

RAJYASABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, November 20, 2019/Kartika 29, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs;
Labour and Employment; Petroleum and Natural Gas;
Social Justice and Empowerment; Steel)

Total number of questions — 160

Danger of utilisation of drones in terrorist/destructive activities

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there are more than 6 lakh Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones sans any regulation in the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to put a check on drones and prevent their utilisation in terrorist/destructive activities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial and liquidity problems in civil aviation sector

322. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether civil aviation sector of the country is facing financial and liquidity problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof including state of financial performance of Air India and other airlines services in the country;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for above stated problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation/modernisation of airports in Maharashtra

†323. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade/modernise any airports situated in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the work done for the upgradation/modernisation of the airports in Maharashtra during last three years, year-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Production of civilian airplanes

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

(a) whether the country is capable of producing commercially viable passenger airplanes for civilians at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof including latest available data on production plants and units produced;

(c) if not, what plans are being implemented, if any, for production of these airplanes;

(d) whether the Ministry has data of number of foreign aircrafts imported by Air India over the last three years and costs incurred on the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to cut operational cost of domestic airlines

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

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic airlines in the country are facing difficulty in making profit due to certain policies like excise duty on jet fuel but do not get credit for this in final tax liability on air fare charged to flyer in the form of GST;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any favourable steps to remove these bottlenecks and help domestic airlines to cut their operational cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Delayed flights of Air India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that number of delayed flights in Air India are higher than any other air operator in the country;

(b) if so, the number of delayed flights of Air India as compared to private operators for last two years, month-wise;

(c) whether Air India has any serious plan to operate flights on time to compete with private air operators;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recovery of due from airlines

327. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount due from various airlines as Aviation Security Fees (ASF) till 30th September, 2019; and

(b) what steps are being taken to recover this amount?

Construction of new airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to open 100 airports in five years;

(b) whether Ministry is aware that aeroplanes are responsible for CO₂ emissions, aircraft emit nitrogen oxides, which contribute to the formation of ozone, contributing to greenhouse gas;

(c) whether Ministry is working contrary to the efforts of the Environment Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DGCA instructed to replace faulty engines

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

(a) the details of airlines which are having Airbus A320 Neos, airlines-wise;

(b) whether Aviation Regulator DGCA have instructed all such airlines to replace an engine which cause high engine vibration with modified PW engines within a specific time-frame in the interest of safety of passengers and how the compliance of the instructions to be monitored, the details thereof; and

(c) how many airlines have already replaced the engines, the details thereof?

Law suits faced by M/o Civil Aviation

330. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many law suits the Ministry is facing in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) the statistics of these cases that have been filed and since when High Court-wise and Department-wise;

(c) how many of these law suits are filed by Government Departments/ Government establishments or State Governments; and

(d) whether the Ministry has evolved any structured mechanism to minimise the number of law suits being filed, if so, the

nature of the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promoting airlines running in loss

†331. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airlines that have been shut down in the last three years and current year and the reasons therefor;

(b) the plan of Government to promote the domestic and foreign aviation airline;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to promote airlines running in loss?

Revival of Air India

332. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any action to revive the Air India which is also known as Maharaja;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to disinvest the Air India; and

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

Rogue or unregulated UAVs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an estimated over six lakh rogue or unregulated Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)/drones are in operation in the country;

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

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(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to counter against such illegal drones to avoid recent incidents like the lethal drone attack on Saudi Arabia's largest petroleum company and arms dropping by UAVs in Punjab from across the India-Pakistan border?

Inclusion of Mudh Air Field under the UDAN scheme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Executive Councillors (CEC) Leh has apprised the Ministry for the dire need to act on the long pending demand of subsidized tariff, capping of the airfare or framing flat flight rate for the Ladakhi people and Government employees working in the Ladakh region;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CEC Leh has requested Minister for inclusion of Mudh Air Field in eastern Ladakh in UDAN scheme; and

(c) whether Government is planning to include Thoise Nubra in UDAN scheme and also opening of Thoise Nubra for schedule commercial airlines?

Tender for maintenance of airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has handed over the maintenance of some airports to private entity who has quoted higher rate instead of those who quoted lower rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to call fresh tender for these airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial crunch faced by civil aviation companies

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

(a) whether Government has done some analysis of airline companies in the country facing financial crunch in the recent past;

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

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to help these companies in the interest of passengers and the employees, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of domestic routes that have been cancelled by such companies in the last three years due to non-profitability and the details thereof?

Debarring of CPR for conducting recruitment examinations by AAI

337. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) has been debarred by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) from conducting recruitment examinations for the AAI for next three years;

(b) whether the AAI had outsourced the work of filling up vacancies at various levels in several departments of AAI including airport operation, economic

planning, human resources, cargo, law and information technology to CPR, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the irregularity caused operational inconvenience and pecuniary loss to AAI as it had to conduct fresh recruitment for all the posts through another agency, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to correct the situation?

Valuation of Air India assests

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

(a) list the assets of Air India all over India and abroad;

(b) whether the assets have been valued at fair value as defined by Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) 103; and

(c) the fair value of assets and the details thereof?

Extension of operation of Vijayawada-Kadapa flights upto Bengaluru

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal requesting for extension of operation of Vijayawada-Kadapa flight *i.e.* 2T-534 only one flight operations up to Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has taken in this matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken for according early approvals?

Expansion of Agatti airport

340. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion of Agatti airport has been approved and begun;

(b) whether Government is planning to develop night landing facilities in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated budget for expanding Agatti airport; and

(d) the scheduled date for completion of the project?

Privatisation of airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to privatise another half a dozen airports; and

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

Planning to divest AAI

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to divest the Airports Authority of India (AAI); and

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

**Allocation of airport slots vacated by
Jet Airways**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the airport slots vacated by Jet Airways at Delhi and Mumbai have majority been allotted to Spice Jet followed by IndiGo, GoAir, Vistara and Air Asia India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the share of airport slots allotted to Air India as vacated by Spice Jet in Delhi, Mumbai and other cities; and

(d) whether Jet Airways would be restored back the slots originally allotted to them in the event of revival?

Standardisation of pilot training

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

(a) whether the country has its only one UDAN academy to train pilots for aviation sector for commercial pilot licensing;

(b) if so, whether training process and schedule are not upto the mark and time bound in terms to complete flying training therefor;

(c) if so, action proposed and taken to train new pilots with modern technologies and airbuses support thereof;

(d) proposal to raise the admission intake and facilities to fulfil the demand of employment generation for the next 10 years plan period therein; and

(e) detail of projected demand of pilots and present support strength in the country in next 10 years thereto?

**Pilots on contract in
Air India**

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

(a) the number of pilots working on contractual basis in Air India;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than a hundred pilots in Air India have demanded the permanent employment and increase in pay scale, service condition and facilities accordingly from the management;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that they have threatened to quit the jobs if these demands are not fulfilled;

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

(e) the arrangements made by Government to address the dearth of pilots in such situation?

**Deadline for repairing
aircraft**

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

(a) whether Government has set up a deadline for the repair work of the aircrafts of various aviation companies having technical snags;

(b) if so, the number of aircrafts having technical snag; and

(c) the action to be taken against the aviation companies which failed to carry out repair work even after the expiry of scheduled deadline?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Alcohol Test for civil aviation employees

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Alcohol Test' of employees working in airline companies and airports has been made compulsory;

(b) if so, the name of airline companies and airport employees that have failed the said test under the new rules; and

(c) the details of action taken against the employees and employers who have failed the 'Alcohol Test'?

Promotion of biofuels in flights

348. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to promote flights using biofuels on large scale;

(b) whether Government has any proposals or projects in pipeline to promote the use of biofuels in flights; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

European MP's visit to Jammu and Kashmir

†349. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given permission to the delegation of European MPs to meet citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to assess the current situation there;

(b) whether the delegation of European MPs was organised by an NGO;

(c) the justification for stopping the delegation of Indian MPs, which earlier went there to meet the citizens; and

(d) the justification for visit of the delegation of European MPs in current situation in Jammu and Kashmir?

Digital conduct of 2021 Census

350. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA:
SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2021 Census exercise would be carried out digitally;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering one card for all utilities in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Overhauling of Indian Penal Code

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted two panels to overhaul the Indian Penal Code;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had sought suggestions from States and Union Territories to amend various sections of the IPC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response received by Government from the State Governments and Union Territories in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Giving equal importance to all languages

352. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has announced one nation-one language for India and Hindi will be the single language for the country;

(b) if so, whether any protests have been made, especially in southern parts of India and North-Eastern Region;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government would give equal importance to all the languages in the Eighth Schedule *vis-a-vis* Hindi; and

(e) if so, the total amount spent for the development of various languages in the country, especially Tamil, as compared to Hindi, in the last three years?

Persons arrested under UAPA

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

(a) how many persons are there in Indian jails at present who were arrested under sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA);

(b) how many persons were arrested so far under UAPA during last three years, provide year-wise and State-wise data;

(c) whether it is a fact that the majority of those who are jailed under sections of UAPA are from a specific community or religion;

(d) if so, the details of community or religion from which maximum persons were arrested under UAPA; and

(e) how many of the undertrial persons are still in jail for more than five years under UAPA?

Undertrial prisoners in various jails

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any survey about undertrial prisoners languishing in various jails in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the data of undertrial prisoners for more than three to five years in the prisons, as per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB);

(d) how many children are in jails across the country for more than three years;

(e) the measures taken by Government to see that the undertrial prisoners are tried expeditiously in the court; and

(f) if there are no serious charges, the action taken to discharge them from the crime?

Plan to implement NRC policy across the country

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to implement NRC policy across the country on the lines of State of Assam;

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

(c) if so, by when the NRC will be implemented across the country?

Sedition cases filed for criticising surgical strike

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

(a) the number of sedition cases filed against persons after criticism and doubt of surgical strike by the Indian Army in various States till date; and

(b) the number of persons chargesheeted so far and the cases filed in the court?

Sponsoring the expenses of EU delegation

†357. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institution which organised and bore expenses of Jammu and Kashmir tour of some members of European Parliament in the last week of October, 2019;

(b) whether the institution, which organised the above mentioned tour, is working as coordinating institution of Government of India; and

(c) whether Government of India has distracted from its policy of not allowing any external intervention in Jammu-Kashmir issue?

Data on lynchings in the country

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

(a) whether Government has collected data relating to lynchings in the country during the past three years, if so, the details of the same; and

(b) if not, the reasons as to why the

data related to lynchings were not collected or reported?

Conduct of population Census

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

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct any population Census in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cases registered under POCSO Act

360. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases have been registered under POCSO Act during the last three years;

(b) in how many of these cases, chargesheet has been filed;

(c) in how many cases trial has been over and judgement pronounced; and

(d) in how many cases have the accused been convicted?

Citizenship Amendment Bill

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to introduce a new legislation called Citizenship Amendment Bill to provide citizenship to six persecuted minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there were dissent notes when Government had previously tried to bring the said legislation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Phone tapping

362. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of phone tapping authorised by the Ministry during 2018 and 2019, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases of unauthorised/illegal phone tapping reported during 2018 and 2019, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps Government has taken to check unauthorised and illegal phone tapping of the citizens?

Missing data in NCRB report

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

(a) the reasons why National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 'Crimes in India report 2017' did not contain data on instances of mob lynching, khap killings and murder by influential people; and

(b) whether this data will be published in the future, if so, the details and time-frame thereof?

Introduction of women jails in States/UTs

364. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of prisons have decreased and the number of prisoners have increased in the last three years;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details with special reference to Haryana;

(c) whether Government has any plan to introduce 'women jails' in the remaining 23 States/UTs, including Haryana;

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

(e) whether there has been a rise in the number of unnatural deaths in prisons; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor with special reference to Haryana?

Forensic kits for sexual assault cases

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

(a) the details of funds approved, released and utilised for the procurement of forensic kits for sexual assault cases since 2018;

(b) the number of forensic kits that have been procured by the Ministry;

(c) the number of forensic kits that have been distributed, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the total number of investigators, prosecutors and doctors that have been trained to utilise these forensic kits?

Deliberations of GoM on issue of lynchings

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

(a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau has collected data on mob lynchings, and if so, the reasons why said data was not published in its 2017 Report;

(b) the steps taken by Government to implement the Supreme Court directives w.r.t. prevention of mob lynching issued in *Tehseen Poonawala Vs Union of India* (2018);

(c) whether Government plans to introduce a new law to tackle the issue of lynchings; and

(d) the details of the deliberations of the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to look into the issue of lynchings in the country and the outcome thereof?

Modernisation of police forces in India

367. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of modernisation of police forces in India and progress made over the past three years;

(b) the budgetary allocation and actual expenditure towards this modernisation over the past three years; and

(c) the future plans for advancing modernisation of the police forces and budgetary allocations earmarked towards it?

Guidelines for declaring natural disaster

368. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines laid down for declaring a disaster, as natural disaster;

(b) whether Government has issued guidelines for operation of State Disaster Response Fund and National Disaster Response Fund to provide financial assistance for emergency response and relief; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Annual publication of NCRB

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

(a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has recently released its annual publication on 'Crime in India';

(b) if so, the details thereof including the ranking of the States in regard to increasing violence and crimes, State-wise;

(c) whether there has been any increase in instances of various crimes like fake currency circulations, domestic violence etc. in the country as per the report of the NCRB;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to control the crime instances in the country?

Visit of EU delegation to Kashmir valley

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

(a) whether emboldened by the situation in the Kashmir valley coming under relative control, Government has mustered up the confidence that it can take the risk of allowing a delegation of EU parliamentarians to assess the ground realities;

(b) whether Government has been stringent so far in not allowing free access to Jammu and Kashmir especially the valley because of the potential for violence; and

(c) whether Government considers the visit of the EU delegation as an educative exercise aimed at diplomatic correction of misapprehensions created by anti-Indian lobbies?

Release of funds for modernisation of jails

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of various State Governments for release of funds for modernisation of jails is pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry would consider sanction of the proposal as delay in sanction hinders the process;

(d) whether Government knows about the success stories of Sanganer prison in Rajasthan and other open prisons in Maharashtra; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent overcrowding in jails?

Internet services in Kashmir valley despite total ban

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

(a) whether it is a fact that internet of separatist leaders in Kashmir valley was working despite total ban on it in the valley recently;

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

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

Request for seeking asylum in India

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

(a) whether Government has recently

received request from Pakistani citizens for seeking asylum in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria laid down for such requests?

Steps to curb cyber crimes

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the growing incidents of cyber crimes in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the number of arrests made during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the estimated losses suffered by Government due to cyber crimes during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to curb cyber crimes in the country along with the international cooperation solicited in this regard?

Deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi;

(b) whether Government is also aware that the number of total crimes in the National Capital registered till September 15, 2019 was 2,12,763, compared to 1,67,480 cases registered in the corresponding period last year;

(c) whether Government has initiated any self-evaluation programmes in view of these developments; and

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

Reopening of Gujarat riots cases

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

(a) whether it is a fact that while more than 2,000 cases were registered in the aftermath of the 2002 Gujarat riots most were blocked and closed, it was only when Supreme Court got involved that a few of those cases were reopened and placed under court-monitored special investigation teams;

(b) whether Government is planning to reopen cases of investigation of Gujarat riots;

(c) the details of data on the number of people died, female atrocities occurred; and

(d) whether any compensation and rehabilitative schemes were provided to the victims and their families, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Retirement age of CAPF personnel

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed the retirement age of all Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel at 60 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the extension of retirement age of CAPF personnel from 57 to 60 years will affect in any way the new recruitment of personnel in the armed police forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation for flood affected States from NDRF

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved ₹ 4,432 crores from National Disaster Response Fund for the flood affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the State-wise allocation out of the said approved fund of ₹ 4,432 crores?

Declaring Gopalpur and Dhamara as immigration points

379. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government would take immediate steps to declare Gopalpur and Dhamara Ports as immigration points for the purpose of embarkation/disembarkation?

Additional battalion of CAPF for Odisha

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government for induction of two additional battalions of CAPFs in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the State; and

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

UN convention against torture

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

(a) the details of UN Convention Against Torture signed by India in the year 1987;

(b) the reasons for not ratifying the law on torture till date;

(c) the explanation to the current law of torture existing in India;

(d) whether there is any publication of data of the number of deaths caused due to the torture of police in prisons in the last three years; and

(e) if not, by when shall such data be expected?

Complaints against policemen for torture

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

(a) the State-wise data of complaints against policemen on grounds of torture of accused;

(b) the schemes initiated as well as implemented to provide redressal to victims of such torture; and

(c) State-wise data of the number of persons detained under the police custody without any proper evidence?

Recording data on lynching in NCRB

383. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government records deaths

due to lynching under the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB);

(b) if so, the number of deaths reported during last three years and current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) if not, whether Government is going to take an initiative to include such crimes under the NCRB and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds to AP under MPF scheme

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

(a) the details of proposals sent by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of funds under Modernisation of Police Force (MPF) scheme during the last two years, year-wise and component-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and spent on each of such component, component-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that only ₹ 24 crores was allocated to Andhra Pradesh under Modernisation of Police Force scheme for 2019-20; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir

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

(a) the number of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir in the last three years;

(b) the number of civilians injured and killed in such attacks; and

(c) the number of such people who were non-residents of Kashmir, the State-wise details thereof?

Merger of Assam Rifles with ITBP

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

(a) whether the Centre has initiated move to merge the Assam Rifles with ITBP despite reservations on this count both by Assam Rifles and the Army top brass;

(b) whether the Assam Rifles undertakes counter-insurgency operations in conjunction with the Army and guards the 1,643 km long India-Myanmar border, draws 80 per cent of its officers including the DG from the Army; and

(c) whether the Army is of the opinion that the move of merger of Assam Rifles with ITBP would devoid it of the option of using Assam Rifles in conventional operations along the eastern frontiers with China?

Reimbursement to Odisha under SRE scheme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an audited amount of ₹ 39.76 crore under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme has not yet been reimbursed by the Central Government to the State Government of Odisha;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release the said amount to the State Government at the earliest?

Mobile towers in LWE affected areas in Odisha

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has sent a list of 483 locations to the Central Government for installation of mobile towers in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the State under Phase-II of the 'Mobile Connectivity Scheme in LWE affected areas';

(b) if so, what is the status of installation of these mobile towers in the 368 agreeable locations; and

(c) the steps taken so far to fast track the installation work?

Increase in communal cases

389. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has witnessed an increase in communal cases during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Missing persons in North-Eastern States

390. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children, women and men who went missing in the North-Eastern States, specially Tripura in the last three years; and

(b) the number of missing children who were united with their parents during the same period?

**Giving back statehood status to
Jammu and Kashmir**

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

(a) whether Government is prepared to give back statehood status to Jammu and Kashmir as early as possible;

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

(c) the views of Government on giving full statehood to Delhi?

**Amendment in Citizenship Act before
implementing NRC**

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

(a) whether the main purpose of implementing National Register of Citizens is to expel the foreign nationals living illegally in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to amend the Citizenship Act before implementing National Register of Citizens across the country in order to provide citizenship to the refugees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal to implement NRC in entire
country**

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

(a) whether National Register of Citizens (NRC) is imperative for national security and there is a provision of NRC in almost all the countries of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to implement National Register of Citizens in the entire country post Assam and whether the necessary process and action are being taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rise in crime graph of
Bengaluru city**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengaluru city's crime graph have been rising;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Bengaluru City stands at third place after Delhi and Mumbai in crime list of murder, thefts, crime against women and the crime against children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Violence against
SCs/STs**

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

(a) the number of incidents of attacks/violence against the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes registered during the last three years, State-wise, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of individuals arrested, convicted for such violence;

(c) whether Government and Human Rights Commission have investigated the allegations of atrocities on dalits in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Loss of lives and property due to floods in Assam

396. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Inter-Ministerial team of Government of India has visited Assam to assess the damage and loss of the human lives and property in the flood affected areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details of findings of the team and the action proposed as a result of its findings;

(c) the action taken by Government on the findings of the team; and

(d) the steps taken by Government towards permanent solution to the perennial problem of floods in Assam?

Floods in Madhya Pradesh

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

(a) whether there has been unprecedented flood in Madhya Pradesh and because of which there is huge loss of crops, roads and other infrastructure in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has received a memorandum from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what action Government has taken and how much funds have been allocated as relief for the State of Madhya Pradesh?

NCR to identify illegal migrants in Assam

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

(a) whether recently the Central Government and the State Government of

Assam under the guidance of Hon. Supreme Court prepared the National Register of Citizens in Assam to identify illegal migrants in Assam; and

(b) how many illegal migrants have been identified and how many of them were deported and if they have not been deported, what is the reason behind it?

Accidental Deaths and Suicides report of NCRB

399. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the discrepancies identified in the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report on 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides' for the year 2016 have been rectified;

(b) if so, when the NCRB intends to publish the ADSI report for year, 2016; and

(c) if not, then which are the concerned States\Union Territories for which discrepancies were identified in the data submitted?

Funds released under Special Central Assistance

400. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released under the Special Central Assistance (SCA) for the most Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts for the State of Odisha in the year, 2019;

(b) whether there has been any change in the number of LWE affected districts in the State of Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which districts of Odisha have seen the largest decline of LWE influence, the details thereof?

Cyber police stations and cyber crime cells

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

(a) how many cyber police stations and cyber crime cells have been set up in the country, State-wise and whether any proposal is there for setting up additional courts to deal with cyber-crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow up action taken by Government in this regard?

Metro rail services for smooth flow of traffic

†402. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where metro rail services are being established for smooth flow of traffic in the country and the details of the financial assistance earmarked for this purpose; and

(b) the critical details of the utility of the built corridor which was made for transporting urban traffic by passenger buses and the details of the status regarding Madhya Pradesh and other States?

Illegal colonies in Delhi

†403. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted about illegal colonies located in rural areas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to legalize these illegal colonies, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for the development of these colonies during the year 2019-20?

Shelter homes for urban homeless people in Gujarat

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

(a) the quantum of funds released for Gujarat during the last three years for construction of shelter homes for urban homeless people and names of the schemes under which these funds have been released;

(b) whether Government has set any target for above schemes;

(c) if so, the year-wise targets set during the last three years and the extent to which those targets have been achieved, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the shelters meant for urban homeless people are being upgraded, if so, the details thereof?

Programmes and schemes for Urban Development

405. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India has many development programmes for Urban Development and small cities, if so, the list of the schemes for the Urban Development; and

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(b) the amount of money allocated for the schemes for the different States separately, the details thereof?

Dedicated corridor for pedestrians and cyclists in Delhi

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

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to build a dedicated corridor for pedestrians and cyclists, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the DDA plans to build the 'Delhi Cyclewalk' as a 33-km-long dedicated track for cyclists and pedestrians, with four corridors connecting Tughlaqabad, Greater Kailash, Nehru Place and Delhi Secretariat, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DDA also plans to start a bike sharing project on the dedicated corridor, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Interest subsidy on housing loan

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

(a) whether interest subvention on housing loan for the purchase/construction of houses is being provided by Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries of the scheme in Kerala during the last three years?

Model cities to be developed in country

†408. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities which are declared to be developed as model cities by Government;

(b) whether the cities of districts of Konkan region in Maharashtra are included in these cities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Earthquake-resistant housing

409. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures undertaken to bring about earthquake-resistant housing in the country;

(b) the degree of progress/achievement in realizing earthquake-resistant housing across the country; and

(c) whether Government is proposing to bring about a legislation to ensure earthquake-resistant housing in the country?

Illegal buildings in the cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the cities of the country are full of illegal buildings;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step to prevent them before their construction to save money, labour and time; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details of such steps and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing prices of houses in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of houses is increasing continuously in the cities of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that they are not being sold due to this reason;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering on reducing their prices; and

(d) if so, to what extent it would be reduced and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Addressing ever growing urban migration in the country

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

(a) the major schemes of Ministry aimed at addressing ever growing urban migration in the country;

(b) the allocations made to address migration problem across the country and the funds spent/unspent during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and scheme-wise, details thereof;

(c) the unspent allocations during the above period, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action initiated against those who failed to spend the allocations during this period?

Redeveloping Lutyens' Delhi

413. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed reasons for planning to redevelop the central vista along Rajpath, the Parliament and associated buildings in the vicinity;

(b) the stakeholders consulted in the process, the details thereof;

(c) the members of the jury that awarded the contract to HCP Design, Planning and Management Private Limited;

(d) whether concerns were expressed by architects, conservationists and historians about the changes affecting Lutyens' character and skyline, and consequently New Delhi's aspirations of becoming a world heritage city; and

(e) the response to these concerns thereto?

Benefits to marginalized population under SCM

414. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the specific plans to ensure that the most marginalized population in cities are able to benefit from the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), and plans to extend it for all residents of India;

(b) the specific benchmarks that a city must reach in order to be called 'smart';

(c) how Government is implementing and monitoring the mission;

(d) how projects under the mission relate to the Ease of Liveability Index; and

(e) the plan to improve basic services delivery especially with regard to water, sanitation, electricity and housing?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Delay in handing over possession by
DDA**

415. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay was caused in handing over possession of flats of Ganga, Yamuna, Narmada and Saraswati apartments in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi by Delhi Development Authority (DDA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DDA collected money from the allottees as deposit for maintenance and repair works of these four societies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the money has been spent by DDA in consultation with RWAs with details of maintenance and repair undertaken so far; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Population of urban poor

416. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of urban poor in the country is likely to touch 200 million in 2020 as per UN Habitat report;

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

(c) the reasons for increase in the persons living in the slums in urban areas of the country; and

(d) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Proposal of new Parliament
building**

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

(a) whether Central Government has any proposal to build a new Parliament building in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Houses provided under PMAY

†418. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses to be provided to the urban poor throughout the country under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U));

(b) whether there is a timeline fixed for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the place-wise details of the number of houses allotted to the urban poor, under this scheme till date and the total expenditure incurred on the same till date?

Land exemptions under ULC Act

419. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) steps taken for equal distribution of lands exempted under section 20 of The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 (ULC Act) exclusively for industrial purpose;

(b) list of land exempted under section 20 granted to land holders to retain excess

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land beyond permissible limit for industrial purpose only after introduction of ULC Act, 1976;

(c) how many of them closed their industries and continue to hold land and have developed the lands;

(d) why these lands are not being acquired by State to be utilised for rehabilitation of retrenched workers; and

(e) why no formula is being worked out similar for textile lands?

PMAY(U) in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the details of proposals by the State of Andhra Pradesh in 2019-20 for sanctioning houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U)); and

(b) what action Ministry has taken on each of the above proposal?

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Cabinet has approved a proposal of Delhi Government to regularise 1728 unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has not extended authorised tag to 69 affluent colonies;

(c) if so, the names of these colonies;

(d) the rate proposed to be levied for registration of these properties; and

(e) whether Government has any plan to give subsidy to the poor people of these colonies for the purpose of registration?

PMAY(U) in Madhya Pradesh

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

(a) the municipal body-wise details of the beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U)) in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the municipal body-wise details of the total number of houses built under the said scheme in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the construction of these houses?

Job losses in the country

423. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether there is an unprecedented decline of 9 millions in jobs in the country from 2011-12 to 2017-18 as per the recent study report;

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

(c) the reasons for the same; and

(d) the details of fresh steps Government proposes to arrest the alarming condition of unemployment in the country in response to above reports?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Promoting labour intensive manufacturing for job opportunities

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

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

(a) whether Government has decided to promote labour-intensive manufacturing strategically and to enhance job opportunities in the agriculture and tourism based industries by promoting these sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise plan to set up/promote the industries based on agriculture and tourism in the current year and coming three years, and the State-wise number of persons proposed to be employed in these sectors?

Decline in employment growth

425. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in employment growth in recent years in the country;

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

(c) the present rate of employment among various categories such as gender, urban and rural areas, etc., State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any time-bound programme to remove unemployment in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken by Government for increasing job opportunities and to

improve employment growth in the country under each category?

Law suits faced by M/o Labour and Employment

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

(a) how many law suits the Ministry is facing in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) the statistics of these cases that have been filed and since when, High Court-wise and Department-wise;

(c) how many of these law suits are filed by Government Departments/ Government establishments or State Governments; and

(d) whether the Ministry has evolved any structured mechanism to minimise the number of law suits being filed, if so, the nature of the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Kendriya Bal Shramik Vidyalayas

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

(a) the number of Kendriya Bal Shramik Vidyalayas opened in the country since the inception of National Child Labour Project, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent as well as achievements made under the said project during the said project, State-wise and year-wise?

Unclaimed amount in EPFO accounts

428. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount is available in the

Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and how much amount have been disbursed as pension to the retirees from 1995 to till date;

(b) the serving employees are contributing 8.33 per cent towards EPF pension scheme, what is the amount of contribution from the serving employees available in the EPF pension scheme;

(c) how many beneficiaries have expired from 1995 to till date, how many dependents are receiving family pension after the demise of the retired employees;

(d) how much unclaimed amount is available in the account of EPFO; and

(e) the details of action on defaulters?

Shortage of medicines at ESI hospitals

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

(a) whether complaints of shortage of medicines at ESI hospitals dispensary in various districts of Jharkhand have been received by Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

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

Appointment of lower staff in EPFO

430. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade unions have been demanding that the recruitment rules for appointment of lower level staff be notified in Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of lower level category posts remained unfilled for a long time; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

Labourers working in the informal/unorganised sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is any statistics made by Government to calculate/estimate the number of labourers working in the informal/unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof regarding the size of the informal/unorganised workforce; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Registered unemployed persons in the country

432. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered unemployed persons in the country at present, State-wise, including the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether employment opportunities have decreased in the country since 2018-19, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any concrete plan to generate employments in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Generating job opportunities for unemployed people

†433. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job opportunities generated by Government during the last four years, year-wise and area-wise;

(b) the details of the numbers of the unemployed people in the country for the last four years and whether it is increasing year-per-year;

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

(d) whether Government has set any target to control the increasing unemployment in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Migrant labour workforce

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

(a) the latest data of total number of migrant labour workforce in the country with sector-wise percentage, the details of these workers employed in key sub-sectors such as construction, mining, textile, domestic work; and

(b) whether Government proposes to set-up an inquiry department facilitating smooth integration of new migrant labourers into city life?

Job fairs organised under NCS

435. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job fairs organised under National Carrier Service (NCS) in the last three years, State-wise and the

number of placement organisations which attended them in the last three years; and

(b) whether there have been instances of websites/employers/fake entitites committing fraud in the name of NCS, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

Beneficiaries of unorganised area registered under PM-SYM

†436. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries of unorganised area registered till date under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) run by Ministry; and

(b) by when Government targets to complete the registration of all the beneficiaries under this scheme, the amount of fund spent to provide the benefits of the scheme to these beneficiaries till date by Government?

Rising unemployment rate

437. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that India's unemployment rate rose to a three-year high of 8.48 per cent in October as per data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE);

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware according to a poll conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs, unemployment has emerged the biggest cause of worry among Indians; and

(c) if so, the details of targeted policy measures being undertaken by Ministry to address the situation?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fixation of floor wage rate

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

(a) whether the Central Government is considering a floor wage which is even below the minimum wage;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, whether any criteria has been set for fixing the floor wages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, the measures being taken to avoid the misuse of floor wage rate to deny wages as per market rate?

Guidelines for the welfare of labourers in unorganised sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued guidelines for the welfare of labourers working in unorganised sector ;

(b) what are the minimum wages prescribed for daily wagers and what penal provisions are there for its violations; and

(c) whether any complaint redressal machinery is also there to help these unorganised labourers, if so, the details thereof?

Annual employment growth rate

440. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the annual employment growth rate including the opportunities for the skilled and unskilled workers during the last two years and

current year and the achievements made thereof;

(b) whether annual growth of employment is as per the economic growth or not;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made to increase the annual growth rate of employment during the Fourteenth Five Year Plan?

Workers engaged in informal employment

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

(a) the percentage of workers engaged in informal employment in the country and their earning, the State/UT-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any specific plans of social protection for such kind of employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Restoration of commutation of pension under EPS

442. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has approved a proposal to restore commutation of pension or advance part withdrawal under the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said move will benefit 6.3 lakh pensioners under EPS?

New draft code on social security

443. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed a new draft code on social security that amalgamates eight laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as part of labour reform agenda, Government had proposed to combine 44 labour laws into 4 codes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of new areas for job creation

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

(a) whether Government has prepared any clear framework to increase job creation and financial opportunities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the areas identified for job creation and creative financial opportunities and the time limit to implement the framework;

(c) whether Government is seriously considering to take any concrete steps for job creation;

(d) if so, whether any step has been taken by Government in this regard; and

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

Beneficiaries under PM-SYM

445. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries of

Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) as on 15th November, 2019, State-wise; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme who are below 29 years and below 40 years, State-wise?

Employment generation in rural areas

446. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has conducted any survey to ascertain the numbers of labourers migrating from rural areas to urban areas due to unavailability/shortage of employment in rural areas and to formulate policies for employment generation in rural areas;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of employment generated in rural areas during 2018-19 and 2019-20 till 31st October, 2019, State-wise?

Taxes levied on petroleum products

†447. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether Government is considering to bring petroleum products under the ambit of GST;

(b) the reasons for keeping petroleum products out of the ambit of GST;

(c) whether it is a fact that the various taxes being levied on the petroleum products by the Central and State

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Governments are equal to the basic price of these projects; and

(d) the basic price of the petroleum products along with the State-wise prices of these products after all the taxes are levied by States and Central Government?

Exploration of shale gas reserves

448. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has permitted National Oil Companies to explore and exploit shale gas and oil in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also undertaken any shale gas exploration in foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assessment of prices of natural gas produced in the country

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

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of revising the formula to determine the price of natural gas produced in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has been successful in maintaining a fine balance between the profitability of the companies producing natural gas and insulate common man from undue burden of rise in prices of natural gas during the revision of the said formula;

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

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by Government in this direction?

Cracker and Petrochemical Complex at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

450. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is establishing a Cracker and Petrochemical Complex at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh under AP Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of this project and whether a decision has been taken about the viability gap funding?

Connection and subsidies provided under PMUY

†451. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the State-wise updated details of the gas connections and subsidies provided under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?

Usage of alternative fuels to reduce import of crude oil

452. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing policies for promotion and usage of alternative fuels, ethanol and methanol to reduce import of crude oil from abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether any roadmap has been prepared for generation of ethanol from bamboo, cotton straw, wheat straw, etc.; and

(d) the number of industrial units expected to be established due to this and the estimated employment generation in the next five years, the details thereof?

Expansion of Piped Natural Gas in Nellore (AP)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is going to extend PNG in the latest round to 50 geographical locations which includes Nellore district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when Nellore is going to get piped natural gas to homes; and

(c) what plan of action the Ministry have to provide CNG facilities in Nellore?

Doorstep delivery of petroleum products

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for doorstep delivery of petrol, diesel and kerosene in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of companies permitted on demand fuel pump in the country?

Privatization of BPCL and HPCL

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

(a) whether Government is

implementing the decision to privatize Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL);

(b) if so, the reasons of privatization therefor and the objectives of privatization thereof;

(c) whether any expert study has been done before considering privatization; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Adulteration of petrol and diesel in rural areas

456. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some reports of adulteration in petrol in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether such adulteration in petrol and diesel is main cause for vehicle pollution in the country; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check adulteration in petrol and diesel?

Country's oil demand amid economic slowdown

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

(a) whether despite India's current economic slowdown, country's oil demand would rise at a fast pace by 3.21 per cent to 4.88 million barrels per day (mb/d) in 2019 from 4.73 mb/d during the previous year;

(b) whether OPEC has projected that India's oil demand will further rise to 5.05 mb/d, outpacing China's oil demand growth according to the World Oil Demand Report; and

(c) the plans aimed at oil conservation measures to be taken at the end-users' level as traditional coal attempting to stage a comeback as India's prime energy source?

Guidelines on marketing of transport fuels

458. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved the 'Review of Guidelines for Granting Authorization to market Transportation Fuels';

(b) whether any guidelines for this new policy have been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to the economy due to this change in policy?

Auctioning of oil fields by ONGC

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

(a) whether the State-owned ONGC is looking for auction of oil fields to increase stagnant oil production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the agencies finally selected would be allotted new fields for extraction of oil or these would require to operate already operational oil fields; and

(d) how much of additional oil is

expected to be produced from the planned auction of oil fields and whether any time-line has been fixed for the purpose?

Closure of petrol pumps

†460. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of petrol pumps shut down specially in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for their closure therefor;

(c) whether new retail pumps have been opened during this period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives under Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal seeking financial assistance and incentives under the Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter-caste Marriages, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any such proposals have been received from Nalgonda Parliamentary constituency, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of proposals sanctioned, financial assistance and incentives, number of proposals still pending and number of proposals rejected, the details thereof along with reasons for rejection therefor?

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Development schemes for poor houseless handicapped persons

462. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government has noticed need for suitable development schemes for poor houseless handicapped persons, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether committee of the Parliament has recommended for special schemes for development of poor houseless handicapped persons with a view to uplift them, the details of the report of the committee in this regard thereof;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to uplift the poor houseless handicapped persons, financially and economically; and

(d) whether National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) has also requested Government to evolve suitable schemes for development of poor and houseless handicapped persons, the details thereof?

Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Amendment Bill

463. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) the salient features of the

'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Seniors Citizens Amendment Bill', which is related to the social security for the elderly people of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the progress which has been made so far under this Bill?

National policy for senior citizens' welfare

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry in order to improve services and benefits, is drawing a national policy for senior citizens;

(b) whether it is being brought as an amendment to 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' (RVY) or an altogether new initiative; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Sign Language Dictionary

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

(a) whether the second edition of the Indian Sign Language Dictionary has been published;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to introduce Sign Language Dictionaries in regional languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to promote Indian Sign Language, especially in Haryana?

FIRs registered by SCs/STs under SC/ST Atrocities Act

466. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FIRs registered by SCs/STs under SC/ST Atrocities Act from 2016 to till date, State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the State-wise conviction rate for the cases registered under the above act?

Death of manual scavengers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that information of death of manual scavengers involved in sewer cleaning has been reported;

(b) if so, the year-wise and State-wise number of persons died while doing this during last three years;

(c) the action taken by Government to provide assistance to the affected families, including providing employment; and

(d) whether Government will consider making use of machines essential for the cleaning of deep sewer and septic tanks in all the corporations and institutions ?

Prevention of manual scavenging deaths

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

(a) whether Government has taken steps under 'Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging and their

Rehabilitation Act, 2013' to prevent manual scavenging deaths;

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

(c) the initiatives taken to rehabilitate manual scavengers?

Funds pending under Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship for Scheduled Caste students

469. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released for Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship to Scheduled Caste students in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether many of the institutions are not getting funds for the above mentioned scheme and then refusing to admit SC students;

(c) whether Government will disperse pending fund to Tamil Nadu Government; and

(d) if so, the deadline for sending the fund ?

Inclusive education for persons with disabilities

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

(a) how does Government plan to provide the inclusive education as Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has stressed on inclusive education;

(b) the programmes or schemes that Government has launched to promote inclusive education, and the budget allotted to such schemes, the details thereof; and

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(c) the data on number of children with severe disability that are being home schooled and whether there is any mechanism to check the misuse of this provision?

Programmes under Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens

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

(a) the various programmes that have been funded under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC);

(b) the amount of funding that has been given for the establishment of old age homes during the years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19, year-wise; and

(c) State-wise split of distribution of funds for setting up of old age homes during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 ?

National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction

472. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the list of vulnerable districts, the Ministry has focused its intervention programmes under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction 2018-2023;

(b) the total amount of funds disbursed to organisations under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction; and

(c) whether the Manual of Minimum Standards has been developed by the Ministry on standardization and quality control of private de-addiction services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for cleaning sewer lines by machines

473. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers died while cleaning sewer lines/septic tanks in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to get the sanitation work cleaned by machine instead manually;

(c) whether Government proposes a scheme to provide machines to Municipalities for cleaning sewer lines to save the lives of hundreds of sanitation workers in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidies provided under PMUY

†474. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the subsidy being provided to the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) the State-wise details of the targets set under the PMUY throughout the country during the ensuing two years thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of the L.P.G. connections provided under the PMUY during the last three years including Madhya Pradesh thereof?

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Distribution of Unique Disability ID in Delhi

475. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distribution of Unique Disability ID (UDID) has hit a roadblock in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective steps Government has taken up in this regard; and

(d) the State-wise number of beneficiaries of the UDID throughout India, the details thereof?

Schemes available for differently-abled students

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

(a) the details of Government schemes available for the deaf and dumb students, both boys and girls in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to encourage the deaf and dumb students to take up study along with other welfare measures from class-I till Under Graduate/ Post Graduate or any professional courses; and

(c) the details of schools available for deaf and dumb students in the country, State/UT-wise, thereof?

Invitation to Japanese companies to invest in India

477. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to invite Japanese steel companies to invest in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Joint Venture will help to boost the India's per capita steel production; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Price of steel

†478. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of steel is at the lowest in comparison to last three years due to poor domestic demand in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic steel companies suffered a great loss due to this and certain big companies stopped their production; and

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

Steel bar brands failing BIS norms

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 out of 24 steel bar brands failed quality test by BIS norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has considered giving steel the status of an infrastructure product to boost financing; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce the dependence on import of iron ore and coking coke?

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

480. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA
RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister
of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any
assessment regarding use of domestic steel
in all Government infrastructure projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has come
across any instances of non-using of
domestic steel in Government infrastructure
projects in spite of making it mandatory;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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