Airports in Haryana under UDAN scheme

2718. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports planned to develop under the UDAN scheme;

(b) the number of airports made operational so far, countrywide;

(c) whether the airports in Haryana have been made operational, if not, the reasons for delay;

(d) whether there is a delay in realising the objective of UDAN, in terms of non-operational airports and routes;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measures taken by Government to mitigate such delays?

Loss of jobs in Jet Airways

2719. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the collapse of the Jet Airways has resulted in loss of 23,000 jobs, loss of employment in supporting services and passenger inconvenience;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the consortium of lenders and promoters of Jet Airways and Etihad Airways had agreed to a resolution plan to sustain the flight operations;

(c) if so, the reasons of its non-implementation;

(d) whether Government has received any representation from the pilots, executives and crew of the Jet Airways to intervene to save the airlines; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to revive Jet Airways?

Paying higher penalties for cancellation of flights

2720. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air travelers will now have to pay higher penalties if they cancel their flights or amend their bookings closer to the date of departure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these changes made by the private airlines bear the approval of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana benefits to women

2721. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to implement the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) in the State of West Bengal;

(b) whether Government proposes to expand the facilities available under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana to women from all sections of society; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Latest equipment to paramilitary forces

2722. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether paramilitary forces of the country are fully equipped to tackle the present security situation of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide the latest equipment to the paramilitary forces of the country to tackle any of the terrorists and other security situation of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Additional Foreigners Tribunals in the country

2723. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ordered

establishment of additional Foreigners Tribunals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in which States, these Foreigners Tribunals are being established?

Success of Red Corner Notices

2724. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is very little success in extradition request of Indian Government despite issue of Red Corner Notices by Interpol;

(b) how many requests have been sent to Interpol during last three years for issue of Red Corner Notices, persons involved and notices issued by Interpol;

(c) the details of cases in which the extradition of the accused actually took place; and

(d) the details of the cases in which extradition could not be done and reasons therefor?

Compensation to families of security personnel killed in Pulwama attack

2725. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensation has been granted to the families of security personnel killed in the Pulwama attack on 14th February, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the compensation amount per family by Centre and State, State- wise;

(c) whether next of kin of the deceased security personnel have been provided Government jobs; and

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

National Cyber Crime Coordination Centre

†2726. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up National Cyber Crime Coordination Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof highlighting its characteristics and terms and conditions; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to centralise the online reporting system and surveillance as well as investigation of cyber crime and create legal and technical infrastructure to deal with it?

Progress of development works in LWE affected areas

2727. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up road connectivity projects in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) physical and financial progress of works taken up, State-wise?

Compensation/benefits to operational casualties in CAPF

2728. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are pending cases of payment of compensation/benefit to the operational casualties in

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) due to terrorist/extremist incidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of number of extremist incidents reported, number of casualties of CAPF and compensation paid and pending cases during last three years?

Increase in hate crimes in the country

2729. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hate crimes have increased in the country in the last two years;

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

(c) the State-wise actions initiated to curb the hate crimes?

Incidents of mob lynching

2730. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of mob lynching have increased manifold in the country in the last six months;

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

(c) what actions are being initiated to curb such heinous incidents; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

National Register of Citizens

†2731. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is seriously considering on preparing a National Register of Citizens (NRC);

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

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

Encounter with naxals in Chhattisgarh

2732. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many CRPF personnel were killed in an encounter with naxals in Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh on 28th June, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the security personnel were patrolling at the site where the encounter with naxals took place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sealing of porous borders to prevent infiltration

2733. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that porous nature of borders existing in the country is the main reason for cross-border infiltration in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to seal these porous borders to completely prevent cross-border infiltration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Removal of employees at lower level

†2734. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has initiated the process of removal of employees at lower level on the basis of performance, character and corruption;

(b) if so, whether any committee has been set up for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of employees dismissed and identified respectively under this process; and

(d) whether Government proposes to give a chance to the employees by issuing a warning before their dismissal, if not, the reasons therefor?

CRPF jawans killed in attack in Anantnag

2735. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of CRPF jawans have been killed/injured in a sneak attack in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on the 12th June, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Cases of custodial deaths

2736. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of custodial deaths have increased during the last few years but the convictions were rare;

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(b) if so, the details of custodial deaths reported in the country during the last three years and in how many cases the responsible policemen were punished and convicted;

(c) whether it is a fact that India had signed the UN Convention against torture two decades ago which resulted in custodial deaths, but no legal process for its ratification has been completed as yet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Delimitation in J&K

†2737. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government is planning to carry out the process of delimitation again in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the plan in this regard?

Cases of human trafficking

†2738. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of cases involving child trafficking, removal of body organs, child labour and bonded labour, etc. have increased among the cases of human trafficking;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a rise in cases every year; and

(c) if not, the State-wise details of cases for the last three years?

Casualties in naxal attacks

2739. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of naxal attacks and casualties security forces suffered during the last three years and current year, State-wise, with particular reference to naxal-affected districts;

(b) whether Government feels that specialised training, sophisticated weapons and equipment is required to tackle this serious problem;

(c) if so, the specialised training, equipment given to security forces and amount being spent on the same during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) what sort of assistance, financial, technical, etc., States are getting from Government in this regard during the above said period, year-wise and State-wise?

Freedom fighter pension

2740. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about number of freedom fighters still existing and availing pension, if so, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether some applications are pending for freedom fighter pension; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to expand paramilitary forces

2741. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to expand all paramilitary forces such as BSF, CRPF, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has been receiving requests from the State Governments for such forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Crime Wing in States

2742. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a separate Cyber Crime Wing (CCW) in all the States across the country in view of increasing number of cyber crimes and also increasing misuse of social media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has asked all the State Governments to set up a Cyber Crime Wing in all the districts to handle cyber crime effectively;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Training institutes for Home Guards

2743. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would give information about the service conditions of Home Guards;

(b) whether there is uniformity in their service conditions in various States; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to establish training institutes for Home Guards?

Illegal parking lots in NCT of Delhi

2744. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large number of illegal parking lots running in NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of illegal parking lots running in NCT of Delhi;

(c) whether any complaints has been received regarding running illegal parking lots by involvement of Delhi Police personnel and parking mafia;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty Delhi Police personnel/mafia during years 2017, 2018 and 2019; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to stop illegal parking lots in Delhi?

Special package to Andhra Pradesh

2745. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that then Prime Minister on the floor of Rajya Sabha had assured that development package to Andhra Pradesh on the lines of KBK special plan in Odisha and the Bundelkhand special package in Madhya Pradesh will be given; and

(b) if so, why Government is so reluctant to give special package assistance to the State of Andhra Pradesh as assured by the then Prime Minister?

FDI proposals pending for security clearance

2746. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of FDI proposals are pending with the Ministry for security clearance;

(b) how many such cases are pending and what is the average time taken to grant clearance; and

(c) whether security clearances delay FDI in the country?

Cyber crime and cyber security

2747. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyber crime and cyber security have national and international dimensions;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to deal with cyber crime and cyber security; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Protection of SC/ST people

†2748. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the State-wise and year-wise details of the steps taken for the security and protection of people belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and cognizance, research and adjudication of the crimes against them during the last three years?

Meeting of Central Hindi Committee

†2749. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken and the outcome of the deliberation on each topic in the meeting of Central Hindi Committee held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister in September, 2018; and

(b) when the next meeting would be held as per rules and the initiatives taken for this?

Marine police stations for Odisha coast

2750. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would sanction two new marine police stations for Odisha coast;

(b) whether Government would make provision for construction of three new jetties along Odisha coast; and

(c) whether Government would provide seaworthy boats of different sizes and design with capability of entering the sea during adverse sea condition?

Status of establishment of Greyhounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh

2751. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would provide the status of the proposal for establishment of Greyhounds Training Centre in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for abnormal delay in the matter;

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(c) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to shelve the proposal for the time being, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for early establishment of the above centre in Andhra Pradesh?

Use of central forces in West Bengal

2752. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is arbitrarily using central forces in the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of reported poll related violence in the State of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in 2019 general elections; and

(d) the details of number of central forces deployed in the State of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal during 2019 general elections?

Assistance to families of martyred security personnel

†2753. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any assistance to the families of martyred security personnels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-State border disputes

2754. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government

for solving the Inter-State border disputes between Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Mizoram; and

(b) whether Government would express views in this regard?

Number of undertrial prisoners

2755. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertrial prisoners in country's jails in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of undertrial prisoners as compared to the total number of prisoners in the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of undertrial prisoners who were in prison for less than six months?

Uniform Jail Manual

2756. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what infrastructural changes have been brought out by Government for proper implementation of prisoner's conjugal rights in an appropriate environment;

(b) whether concerned personnel are being trained accordingly so as to prevent any privacy violation; and

(c) why can't a Uniform Jail Manual be issued by the Central Government laying required guidelines on conjugal visits as well as regulating the plight of inmates in the jails across the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Illegal activities in Raghurir Nagar,
New Delhi**

2757. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ganja (Cannabis) and liquor are being sold illegally in some residential houses of 12 1/2 yards transit camp, Raghurir Nagar, New Delhi-110027 area;

(b) whether satta, gambling and other illegal activities are also mushrooming at large scale in above mentioned residential houses at the behest of local police Beat No. 10 and Station House Officer, Rajouri Garden;

(c) if so, what actions have been taken to stop these activities;

(d) whether there is any general public meeting of senior police officials at regular intervals in above mentioned area; and

(e) if so, how many?

World Press Freedom Index

2758. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is ranked 140 in the 2019 World Press Freedom Index;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government in the past to ensure safety and security of press and other media persons; and

(c) the number of attacks on journalists reported during the last three years?

**Protection and safety of Amarnath
Yatra**

2759. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

there has been violent incidents on Amarnath Yatra in the past;

(b) whether Government is taking adequate steps for protection and safety of Amarnath Yatra and prevent such mishappenings again; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Metro rail projects for Visakhapatnam
and Vijayawada**

2760. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given its approval for Bhopal and Indore metro rail projects recently and the Union Cabinet has also decided to provide ₹ 7,000 crore for above metros;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons why the Ministry is not giving its approval for Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada metro in Andhra Pradesh?

Details of Smart Cities

2761. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people are benefited by the scheme for Smart City and if so, the details thereof including the cities in Punjab, Haryana and Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government has any plan to include more cities under the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Punjab, Haryana and Jharkhand?

PMAY(U) in Uttar Pradesh

2762. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed,

district-wise in Uttar Pradesh during last three years under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] and

(b) the number of houses to be constructed district-wise in U.P. during the next three years under PMAY(U)?

Projects completed under SCM

2763. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the number of projects completed under Smart Cities Mission (SCM), with details of locations, during the last two years;

(b) the amount allotted and spent during the last three financial years; and

(c) what is the timeline for completion of these projects and the projects likely to be completed by the end of the financial year 2019, the location-wise details thereof?

Fund allocation under PMAY (U)

2764. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the funds allotted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] to various States and Union Territories in the country during the last three years for providing permanent houses to the poor people living in urban areas;

(b) the number of houses sanctioned under various projects and the cost involved with particular reference to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab; and

(c) the amount disbursed as interest subsidy in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and

Punjab for acquisition or construction of houses under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme and the number of beneficiaries, State-wise during the last three years?

Funds allotted under AMRUT

2765. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the progress of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) in the country during the last three years, with funds allotted for each year;

(b) the funds provided to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab, separately during the last three years; and

(c) whether funds would be increased to provide basic amenities to them in view of large slums in the States?

Maintenance of DDA gymnasia

†2766. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gymnasia are being run by DDA, if so, district-wise numbers thereof;

(b) whether responsibility of maintenance of these gymnasia lies with DDA or any external institution;

(c) whether several defective rods/plates in DDA sports complex, Vasant Kunj could invite mishap at any time as weight difference has been found because of such defective rods/plates, whether there is any accountability in this regard, details thereof; and

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(d) whether no TV cable recharge is done for several days and no attention is paid on gymnasias's maintenance, whether there is any mechanism for its investigation and interaction with people to know about these problems?

Interest subsidy scheme for housing

2767. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is implementing the Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of urban poor who have benefited from the above scheme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the progress and performance of the above project in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka?

Review of implementation of RERA

2768. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has reviewed implementation of Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) since its enactment;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are still some States which have not yet notified RERA;

(c) if so, the details of such States and reasons for not notifying RERA, State-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some States have also watered down the provisions of RERA;

(e) if so, the details of each of such State which has watered down the provisions of RERA, State-wise; and

(f) the steps Ministry is going to take to convince States to implement RERA the way it was approved?

Notification of Delhi's P-1 Zone

2769. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA had sent proposals of 14 villages of P-1 Zone in Delhi for notification of Development Area of DDA by Land and Building Department, Government of NCT of Delhi;

(b) the reasons for delay in issuing notification in respect of these villages;

(c) whether Government would instruct Land and Building Department to issue notification so that these villages of P-1 Zone are also included for registration on web-portal of land pooling policy; and

(d) whether in view of delay in notification from Land and Building Department, Government would notify these villages as land in Delhi is within purview of Central Government?

Progress of Smart City Mission

2770. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of

the ambitious project of Smart Cities to change the urban landscape in the country;

(b) the details of the progress achieved in the project so far, State-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether keeping in view new threats of terrorism, organized crimes and cyber attacks, the security in the Smart Cities remains a big challenge; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revised National Hawkers Policy

2771. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revised National Hawkers Policy restricts hawkers from vending in and around railway stations and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether due to congestion in metro cities, local governing bodies are not being able to implement the National Hawkers Policy, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the States which have framed rules and schemes for the welfare of street vendors as per provision of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for protection of livelihood of street vendors in the country?

Increasing interest subsidy for urban poor

2772. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

increase interest subsidy for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)/urban poor to enable them to buy houses under Public Sector Housing Schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to provide 6.5 per cent subsidy on home loans for a period of 15 years to economically weaker/low-income group people and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the subsidy likely to be provided to both the said categories would be ₹ 2.3 lakh per housing unit on net present value and if so, the details thereof?

Single room tenements for migrant labour families

2773. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on proposal to build single room tenements for migrant labour families in metros on rent to solve problems of growing slum settlements and aspirations of lower income groups to live in pucca tenement with basic amenities;

(b) whether labour cess funds are to be used for project as initial working capital with involvement of Ministry of Labour and Employment; and

(c) whether urban bodies will identify labour families with ₹ 3 lakh annual income or less and issue them vouchers to be redeemed by housing boards or private builders who will own high-rise block of tenements?

Amendments in SCM

2774. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make certain amendments in the Smart City Mission (SCM) due to slow pace of progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the SCM is moving at snail's speed in many parts of the country; and

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

Delay in allotment of flats/plots by builders

2775. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have not been allotted flats, land plots by the builders who have been either declared bankrupt or found guilty of mismanaging funds;

(b) what is the policy towards those people who are waiting for allotment;

(c) how many people have already been allotted flats/plots after the intervention of the Ministry; and

(d) the list of builders who have been blacklisted?

Allotments under PMAY (U)

2776. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rumour was spread in an organized manner that people can submit applications in the office of the Ministry for allotment of a house under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)];

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken against

those people who have spread this rumour; and

(d) whether it is a fact that forms for allotment are being sold in the market?

Bisalpur-Jaipur drinking water project

†2777. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government plans to develop/implement the second stage of the ambitious Bisalpur-Jaipur drinking water project in order to provide drinking water to the urban areas of Jaipur district by arranging financial resources through external assistance, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Central Government plans to develop/implement the currently operational Bisalpur project for the drinking water problem of urban areas of Tonk district by providing financial resources through external assistance, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in Phase-IV of Delhi Metro

2778. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fourth phase of Delhi Metro is running behind the schedule;

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

(c) the remedial measures being taken to overcome the hurdles;

(d) the physical and financial progress of the Phase-IV of Delhi Metro; and

(e) the tentative deadline by which the said project would get finished *vis-a-vis* its earlier deadline?

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Solid waste management under SCM

2779. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken up in solid waste management, if any, under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), the State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many solid waste management centres have been established under the above mentioned mission since its launch and how much solid waste generated in cities is treated in these plants, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) how much renewable energy and organic manure has been produced, if any, by these plants as of May 2019?

Housing projects undertaken by NBCC (India) Limited

2780. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of housing projects undertaken by NBCC (India) Limited during the last three years in NCR, particularly in Gurugram;

(b) how many of them have been handed over to allottees in perfect condition including internal road, 24 hour full proof and safe electricity and water supply, boundary wall and security provisions;

(c) whether there is any complaint from the allottees particularly from the Green View colony about low quality of work, non-construction of approach road, lack of proper and safe electricity and water connection; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by NBCC and the Ministry over the complaint?

Implementation of PMAY (U)

2781. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of completion of houses is very low under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY (U)];

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

(c) the details of the funds allotted, sanctioned and utilised under the scheme so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the subsidy availed by the home buyers under the scheme so far along with the features of the subsidy components, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of the preference of beneficiaries in choosing of the components for getting the Central assistance?

Funds released under PMAY (U)

2782. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the ₹ 1.26 lakh crore committed for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY (U)] ₹ 52,113 crore has been released so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the scheme, beneficiaries from Economically Weaker Section (EWS) can get ₹ 1.5 lakh for the construction of homes; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the scheme also includes *in-situ* slum redevelopment and credit linked subsidies?

**Water wastage from over head tanks
in DDA flats**

2783. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is daily massive water wastage from over head tanks during the last four years in Sector 23B DDA Flats Dwarka everyday and what steps have been taken by DDA;

(b) whether Jal Board is not interested to take over as per their policy Ground Plus-Four, if so, the measures/steps taken by Government in future, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to raise the bill for the water from allottees by DDA in future, if so, the details thereof?

**P-1 zone villages under DDA Land
Pooling Policy**

2784. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of villages of P-1 zone in Delhi proposed under the Land Pooling Policy of DDA;

(b) whether sector delineation has not been done for Zones P-1 yet and web portal of Land Pooling Policy (LPP) of DDA has not opened registration of land for this zone;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would instruct the authorities concerned to expedite the process of P-1 zone in a time bound manner so that sector delineation process of P-1 zone is done by DDA and included on web portal for registration of land?

**Minimizing urban poverty through
DAY-NULM**

†2785. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) is being run by the Central Government with the purpose of minimizing the urban poverty by increasing the opportunities of livelihood through skill development and other measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of urban poor people have been provided with the sources of livelihood through skill development and other mediums under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Scheme for elimination of landfill
sites**

2786. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on any scheme to eliminate the landfill sites in Delhi, Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain and Gwalior cities of Madhya Pradesh and other metropolitan cities; and

(b) if so, the details of the said scheme and by when it would be implemented?

**Metro rail projects in Madhya
Pradesh**

†2787. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that metro rail projects for Bhopal and Indore cities in Madhya Pradesh have been approved;

(b) if so, the details of length and cost of the said metro network and funds provided thereof along with the details of the works that have been completed so far; and

(c) the point-wise details about the budget allocated for Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli Rail line in Madhya Pradesh, in the financial year, 2018-19, the physical progress made on allocated budget, in this regard?

Delhi as Role Model Smart City

2788. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the flagship programme known as 'Smart City' has failed to achieve its target;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi's Role Model Smart City is still struggling between land pooling and land submission to DDA and instead of creation of a Smart City it is struggling to build temporary roads in L-zone area; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Aadhaar access for night shelters

2789. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that huge numbers of homeless and beggars refused to temporarily move to night shelters and large numbers were denied just due to not having Aadhaar card;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the State/UT-wise and year-wise details during the last three years thereof?

Health and rights of contractual workers

2790. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what mechanism are in place to ensure the health and rights of contractual workers;

(b) whether there is any method to penalise the employers in case of infraction of laws; and

(c) whether any such penalty has been imposed?

Contribution of employees towards EPF and EPS under PMRPY

†2791. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the number of new employees for whom the payments towards EPF and EPS from the employers' entire contribution were made by the Ministry under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) during the last three years;

(b) the details of amounts paid for the same; and

(c) the number of new employees given employment during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Labour force engaged in textile mills

2792. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile industry is the second largest source of employment in the country;

(b) how many labour force are engaged in private and Government controlled textile mills during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government labour welfare schemes are equally implemented in both the sectors, if so, the details thereof?

Occupational diseases

2793. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of occupational diseases at workplaces/ factories/mines have been reported;

(b) if so, the details of such diseases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, sector and State-wise;

(c) whether steps have been taken by Government for regular checkup of workers and miners in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Including more categories of workers under ESI scheme

2794. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to include more categories of workers under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other measures taken by Government to protect the interests of workers of unorganised sector?

Varying trends in unemployment

2795. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unemployment rates in the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the reasons for unemployment rates being lower in the well developed States like Delhi, Tamil Nadu compared to the underdeveloped States like West Bengal;

(c) the steps being taken to reduce unemployment by the Central Government; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce unemployment in collaboration with the State Governments?

Increasing minimum wages of the workers

†2796. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to increase the minimum wages of the workers of various trades;

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

(c) whether Government has consulted trade unions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) the details of the other steps being taken by Government for the welfare and social security of workers in the country?

Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana

2797. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a scheme of ESIC 'Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana' for Insured Persons (IP) covered under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Data of women domestic workers in the country

2798. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered/unregistered women domestic workers including minors in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware of such workers including minors being exploited and ill-treated in various work places/households in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the preventive steps taken/ being taken by Government in this regard and the measures taken to ensure the rights of such domestic workers;

(d) whether Government proposes to formulate a national policy on domestic workers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to regulate placement agencies particularly with regard to domestic workers?

Comprehensive policy to protect the domestic workers

2799. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive policy including enactment of Act to protect the interest of domestic workers who work for private households, often without clear term of employment, unregistered in any book and excluded from the scope of labour legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reduction in ESI contribution

2800. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to reduce the employers' contribution to the ESI scheme;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that this step will adversely affect the workers who are beneficiaries of the scheme; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Non-depositing of PF and ESI deducted from employees' salaries

2801. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many employers were not strictly depositing the amount of Provident Fund (PF) and ESI deducted from the salaries of the employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are huge backlog with the employers on this account; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to realise these amount from the employers?

Survey for child labour for rehabilitation

†2802. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of ₹ four lakhs is being allocated to every district for conducting survey in every three years for collecting the number of child labourers and setting them free from child labour and their rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of findings made through latest survey held in the country, in this regard?

Increasing unemployment rate in 15-24 age group

2803. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to International Labour Organisation (ILO) the unemployment rate in 15-24 age group is much higher;

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

(c) what has been the rate of unemployment in this age group between 2014 and 2019?

Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976

2804. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that conviction rate is abysmally low under the relevant provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976;

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

(c) whether Government has emphasised upon the States/UTs to be more stringent/strict in implementing this Act, in view of the fact that bonded labour has not been completely eradicated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Benchmark for minimum wages in the country

2805. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Code on Wages Bill, 2017 was referred to Standing Committee and if so, whether Government has received recommendation from the Committee;

(b) whether the Bill would enable the Central Government to set benchmark for the minimum wages for different regions in the country;

(c) whether the States will not be able to dilute the minimum wages below the benchmark set by the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and time by when legislation is expected to be made?

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New labour legislation

2806. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans for a new labour legislation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) to what extent this will help improvements in the labour related issues in the country?

Increasing unemployment rate

2807. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the level of unemployment is among the highest in the last four decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether it reflects the failure of Government to provide suitable employment to the working age population of the country whereas a large number of vacancies in Government are lying unfulfilled;
- (d) if so, remedial measures taken by Government to address the problem of high unemployment; and
- (e) the details of such measures taken in Haryana?

SAMADHAN portal for industrial dispute

2808. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many industrial disputes were

raised in SAMADHAN (Software Application for Monitoring and Disposal, Handling of Industrial Disputes) Portal since its launch, the State-wise details thereof;

- (b) how many of these disputes were brought to settlement before Conciliation Officer (CO) of that particular area of dispute, in case of no settlement, how many Failure of Conciliation (FOC) reports have been generated; and

- (c) based on the progress of SAMADHAN in six States, whether the Ministry has a plan to expand this facility to all other States?

Unemployment rate

2809. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted study or survey regarding the rate of change of employment during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has collected the data regarding the employment opportunity in the Government sector during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details of employment generated in Government sector and private sector during the last three years;
- (d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the unemployment rate has increased during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana

†2810. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana has been launched by the Central Government under which a provision of pension of ₹ 3000 per month to the workers of unorganised sector has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the beneficiaries of this scheme have been identified; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the number of beneficiaries benefited under this scheme, so far?

Increasing unemployment after world recession

2811. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of unemployment figures, State-wise and category-wise;

(b) the steps Government proposes to take to reduce unemployment in the next five years;

(c) whether there is any policy change made in this regard;

(d) whether the figure has substantially increased after the world recession; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the increase on account of the recession?

Parallel Marketing System (PMS) of LPG

2812. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parallel Marketing System (PMS) of LPG in private sector could not yield desired result in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes any changes in LPG Control Order and review its existing policy?

Cylinder refills under PMUY

†2813. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that only 86 per cent of the new consumers turned up for getting their second cylinder refilled under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the last one year; and

(b) the number of consumers who have got one, two and three gas cylinders filled per year during the last three years, under the said scheme, the details thereof separately in respect of filling of cylinders, year-wise?

Inconsistency in pricing of petroleum products

2814. DR. SANTANU SEN:
SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inconsistency in the pricing of petroleum products during last six months;

(b) if so, the details of average monthly

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rate of petrol and diesel in the State of West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during last six months;

(c) whether it is a fact that there was stagnancy in the pricing of petroleum products irrespective of mobility in the international price of crude oil during the general elections of 2019; and

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

Cooperation with Russia in hydrocarbon/petroleum sector

†2815. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to expand cooperation with Russia in hydrocarbon/petroleum sector;

(b) if so, the projects being considered in this regard, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to import crude oil from Russia in order to strengthen energy security of India?

Initiative for Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) promotion

2816. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative to promote Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) as an alternative, green transport fuel for efficient municipal solid waste management and in tackling the problem of polluted urban air due to farm stubble-burning and carbon emissions and also help bring down dependency on crude oil imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Selling price of diesel and petrol to neighbouring countries

2817. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the selling price of diesel and petrol by Indian oil companies to Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar; and

(b) whether it attracts any taxes, if so, what is the quantum of taxes?

Assessment of requirement of CNG stations

2818. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of the requirement of CNG stations in different States;

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

(c) whether there is shortage of CNG stations leading to a high waiting time for vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Provision of CNG at petrol pumps across the country

†2819. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing provisions for supply of CNG to the petrol pumps;

(b) whether it is a fact that CNG is not being supplied to the petrol pumps situated at a distance of 50 kilometers from CNG pipeline passing through Hazira;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) the reformatory steps taken by Government in this regard, by which CNG can be supplied to all the petrol pumps of the country and people all over the country may avail affordable CNG?

Sale of ONGC and OIL fields to private firms

2820. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government has decided to sell the oil fields owned by ONGC and OIL to private firms;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details including the name of private bidders and the financial details thereof?

Gas pipeline in Bihar

†2821. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to connect many cities through gas pipeline in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the cities in the country where gas is being supplied to consumers through gas pipelines; and
- (d) the details of cities of Bihar where gas through pipeline is made available?

PMUY in Maharashtra

2822. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise details of beneficiaries covered under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government is providing refilling cylinders to the beneficiaries of PMUY in the State; and

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

Status of Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project

2823. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the blueprint of the Ministry to increase the availability of natural gas across the country;
- (b) the existing geographical area and population covered under the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network and the share of Odisha under this programme; and
- (c) the status of Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project for connecting gas pipeline in Eastern India with particular reference to Odisha?

2G ethanol refineries and production

2824. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Second Generation (2G) ethanol refineries set up in the country so far and whether any ethanol has been produced from these refineries, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any technical economic feasibility studies relating to production of Second Generation ethanol, including the likely cost per unit for the ethanol has been done;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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PMUY refill rate

2825. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has failed to encourage people who are used to using free firewood to switch to relatively expensive cooking gas; and

(b) what is the rate at which the customers under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) are given the second and third cylinder refills, the details thereof?

Safai Karamcharis in the country

2826. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Safai Karamcharis working in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many permanent Safai Karamchari workers and casual Safai Karamchari workers are working in the country and how much salaries is being offered to them, the details thereof;

(c) whether Safai Karamcharis died from suffocation while working in sewage, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and

(d) what compensation was given to their families, the details thereof?

Inclusion of new castes in SC list in U.P.

†2827. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE

AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal received from Government of Uttar Pradesh to include Kashyap, Kewat, Mallah, Nishad, Kahar, Kumhar, Prajapati, Dhiwar, Binal, Dhimar, Batham, Turnha, Godiya, Manjhi, Machua, Bhar and Rajbhar castes under SC list;

(b) details of the number of times the detailed ethnic study Report for said 17 castes for inclusion in Scheduled Castes were received during last 10 years highlighting their eligibility, qualifications and competency; and

(c) number of times Registrar General of India asked for a revisit of justification of proposal to include these castes under Scheduled Castes and also number of times said proposal has been turned down by him?

Bill for including new castes under SC list

†2828. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether a proposal to include 17 castes under SC list has been sent by Uttar Pradesh Government;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce a bill to include castes of Kashyap, Kewat, Mallah, Nishad, Kahar, Kumhar, Prajapati, Dhiwar, Bind, Dhimar, Batham, Turha, Godiya, Manjhi, Machua, Bhar and Rajbhar in SC list;

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(c) number of times when detailed ethnic study Report has been received to include said castes in SC list during last 10 years; and

(d) number of times when Registrar General of India asked for review of justification of proposal of including these castes in the list and times when said proposal was turned down?

Drug de-addiction camps

2829. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the number of de-addiction camps organised by the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) the number of beneficiaries from such camps, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab; and

(c) whether the number of victims of drug addiction is increasing year by year in the country, if so, the State-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Subsidy for Cochlear implants

2830. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry will reconsider the policy to provide some relief to the parents, who cannot afford the expensive cochlear implants (nearly ₹ 6 lakhs at 2018 market prices), given the charging of GST on implants;

(b) whether there is a proper subsidy mechanism for kids whose parents cannot afford these devices; and

(c) whether Government is considering a national policy on manufacturing, sale and distribution of such special devices for differently abled children so that they can have a fair shot at surviving with dignity?

Beneficiary of drug de-addiction camps

2831. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether de-addiction camps are being organised regularly by Ministry;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries from such camps, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the status of the National Toll Free Drug de-Addiction Helpline; and

(d) the details of the number of victims in the country during the past three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

Social welfare schemes and their objectives

2832. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the active social welfare schemes and their objectives under the various Departments of the concerned Ministry;

(b) the benefits that can be availed under these schemes;

(c) the details of nodal agency, implementing agency and technical agency in the district for these schemes; and

(d) the schemes which have a provision for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), how much amount of monetary benefits go through DBT, the provision for the

remaining monetary benefit and the amount given through DBT under these schemes to each State?

Provision of online applications for social welfare schemes

2833. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the eligibility criteria for all the welfare schemes under the Ministry and the documents required;

(b) the welfare schemes under the Ministry having provision for online application;

(c) the action Ministry is taking to increase awareness, application and enrollment of these schemes; and

(d) what are the steps being taken to create a digital infrastructure for schemes which do not have provision for an online application given the increasing internet penetration day by day?

Quota for PwDs in Government departments

2834. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the 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, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Creamy layer formula for OBC

2835. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is different creamy layer formula for OBCs employed with State and Central Government and those in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be simplified so as to remove the discrimination which has resulted in the denial of job reservation for OBC candidates serving in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and banks?

Committed Liability Formula under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

†2836. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum expenditure has been proposed under Committed Liability Formula under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme during the last three years;

(b) whether due to committed liability, State Governments are unlikely to get any funds for the scheme; and

(c) since this scheme being a fully-funded Central Government scheme and owing to the Committed Liability Formula and it is not being implemented on the ground effectively whether steps are being taken by the Ministry to protect students

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from any loss and ensure all the funds of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme reach the State Government?

Welfare of transgender community

2837. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the latest details of the population of the transgender community citizens in the country, State-wise, along with district details of Maharashtra;

(b) the funds allocated for the welfare of the transgender community during the last three years along with details of funds disbursed and beneficiaries who received benefits under these schemes, State-wise, district-wise for Maharashtra; and

(c) whether the Ministry is considering any proposal to provide training to the people of transgender community under 'Skill India Mission' or through various other channels for enabling their empowerment?

Implementation of reservation in private sector

2838. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dialogue process initiated with industry on affirmative action, including implementation of reservation to SCs/STs for employment in private sector, has yielded desired results; and

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the dialogue/discussion held so far?

Curbing begging at religious sites

2839. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the

Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to curb begging at renowned religious sites in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many beggar homes are at present, near about the religious sites all over the country and whether Government proposes to open more beggar homes, if so, details thereof?

Sub-categorisation of OBCs/SCs/STs

†2840. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a scheme for the sub-categorisation of the castes included under Other Backward Classes (OBCs), if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the States where demand for such sub-categorisation was raised; and

(c) whether Government intends sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes also, if so, the reasons therefor?

Disabled friendly Central establishments

2841. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Central Government departments, Central establishments and PSUs which are currently disabled-friendly;

(b) whether any target has been fixed to make all Central Government departments,

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Central establishments and PSUs disabled-friendly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Advisory Boards under the Disabilities Act

2842. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board under Section 60 of the 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016' has been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its composition, the number of meetings and recommendations given till date, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Advisory Board has developed a national policy to address the issues concerning Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), as directed under Section 65(2) of the RPD Act, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the list of States which have constituted Advisory Boards and details including composition and the number of meetings?

Release of funds under NBCFDC to Andhra Pradesh

2843. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from Andhra Pradesh State BC Welfare Minister along with the delegation of MPs requesting for release of funds under National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the matter, the details thereof?

Implementation of quota for EWS

2844. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn to the matter of extension of 10 per cent reservation quota to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students in getting seats in educational institutions and in Government appointments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this act will come into force, the details thereof?

Trees cut down by NMDC

†2845. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees which were permitted to be cut down to construct the road to facilitate the mine no. 13 of the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in the Bachel/ Dantewada area in Chhattisgarh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of policy to plant new trees after the cutting of trees and whether the NMDC is adhering to that policy?

Use of coking coal in the production of iron ore

2846. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of steel production in 2013 was 30 million tonnes

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and Government is planning to increase the target by three times for current year;

(b) if so, in order to achieve this target and to get this mark, India needs at least 50 million tonnes iron ore also;

(c) whether to get 50 million tonnes iron ore, coking coal is also needed in huge quantity;

(d) whether Government is planning to stop or reduce the use of coking coal for above; and

(e) what are Government plans to enhance the production of iron ore?

SRTMI in Jharkhand

2847. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI) is functioning well in the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to construct this steel research unit in Ranchi, Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline; and

(d) what is the objective of this institution?

Impact of falling steel demand in China

2848. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the impact of falling steel demand in China on Indian steel industry;

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

(c) whether imports of steel from China have increased in recent months;

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

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to protect the interests of the domestic steel companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in steel prices

2849. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in international steel prices and increase in iron ore costs, as a result steel prices in some of the companies in the country have also come down, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any contingency plan to help the steel companies in the country, the details thereof?

Prices of steel

2850. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of steel are increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of monthly retail price of steel for the past three fiscals; and

(d) impact on steel prices after the increased custom duties on steel and aluminium products by the United States?

Setting up of new steel plants

2851. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Level Committee on Manufacturing (HLCM) has identified States for setting up integrated steel plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and actions/programmes initiated thereon;

(c) whether Government has established new public sector steel plants in various parts of the country during the last three years;

(d) if so, location and plant-wise details thereof including their current status, production capacity of these proposed/under construction/already constructed plants; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Steel Policy

2852. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given approval for National Steel Policy to reduce

imports and increase exports in the steel sector; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to give boost to Indian steel traders to compete with international traders?

Shortage of iron ore

2853. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel production in the country is expected to be lower in view of the shortage of iron ore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the shortage of iron ore was due to the closure of iron ore mines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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