

RAJYASABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, February 6, 2019/Magha 17, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Setting up water aerodromes in the country

283. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers
granting approval for setting up water
aerodromes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where the water
aerodromes are to be set up;

(d) the details of criteria laid down in
choosing the places where these water
aerodromes would be developed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the
development of water aerodrome will affect
the bio-diversity; and

(f) if so, what measures have been taken
to save bio-diversity of such places?

Status of Bhogapuram airport in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether the attention of
Government is drawn to the matter of
development of Bhogapuram airport in
the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the present status of the project and
reasons for the delay in construction of the
airport; and

(c) the steps being taken by
Government for early construction of the
airport?

Number of airports under AAI in Rajasthan

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

(a) the number of airports under
Airports Authority of India (AAI) in
Rajasthan and status of their present

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capacity and details of action plans for their expansion; and

(b) the places to which air services would commence under trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among the Ministry and AAI by Government of Rajasthan and by when?

Regulatory mechanism for charter flights and helicopters

286. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents resulting from charter flights and helicopters during the last four years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has put in place a regulatory mechanism for the operation of such charter flights and helicopters; and

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

Minimising air crashes

287. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to minimise air crashes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government checks safety requirements before providing flight permits, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government takes strict and timely action on operators who deviate from the established safety norms, if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of Air India

288. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all past efforts of Government to divest a part of the stake in Air India have come to a naught with no serious bidder coming forward to respond;

(b) whether Government is in the process of issuing white paper on fiscal health of its flag carrier and of its plans to ease the norms for bidders; and

(c) whether Jet Airways a private carrier far behind in brand image as compared to the iconic Air India is able to find a suitor for a likely takeover and if so, whether the manpower liability is adversely affecting the divestment of Air India?

Aircraft Manufacturing Policy

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

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to draft an Aircraft Manufacturing Policy in India in order to boost airplane manufacturing in the country; and

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

Non-payment of salaries to staff and pilots by private airlines

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

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that many private airlines are not able to pay even salaries to their pilots and staff for some months; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these airlines and what steps are being taken to ensure that airlines staff and pilots are paid their salaries in time and adequate measures are taken for the safety of passengers travelling in these private airlines?

Growth of air passenger and cargo traffic

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

(a) whether it is a fact that air passenger and cargo traffic has grown rapidly in recent years; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken during the last four years to meet this growing need of air traffic in the country?

Assessment of civil aviation companies

292. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of financial health of civil aviation companies in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to make civil aviation sector financially more viable; and

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

Thefts and petty crimes in airport premises

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an

increase in the number of thefts and petty crimes in airport premises;

(b) if so, the details of crimes reported with airport security agencies for last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has proposed to take concrete steps for adequate safety of passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Transfer of airports to private parties

294. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move by Government to hand over certain airports to Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what were the conditions for handing over the airports in Delhi and Mumbai to private players;

(c) how much land was handed over to private players;

(d) whether there is a proposal from Government of Kerala to run the Trivandrum and Calicut airports by its own initiative; and

(e) what was the response of Government against this request made by Government of Kerala?

Privatisation of airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a proposal to privatise some major airports in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed privatised airports will continue having reservations

for people from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the previous privatisations of the Delhi and Mumbai airports have affected the profitability of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the increased privatisation of airports will create a monopoly for the existing private operators, if so, the details thereof?

Impact of the UDAN scheme

296. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) which are the routes in the country that are presently covered under the RCS-UDAN scheme;

(b) what is the present passenger traffic on the routes covered under the UDAN scheme;

(c) financial year-wise data in (b) above since launch of UDAN scheme;

(d) which are the routes covered under UDAN scheme in Andhra Pradesh and their passenger traffic since inception, route-wise and/or airport-wise;

(e) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the impact of the UDAN scheme;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, whether there is a proposal to undertake such a study?

Low cost air services by private aviation companies

†297. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airports planned to be brought into operation under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN and the number of airports ready to be operationalised among those and whether any time limit has been set to make all new airports operationalised;

(b) whether any policy has been formulated under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN in relation to providing passenger air services at low cost by private aviation companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for flying drones

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has pushed back the date to April, 2019 for individuals and companies who can fly drones;

(b) how long would it take the national Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) portal to implement a No Permission, No Takeoff (NPNT) policy before the drones can fly; and

(c) how Government plans to integrate the UTM with defence and civilian Air Traffic Controls (ATCs) to ensure that drones remain on the approved flight paths?

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Inclusion of Mudh Air Field under the UDAN scheme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Executive Councillor (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 requested the Minister for inclusion of Mudh Air Field in eastern Ladakh under the UDAN scheme; and

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

New Embarkation point at Gannavaram airport for Haj Pilgrims

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

(a) whether Government has received any request letter/recommendation letter from the State of Andhra Pradesh requesting for conveying Civil Aviation Ministry's consent to Haj Committee for New Embarkation point at Gannavaram airport for Haj Pilgrims; and

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

Uniform policy for levy of charges for seats

301. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private airlines in India started charging new levy for all seats as fees for web check-in and luggage scanning;

(b) if so, the response of Government;

(c) what is the rationale of charging all seats apart from preferred seats; and

(d) whether any uniform policy would be framed for levying charges for preferential seating, meal-on-board, check-in baggage, luggage scanning so that private airlines do not fleece the air passengers?

Infrastructure issues of Bengaluru airport

302. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengaluru airport has been one of the most neglected airport in the country for international travel connections as lack of service quality at the airport, the lack of multi-level arrival and departure concourses tremendous chaos; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to preserve its identity as 'Gateway to South India'?

Development of non-operational air-strips and airports in the country

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

(a) whether many air-strips and airports

in the country are lying unused due to non-availability of required infrastructure including servicing and maintenance of aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details of the air-strips and airports lying unused which have the potential for upgradation for commercial use, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for not initiating action to upgrade them by roping in small and medium private entrepreneurs other than the giants which takes care of major airports in the country; and

(d) whether Government has initiated action to involve small and medium private entrepreneurs in servicing and maintenance of aircrafts and if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance and operation of private airports

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

(a) whether some of the international and domestic airports in the country are being maintained and operated by private players;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the level of their performance as per international standards;

(c) which are the airports under maintenance and operation by Airports Authority of India (AAI); and

(d) whether Government has any proposal to lease out maintenance and operation of some more airports to private entrepreneurs other than the giants in the field and if not, the reasons therefor?

Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau

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

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB);

(b) whether the current number of investigators is at full sanctioned strength;

(c) whether it is a fact that the investigators of AAIB have not received intensive trainings for their jobs, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of trainings which have been conducted for these investigators during the last three years;

(e) whether the International Civil Aviation Organisation had asked Government to make AAIB fully independent; and

(f) whether the investigators still draw their salaries from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and hold their identity as employees of the DGCA?

Including more tier 2 cities in UDAN scheme

306. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to include more tier 2 cities under the UDAN scheme in near future;

(b) if so, the details of cities thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the action taken and time frame to complete such proposal, so far?

Landing problems in Delhi airport

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many airlines are facing problems for landing in Delhi airport due to lack of airstrip; and

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

Air connectivity in North-Eastern States

308. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified new regional air connectivity spots in the States of North-East;

(b) if so, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), how many routes will be connected and from which States therefor;

(c) the proposal details regarding development of airbase in the new spots of North-Eastern Region, if any; and

(d) the details of civil aviation connectivity proposal under RCS in the States where no-air connectivity is present right now?

Construction of small airports in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) whether there is any proposal of constructing small airports in various district headquarters of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the districts selected for this purpose along with the present status and the details thereof; and

(d) by when these airports are likely to be constructed?

Building of small airports at district headquarters of various States

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

(a) whether there is any project proposal to build small airports at district headquarters of various States in the country; and

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

Focus on iconic destination and religious circuits by UDAN-3

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

(a) whether it is a fact that UDAN-3 is going to focus on iconic destinations and some of the religious circuits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that UDAN-3 is also going to connect to international destinations; and

(c) if so, the details of (a) and (b) above, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Operation of airports in Darbhanga, Purnea and Bhagalpur

†312. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new airports have been announced for Bihar and work in

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Darbhanga, Purnea and Bhagalpur has commenced in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the air operation will commence from Darbhanga and other places within the stipulated time-frame and if so, the details thereof?

New incentives to exporters

313. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced new incentives for the exporters of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what new additions have been made in the incentives and how the exporters will be benefited therefrom?

Transport subsidies to boost agricultural exports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase agricultural exports by providing various transport subsidies to the exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the other subsidies being given to agencies to encourage exports?

Strengthening patent procedures regarding medicine

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to strengthen national and regional patent procedures specially regarding medicine (medical practice);

(b) if so, whether India has got international consent regarding patent inspection process and the criterion thereof; and

(c) the proposal of Government regarding the scheme of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) for more stringent right to Intellectual Property Protection (IPP) patent and how far it is accessible?

Status of 'Make in India' programme

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

(a) the details of Government's partnership with other countries in various fields under 'Make in India' initiative since 2014 till date;

(b) whether foreign companies are helping in production/information about technology/raw material/work policy under 'Make in India' programme, if so, the details of various services provided by these foreign companies;

(c) whether Government has estimated total investment done under 'Make in India' in five years from 2014-2019, if so, the

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details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the media-wise details of expenditure incurred for advertisement under 'Make in India' from its inception till date?

Study of Special Economic Zone policy

317. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study of India's SEZ policy, particularly in relation to making policies investor friendly and merging it with existing Government scheme, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to expand the use of SEZ to services like health care, financial and legal services, the details thereof;

(c) whether current SEZ policy is in compliance with WTO regulations; and

(d) whether current SEZ policy has led to an increase in the exports and imports of India and its subsequent impact on employment generation?

Illegal import of pepper under SAFTA

318. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rampant illegal import of Vietnam pepper *via* Sri Lanka at concessional rate of duty under SAFTA and Indo-Sri Lanka a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is hurting Indian economy;

(b) whether the Kerala Chapter of Indian Pepper and Spice Traders Consortium has alleged that Sri Lanka was working against

the interest and welfare of Indian pepper farmers by giving Vietnam pepper the Certificate of Origin of Sri Lankan pepper under the guise of value addition; and

(c) whether Hassan (Karnataka) based Consortium of Black Pepper Growers Organisation has also alleged similar exploitation of the SAARC agreement by routing imports through Nepal and Bangladesh?

Policy to boost farm exports

319. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy to boost farm exports;

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

(c) whether Government has identified any agri-products for export promotion;

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

(e) whether any State-wise goals for farm exports have been set; and

(f) if so, the details in respect of Rajasthan?

MoUs signed during Vibrant Gujarat Summit

320. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of MoUs concerning medium and small enterprises signed during Vibrant Gujarat Summit since 2014;

(b) whether some of the MoUs

concerning micro, small and medium enterprises signed during the Summit have been implemented on ground during the last four years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how many persons have earned employment in such enterprises?

Impact of e-commerce on retail market

321. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study in the past about the impact of e-commerce business on the retail general market in the country;

(b) if so, the details and major findings of the study;

(c) if not, whether Government has any plan to conduct a study in this regard;

(d) whether Government has made any law to ensure the consumer rights of the people from the exploitation of e-commerce companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, whether Government has any plan to bring new law in this regard; and

(g) the number of complaints which have been filed against e-commerce companies?

Special Task Force to draft national e-commerce policy

322. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a special Task Force to draft national e-commerce policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the minute-wise details and agenda of the meetings and discussions held by Task Force; and

(c) whether any member from civil society was included in the Task Force, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of South Asian FTA

323.DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints from domestic manufacturers regarding misuse of South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) in importing various products from neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

New Agricultural Export Policy

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

(a) whether Government is planning to bring on a new Agricultural Export Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the exports of agricultural goods have increased *vis-a-vis* the imports of agricultural goods of similar commodities both in terms of volume and value during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the share of agriculture to total exports has remained stagnant during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Effect of angel tax on Indian startup ecosystem

325. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess the adverse effects of angel tax on the Indian startup ecosystem; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to address the concerns of entrepreneurs and investors regarding angel tax?

Employment generation by FDI

326. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of employment generated by Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of job opportunities created during each of the last five years?

Crisis facing cashew industry

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

(a) what steps have been taken by Government during the last four years regarding the cashew industry;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that cashew industry especially in Kerala is facing a major crisis leading to closure of many industries; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to solve the acute crisis of this industry?

Approval of industrial parks in Andhra Pradesh

328. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved two industrial parks, one in Ananatapur and one in Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the aims and objectives of these parks and by when they are likely to become functional; and

(d) what would be the employment potential that is likely to be generated by these parks?

Problems in modernisation of fishing harbour in Visakhapatnam

329. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1630 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 2018 and state:

(a) details of each of the bottlenecks identified because of which the project regarding modernisation of fishing harbour in Visakhapatnam was not considered;

(b) details of technical parameters that Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) vetted and recommendation made on each of such parameter;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has committed for 50 per cent of funds for this project; and

(d) if so, what other constraints that Central Government has to take up this project?

More SEZs in Andhra Pradesh

330. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to permit more Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh besides the existing 47 Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Procurement of goods through GeM portal

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

(a) whether Government has made procurement of goods compulsory for Ministries and departments from Government-e-Market place (GeM) only;

(b) if so, the details of mechanism to ensure its sustained transparency;

(c) whether goods available on GeM are of higher price than normal market rate of the same goods;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the State-wise details of amounts of transactions made through GeM during 2017-18?

Issues with Australia over subsidy on sugar

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Australia

dragged India to the WTO citing that India has increased its subsidy on sugar by ten-fold in the last six months;

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

(c) to what extent will this have implications on prices and also trade in the global market?

Tardy WTO dispute settlement process

333. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WTO dispute settlement process is tardy and failing to hold countries accountable for violating the norms of WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India is seeking reforms at the WTO and if so, the details thereof?

Online fraud

334. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a lot of persons using internet have become victims of online fraud in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last four years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent people from becoming victims of online fraud; and

(d) the number of cases of online fraud registered during the last four years?

Increase in criminal incidents in Delhi

†335. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant increase in criminal incidents in National Capital Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents that occurred in the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been increase in the incidents of snatching from women in the broad daylight; and

(d) whether Government would contemplate to take steps to bring reform in police in order to make police administration more active?

Assassination bid on LoP of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly

336. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:
SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there was an assassination bid on the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly at Visakhapatnam airport recently;

(b) if so, whether Government tried to find out the motive behind this dastardly attack on a popular leader of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of report that Government

got from the CISF which is taking care of security at Visakhapatnam airport;

(d) what action has so far been taken in this regard; and

(e) what constraints Government has to refer this case to CBI?

Paramilitary personnel killed at LoC

337. DR. BANDA PRAKASH:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Paramilitary personnel killed in the last two years at the Line of Control (LoC) on Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, force-wise details thereof;

(c) whether compensation has been paid to the families of the victims who were killed while guarding the borders of the country; and

d) if so, the details thereof?

Trafficking of women in Delhi

338. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 16 cases of women trafficked to the capital and to be sold in the Middle East were rescued from Delhi by the Delhi Police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recent Act to check trafficking of women and children is being implemented; and

(d) if so, the number of persons arrested and prosecuted in this regard?

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**Naxalites killed in Jharkhand,
Chhattisgarh, Odisha and
Telangana**

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

(a) the number of incidents of encounter between paramilitary forces and the naxalites registered in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Telangana during the last four years; and

(b) the number of naxalites arrested or killed in such incidents?

High incidence of online abuse

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to deal with the cases of online abuse and stalking, particularly the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) softwares to detect abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there exists any system for women and children to register complaints of them being subject to online abuse, if so, the number of complaints registered during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government is taking any action to eliminate such mishappenings in future?

**Regulation of long working hours of
CRPF Personnel**

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to regulate and monitor the long working hours of CRPF Personnel;

(b) whether Government is aware that accommodation provided to the paramilitary forces is often unhygienic, not secure and ill-maintained; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to monitor the accommodation provided to the personnel?

Increase in child trafficking

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has emerged as a growing child trafficking country in the world in recent years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of child trafficking reported during last three years;

(c) whether Government has received report on child trafficking from international agencies;

(d) the details of identification, action taken, proceeding and progress on Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Inter-country Adoption; and

(e) initiatives of Government on United Nations Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons thereto?

Introduction of sex offender registry

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

(a) whether India has now become the 9th country to introduce a 'sex offender registry' maintaining a database of names, address, fingerprints, DNA samples and Aadhaar number of persons convicted of sexual offences;

(b) whether the impact of the registry

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in advancing the safety of women and children is contingent upon a well-oiled criminal justice system and imposing systemic accountability for crimes demanding better police investigation, robust prosecution and speedy court trials; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

Educated persons joining terrorism

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an alarming rise in the number of educated people joining terrorism in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that educational institutions, colleges and universities are being targeted to radicalise and recruit bright young students studying there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Consultants for drafting Draft Model Police Bill, 2015

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

(a) whether Government has used certain private companies (consultants) for drafting the Draft Model Police Bill, 2015; and

(b) if so, the details of consultants hired and fees paid to each consultant?

Modernisation of State Police Force Scheme

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

(a) the salient features of the Modernisation of State Police Force Scheme, including the provisions for the basic infrastructure amenities for women police force;

(b) whether any State has included proposals to construct separate toilets for women police personnel in police stations in their State Action Plans under the Scheme between the financial years 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including the total quantum of funds granted therein; and

(d) the total number of police stations that have a separate toilet for women police personnel, as of December 2018, the State-wise details thereof?

Communal riots and Inquiry Commission reports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 13 Inquiry Commission reports on communal riots in the country since 1961 is missing from MHA;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the State-wise reports and details of all the communal riots that have happened during the last five years;

(d) whether Government has published any Inquiry Commission reports on communal riots that had happened during the last five years; and

(e) the details of Inquiry Commission reports on communal riots that have happened during the last five years?

NCRB data

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

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared the NCRB data for 2017-18; and

(b) if so, by when it is releasing the data and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rising number of crimes against women and children

349. SHRIG.C.CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of crimes against women have risen in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of such cases reported, guilty arrested, convicted, cases solved/unsolved, conviction rate achieved during the last three years, crime-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether an increase has also been registered in the incidents of crimes against children in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) measures being taken by Government to prevent/check such crimes ensuring the safety of women and children?

Funds for the development of international border villages

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is allocating special funds for the all round development of villages abutting international borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) funds allocated and spent during the last four years for the purpose?

Use of space technology in border management

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to use space technology in border management and check intruders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many intruding incidents were reported during the last four years in the borders of the country?

Cancellation of licences of NGOs

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

(a) the number of NGOs whose licences have been cancelled for violating the rules under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 during last three years and whether the heads of such NGOs have been awarded with any punishment or they have been released only after being penalised;

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

(c) the details of the above-mentioned NGOs whose heads have been awarded with the punishment or penalised/prosecuted?

Setting up of State Marine Police Training Centre in Karnataka

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has submitted a proposal nearly two years ago for establishment of State Marine Police Training Centre in Udupi district of Karnataka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nearly 25 acres of land has also been allotted for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal and by when Government is going to approve and start the work?

Safe City Project

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

(a) whether a project namely Safe City Project is being implemented in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the projects and the cities selected for implementation of the project, State-wise;

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose, city-wise; and

(d) the time by when the other cities will also be covered under the project?

Natural calamities

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

(a) the total number of persons affected by natural calamities during the past four years, year-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(b) State-wise and year-wise details of the damage and losses suffered as a result of natural calamities during the last four years and the current year; and

(c) whether Central Government has received any proposal from the State Governments seeking financial assistance for the losses suffered, if so, the details thereof?

Convictions under terrorism-related laws

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

(a) the State-wise, year-wise number of pending cases registered under the Acts namely Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002, Terrorism and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act;

(b) with respect to same Acts, the State-wise number of undertrials and convicts in various prisons;

(c) whether, under UAPA, a person can be detained in judicial custody for a period upto 180 days without filing chargesheet, if so, the State-wise number of persons so detained; and

(d) whether Government is planning to establish database to track progress in terror-related offences, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints against police personnel for failure to register FIR

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

(a) number of complaints received against police personnel for failure to register FIR on women's complaint alleging sexual offences including rape, trafficking, and/or criminal assault, as specified under Section 166A of the IPC, State-wise for 2017 and 2018;

(b) whether this data is available in public domain, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor and when this data will be made available;

(c) reasons behind police not registering such FIRs;

(d) details of action taken against such police personnel; and

(e) whether police not registering FIRs is reason why some women prefer not to approach them and many crimes go unreported?

Panic button for females in distress

358. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether panic button for females in distress was to be made functional across the country by January 2016, if so, the details thereof, if not, any timeline was proposed on the introduction of this idea;

(b) whether this system has been introduced, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay;

(c) whether the Ministry of Women and Child Development has requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to get this

system effective on pan India basis, if so, details regarding the communication between the Ministries; and

(d) any possibility regarding the misuse of this system, if so, the details thereof?

DPR on setting up of Greyhounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh

359. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Andhra Pradesh Government to set up Greyhounds Training Centre in the State; and

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

Integrated Check Posts

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

(a) the current status and details of the Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) being constructed along the border areas, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised for the Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) during the last three years;

(c) the details of facilities constructed or to be provided at each Integrated Check Post (ICP); and

(d) whether Government has proposed to take up construction of additional Integrated Check Posts, if so, the details thereof?

Enactment of new Police Act

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

(a) whether Government has taken any final decision regarding enactment of new Police Act to replace the 158 years old Police Act, 1861;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the delay in enacting a new Act when there is a model Act which was drafted by an Expert Committee constituted by Government itself;

(d) whether Government has received any inputs to include in the proposed draft Police Act which was drafted in the year 2006; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Communal incidents in Uttar Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Communal incidents in Uttar Pradesh have increased 47 per cent between 2014 to 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total incidents reported in Uttar Pradesh?

Review meeting to assess implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act

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

(a) whether Government has held any review meeting recently to assess the implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will make earnest efforts to implement the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 in true letter and spirit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sending of fact sheet for release of funds to Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is going to send a fact sheet to the Government of Andhra Pradesh with regard to release of funds to the State, department-wise, between 2014 and 2019;

(b) if so, whether the fact sheet has been sent to the State; and

(c) if so, the details of funds sanctioned, approved, released and spent during the above period, department-wise and project-wise?

Drug menace in cities

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

(a) whether the drug menace in educational institutions in the big cities warrant immediate action;

(b) whether shops near schools and colleges need to be checked for selling narcotics; and

(c) if so, what immediate and strict action Government is taking against drug peddlers before they destroy our future generations?

Vacancies in central paramilitary forces

366. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of posts are lying vacant in central paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof, force-wise till December, 2018; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to fill up these vacancies on priority basis and reasons for not filling up these vacancies on time?

Raids conducted by NIA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that NIA has recently conducted raids in various parts of the country and arrested IS and other terror modules;

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

(c) what action Government has taken/ proposes to take against those who are harbouring and giving shelter to the terror modules in the country?

Inclusion of Chhattisgarhi and Gond languages in Eighth Schedule

†368. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from people's representatives of Chhattisgarh to include Chhattisgarhi and Gond languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any rule regarding the inclusion of languages in the said Schedule as languages spoken in limited regions have been included in the Scheduled while languages spoken in most of the regions have not been included yet, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by when Chhattisgarhi and Gond languages are likely to be included in the Eighth Schedule?

Violence at places of worship

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

(a) whether Government collects any data on violence committed against places of worship belonging to religious minorities;

(b) if so, the number of cases of attacks on places of worship belonging to religious minorities between 2014 and 2018;

(c) if no such data is collected, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has issued any guideline to States as to how to handle such incidents and how to prevent further attacks; and

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

Record of fake encounter cases

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

(a) whether NHRC has maintained a record of fake encounter cases in all the States, if so, the details thereof since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the details of deaths as well as the ethnicity of the victims of encounters, and

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(c) if so, the details of compensation provided by the appropriate Governments to the families of the victims, since 2014, year-wise?

Ratification of the guidelines of ILO

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

(a) whether Government has ratified the guidelines of ILO regarding the existing labour laws in the country;

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

(c) the details about the action taken/ current status regarding the ratification issue, so far?

Employment data of EPFO

†372. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the data of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) submitted from September, 2017 to May, 2018, there has been reduction of 12.4 per cent in the data after the review;

(b) whether it indicates that employment data of Government is being manipulated to show enhanced number;

(c) the employment data of EPFO after May, 2018; and

(d) the year-wise employment data of EPFO during last five years and the number of unemployed population in the country at present?

New jobs created in the country

373. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many new jobs have been created in the country since 2014 in different sectors, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) what percentage of the educated youth in the country got employed since 2014;

(c) whether Government is successful in providing two crore jobs every year;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) in what way Government is planning to address the distress of educated jobless youth of the country?

Shortage of staff in ESI hospitals in Telangana

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' State Insurance hospitals in Telangana are running with shortage of staff which is leading to crisis in the ESI hospital services to the employees, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government to evaluate the present state of affairs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts in ESI hospitals at least in view of the health factor of the employees, the details thereof?

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Accidents at construction sites

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

(a) the details of labourers engaged in construction work in the country, State-wise/region-wise;

(b) whether any data is available regarding the number of accidents occurred at construction sites during the last four years and the reasons therefor, the State-wise;

(c) whether any financial assistance is provided to injured or family members of the deceased by Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action plan has been formulated by Government to prevent accidents at construction sites, if so the details thereof?

Increase in employment due to increase in GDP

‡376. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in employment in comparison to increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during last four years;

(b) whether there has been clear-cut increase in the productivity of enterprises during last four years, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of employment opportunities provided in Uttar Pradesh during the last four years district-wise?

Increasing the return on EPF

377. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the return on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF);

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

(c) whether Government has been able to provide higher returns to employees covered under the EPF scheme; and

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

ILO report on low wages

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

(a) whether Government is aware that around 41 per cent of Indian employees feel they are poorly paid according to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) report;

(b) if so, the reasons for the conditions thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the 90 per cent of India's work force has informal employment?

Labour code on Safety to protect labourers in workplace

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

(a) whether Government is working on a Labour Code on Safety to protect

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labourers in the workplace and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether most of the labour force will be excluded, as some experts have asserted, because of the conditions mentioned in the recognized labourers as per the Code and if so, the ways in which the large labour community will be protected?

Scheme for employment generation in the country

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

(a) whether Government has floated various schemes during the last four years to help generate employment in the country, the details thereof and number of youths benefited by such schemes State-wise;

(b) what is the percentage of skilled labour force in the country and how many of them have been benefited by such schemes; and

(c) whether Government has any data as to how many skilled labours have gone abroad in search of employment, the details thereof country-wise?

Budget allocation for rehabilitation of bonded labour

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

(a) the budget allocation for the bonded labour victim rehabilitation under the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour, 2016;

(b) the amount of budget spent for victim

rehabilitation under CSS 2016 for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour since 2016, year-wise; and

(c) the number of States providing the corpus of ₹ 10,00,000 to their districts for rehabilitation of bonded labour as per the provisions of the scheme and the actual corpus provided since 2016, State-wise and Year-wise?

Multi-speciality hospital in Doddaballapur and Bommasandra in Karnataka

382. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether each of the proposal to commission 15 new dispensaries and construction of 100 bedded multi-speciality hospital in Doddaballapur and Bommasandra in Karnataka was received;

(b) the details of each of the above proposal; and

(c) the present status of each of the above proposal and by when the above proposals are approved?

Employment opportunities to youth under NCS project

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

(a) whether Central Government has signed strategic Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with apex job portals, placement organisations and reputed institutions for the purpose of providing access and information employment opportunities to youths under National Career Service (NCS) project;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these MoUs have been instrumental in providing access of youth of the country to employment opportunities and whether data of beneficiaries in this regard is available, State-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of 100 bedded multi-specialty hospitals by ESIC

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

(a) whether the Central Government has received requests from various States including from Karnataka for construction of 100 bedded multi-specialty hospitals by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in these States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the locations identified by the States for the purpose;

(c) whether the Central Government has agreed to consider and sanction the setting up of 100 bedded multi-specialty hospitals there; and

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

Women participation in work force

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

(a) the number of women seeking employment *vis-a-vis* the total number of women being employed in the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the details of the sectors in which

women participation has decreased, increased and remained constant; and

(c) the details of the women participation loss, age-wise and State-wise since 2014 to present?

Implementation of National Child Labour Project Scheme

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

(a) the number of children enrolled in school w.r.t. implementation of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) scheme of the Ministry;

(b) the details of the industries identified under this scheme which continue to employ children for non-domestic labour;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries of the scheme and the budget expenditure details thereof; and

(d) the details of the methods deployed as a part of the scheme to keep children out of labour?

Exploitation of food delivery personnel

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

(a) whether Ministry is aware of exploitative working conditions of delivery personnel in app based food delivery and e-commerce companies;

(b) whether Ministry has commissioned any study on the same, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) Ministry's view on whether delivery personnel are partners/self-employed

contractors or workers in such setups, details thereof;

(d) whether Ministry is contemplating any law/policy to check lack of social security and exploitation of workers in such setups, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Ministry would establish grievance redressal mechanisms for such workers, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Social security to contract workers/ labourers

388. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to provide social security to contract workers/labourers across the country so that their sense of insecurity could be mitigated;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any data regarding the number of contract workers/labourers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Rising rate of unemployment

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

(a) whether unemployment rate has risen in almost all the States in the last three years;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that economic growth has not translated into job generation in recent years;

(d) if so, whether Government has made any study to find out the reasons and to take remedial measures; and

(e) what is the rate of unemployment among the educated youth, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Declining rate of formal employment growth

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

(a) whether there is decline in the growth rate of formal employment in the country;

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

(c) the steps undertaken by Government to increase rate of formal employment growth during last three years?

Stopping child labour in the country

†391. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people found guilty for engaging child labour during the last four years in the country, the number of such people, State-wise, Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of such people against whom action has been taken;

(c) the number of such people against whom action could not be taken; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to stop child labour in the country, the details thereof?

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Skilling youth living below poverty line

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

(a) whether action taken by Government been to make the youth living below poverty line skilled and preparing them in accordance with the demand of the labour market during the last three years;

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

(c) the total number of youth in the country living below poverty line and who are unemployed, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Incentives and encouragement to SMEs

393. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the Indian economy and generate largest number of jobs after agriculture;

(b) whether SMEs account for about 8 to 10 per cent of GDP, 40 per cent of manufacturing output and about 45 per cent of exports from the country; and

(c) if so, despite the pioneering role SMEs play in the society and economy, why are they getting a raw deal when it comes to providing them incentives and encouragement?

Deregulation of MSME Sector

394. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has alone or in conjunction with other Ministries, taken any concrete steps to deregulate the MSME Sector and simplify licensing, registration and compliance practices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of demonetisation on MSMEs

395. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of MSMEs registered in the country during 2014-18, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of sick MSMEs in the country, during 2014-18, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of MSMEs referred to the Corrective Action Plan Committees as stressed accounts during 2014-18, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any study to judge the impact of demonetisation on MSMEs across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Latest and innovative technology for MSME sector

396. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to provide access to latest and innovative technology for Micro, Small and

Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector to enhance the competence of entrepreneurs/enterprises engaged in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Working capital under Interest Subsidy Eligibility by KVIC

397. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) where the assessment of working capital under Interest Subsidy Eligibility by Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC) differs from the assessment of working capital made by banks, if so, how this will be resolved;

(b) whether any of the above differences have been on account of different working cycle or Debt Equity Ratio used by the KVIC and banks in working capital formula under Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificates Scheme; and

(c) the number and details of the cases which have been taken up with Indian Banks Association or Reserve Bank of India for reconciliation of differences?

Help to establish new industries in Gujarat

†398. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial and non-financial help given to industrial establishments during the last three years by the Ministry to establish new industries in the districts of Gujarat;

(b) the number of such industrial establishments of districts of Gujarat which have taken advantage of this during last two years; and

(c) the details of the production of the above mentioned industrial establishments during last two years?

Steps to increase SC/ST beneficiaries

399. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of increase in beneficiaries from SC and ST community has been low in last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the State-wise details of category-wise beneficiaries of MSMEs for last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken to increase representation of SCs and STs beneficiaries by Government?

Funds to MSME sector in Maharashtra

400. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MSME sector in the country, particularly in Maharashtra is severely undercapitalised and is in need of capital infusion for its survival;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken/ proposes to take to provide easy access to funds by MSME sector in Maharashtra and rest of the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Aims and objectives of SC/ST Hub

401. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what is SC/ST Hub and what are its aims and objectives;

(b) what kind of financial, technical and other support SC/ST Hub is providing to SC/ST entrepreneurs;

(c) whether there are any plans to extend this to OBCs as well; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Oil import dependence in the country

402. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil import dependence has increased during the last four years, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the crude oil production has declined during the last two years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has made some changes to the exploration policy, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the impact it can have on reducing the oil import dependence; and

(e) the other measures taken by Government to reduce oil import dependence?

Inability to refill under PMUY

403. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry is responding to the fact that many PMUY beneficiaries do not refill as they cannot afford to purchase LPG from open market especially after mode of subsidy changed to DBT;

(b) whether Ministry is maintaining data on number of BPL families that have opted for first, second, third, fourth and fifth refill of LPG gas, State-wise and year-wise, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how does Ministry respond to the fact that Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are facing losses due to non-recovery of loans from BPL families not opting for refill?

Managing crisis of increase in petroleum price

404. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to manage crisis of petroleum price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any vulnerability analysis has been undertaken by Government due to highly fluctuating petrol prices in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government has considered any such study?

**Allotment of land for Retail Outlets
gas agencies, CNG pumps for
SCs/STs/OBCs**

†405. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the State-wise details of allotment
of land for Retail Outlets/gas agencies/CNG
pumps for SCs/STs/OBCs in compliance
of Ministry's D.O.No. P-19011/4/2009-
IOC(Pt.I/18911 dated 6th July, 2016) and
all such letters written to various Chief
Ministers; and

(b) the status of request, if any, made to
the Ministry by SCs/STs/OBCs in
compliance of this letter?

Retail Outlets for SCs/STs/OBCs

†406. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) the details of applications received
from SCs/STs/OBCs and general category
from each State for Retails Outlets after its
advertisement in last November, 2018;

(b) the number of applications received
in Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 from
SCs/STs/OBCs from each State;

(c) the total amount received or will be
received as fee/bidding fee from all the
applicants;

(d) names of States and their backlog of
SCs/STs/OBCs included in the new
advertisement; and

(e) number of places in each State which
have not received applications from SCs/
STs/OBCs so far?

**Gas agencies and CNG pumps
reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs**

†407. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) the State-wise details of gas sold in
each gas agency and CNG pumps in the
year 2017-18;

(b) out of these gas agencies/CNG
pumps, how many are reserved for SCs/
STs/OBCs;

(c) the State-wise details of the sites
with backlog of members of SCs/STs/OBCs
and their estimated sale; and

(d) the reasons for backlog of members
of SCs/STs/OBCs, the details of the efforts
made to resolve those reasons and their
current status?

National Policy on Biofuels

408. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
recently approved a National Policy on
Biofuels and if so, the details thereof along
with the objectives the policy seeks to
achieve;

(b) the total demand of crude oil in the
country that is met through imports and
whether the National Biofuel Policy will
reduce the dependence on imports by
10 per cent by 2022; and

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(c) whether Government has implemented the suggestions of the National Biofuel Coordination Committee and if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of PNG and CNG coverage in the country

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

(a) whether Government proposes to expand PNG and CNG coverage throughout the country;

(b) if so, the present status and distribution of PNG and CNG network cities therein;

(c) the plan details of Government to cover more districts and operational geographic areas thereof;

(d) the present status of foreign projects and the bilateral agreement between India and other countries on petroleum and gas sector thereof; and

(e) details of storage, terminal and progress of Paradip - Haldia - Barauni oil pipeline and Jagdishpur-Dharma project with present status of Indradhanush gas grid for North East therein?

Objections on oil and gas exploration survey

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

(a) whether any fishermen's union has raised objections towards oil and gas exploration survey in the Arabian sea near Mumbai and Konkan areas;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto

and the details of compensations that have been paid to the fishermen community; and

(c) how many oil and gas exploration surveys have been completed and success got so far during the last three years in these areas?

Gas connections in West Bengal under PMUY

411. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of all the connections provided in West Bengal under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY); and

(b) the names of the agencies which have given the connections?

Enhancing coverage under PMUY

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

(a) whether Government proposes to enlarge/enhance coverage target and incentivise better performing districts under PMUY, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(b) the main features of PMUY along with targets fixed/achieved and the number of free gas connections provided to women under the said scheme since its inception including funds allocated/utilised there under, State-wise; and

(c) the State-wise number of complaints regarding distribution/delay in providing gas connection to BPL families under PMUY by Government till date along with the

remedial action taken/being taken in this regard?

Status of National Gas Grid

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

- (a) the present status of National Gas Grid;
- (b) whether Government proposes to develop any additional kilometre to the National Grid to connect the eastern parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of petrol/diesel at reduced rates

414. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 285 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 2018 and state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to sell petrol and diesel to our citizens at the rate which it is exporting to other countries *i.e.* between ₹ 30 to 37 only;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the constraints therein?

Natural gas production and import

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

- (a) how much natural gas is produced in the country and what is the consumption of such gas in the country for the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) how much natural gas is imported, the details thereof; and

(c) what step Government has taken for new gas discoveries in the country to avoid dependence on imported gas and the details of discoveries made by ONGC and OIL during the last three years?

Deposit free LPG connections to poor women under PMUY

†416. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target to provide deposit free LPG connections to eight crore women of poor families under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is set to be achieved soon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the special measures being taken by Government for ensuring re-filling of cylinders by cent per cent beneficiaries under the above scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints under Direct Benefit Transfer on LPG cylinders

417. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that number of beneficiaries of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on LPG cylinders do not receive their subsidy amount in their bank accounts;
- (b) if so, the number of complaints received and resolved, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the effective measures taken/being taken by the Union Government to ensure regular and timely release of subsidy to the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) beneficiaries' bank accounts?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Connections and targets under PMUY

†418. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of distribution of LPG gas connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) as on December, 2018 and annual target of forthcoming three years; and

(b) the details of grant-in-aid for beneficiaries covered under the scheme and the per capital value of financial aid in rupees being provided?

Raising oil/gas production from ageing fields

419. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved financial incentives to attract investments and technology in raising oil and gas production from the ageing fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to increase the oil and gas recovery rate from the existing oil fields;

(d) whether private players would be encouraged for this purpose; and

(e) if so, how many parties have shown interest and in which area?

Storage capacity of oil reserves in the country

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

(a) the total capacity for storage of oil

reserves in the country to meet emergency situation, as of now;

(b) whether this reserve is sufficient enough to meet the emergency situation;

(c) if not, what is the plan of Government for increasing the storage capacity of oil reserves in the country and how this plan shall be executed in the near future; and

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed for increasing the oil storage capacity?

Skill development training for SCs/STs/OBCs

†421. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM : Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes trained by Government during the last four years and the number of persons among them who were provided with employment; and

(b) the details of the scheme regarding training and employment being provided by Government for the persons belonging to Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who have mastered in special skills of their traditional arts?

Youth trained in SDCs

†422. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise details and number of Skill Development Centres Opened in the country during the last four years; and

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(b) the total number of youth trained in these Development Centres so far and the youth targeted to be trained by 2020?

Skill development in tourism and hospitality sector

423. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of skilled youths in tourism and hospitality sector is quite low in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of skill development grant sanctioned for West Bengal during the last three years;

(d) whether Government is planning to increase the grant made available to States for skill development; and

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

Skill Development in Gujarat

†424. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to develop local talent and encourage entrepreneurship skill for unemployed women in districts of Gujarat so that they can be benefited effectively through the promotional schemes for small and medium industry;

(b) the details of efforts made in this direction; and

(c) the outcome of such efforts?

Implementation of PMKVY

425. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for skill training of the youth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) funds allocated, released and utilised *vis-a-vis* target fixed/achieved along with the number of persons benefited and employed under PMKVY since its inception till date, year and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey on benefit accrued to the youth due to PMKVY and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any grievance redressal system is proposed to be put in place to address grievances relating to implementation of the scheme and if so, details thereof?

Digital skill set training under 'Skill India' Mission

426. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started digital skill set training programme under the 'Skill India' Mission;

(b) if so, the number of people who have underwent training for learning digital skill sets under the 'Skill India' Mission so far, State/UT-wise details thereof;

(c) if so, the number of people who have been employed after undergoing digital skill training programmes under 'Skill India'?

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Mission so far, State/UT-wise details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of the collaboration by Government with technology companies for digital skill set training programme; and

(f) the other measures taken by Government in this regard?

Revamp of 'Skill India' scheme

427. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to revamp existing 'Skill India' scheme in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) details about the current status of achievements of the aforementioned scheme?

Skill development training camps for women in Maharashtra

428. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organised or contemplating to organise training camps for skill development for girls and women in Maharashtra; and

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

Skill development in Karnataka

429. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND

ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) total number of persons who have received skill development training in Karnataka, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of trained skilled persons who have got job/recruitment by the Central Government in the public/private sector in Karnataka, the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill development scheme in Bihar

†430. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training and employment were to be given to the unemployed youth under skill development scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unemployed youth who were imparted training and the number of youth who got employment out of them during the last two years in Bihar so far, the details thereof?

Declining Female Labour Force Participation

431. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) rate in the past four years;

(b) the reasons for such low FLFP rates;

(c) whether the lack of awareness of the skill development programmes run by

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Government has been hindering the growth in the FLFP rate;

(d) if so, what step has been taken by Government to spread awareness of the Government run skill development programmes; and

(e) how will the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) help in reversing the decline in FLFP?

Persons displaced due to setting up of Salem Steel Plant

432. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 3002 persons displaced due to setting up of Salem Steel Plant by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), employment to only 214 persons have been provided in the plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-line to provide employment to remaining persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Suspension of operations in Donimalai in Karnataka by NMDC

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

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

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

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

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

Modernisation and expansion of public sector steel plants

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

(a) whether Government has commenced/proposes to commence Modernisation and Expansion Programme (MEP) of various public sector steel plants including Bhilai Steel Plant in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, details thereof and estimated cost of modernisation and plant-wise allocation made therefor;

(c) whether Government has directed all public sector steel companies to make provision for energy efficiency and reduction in emission under their MEPs; and

(d) likely commencement and completion dates for modernisation of each such plant and steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for modernisation of said plants as per international standards and for implementation of National Steel Policy, 2017?

Getting international recognition for traditional textile

†435 MS. SAROJ PANDEY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any planning has been made to get international recognition for traditional textiles of the country like Banarsi, Chanderi, Kosa, etc.;

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(b) if so, the details of the planning; and
 (c) the increase recorded in the import of Indian traditional textiles during the last four years?

Developing jute-based sanitary napkins

436 SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed jute-based sanitary napkins as a biodegradable alternative to chemical-based sanitary napkins and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has performed or is aware of any study of advantages/disadvantages of such napkins over conventional ones and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has aided any private sector companies to manufacture these sanitary napkins and has provided incentives;

(d) the planned targets for jute-based sanitary napkins and current and expected benefits for jute growing farmers; and

(e) whether special incentives for companies are planned for jute-growing States like West Bengal?

Duty free access to neighbouring countries

437. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess the impact of duty free access status granted to neighbouring countries in textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether domestic manufacturers raised concern/objection on granting of duty free access to neighbouring countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response in this regard?

Transfer of land to BMRCL for metro construction

438. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether request from Government of Karnataka has been received in the Ministry for transfer of 9900 square metre of land belonging to Central Silk Board, Madivala, Bengaluru to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for metro construction; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and what steps Ministry has taken to transfer land to BMRCL?

Share of textiles in GDP

439. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) share of textile industry in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 2017-18;

(b) employment generated in the textile medium and small industries during the year 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(c) the details of the revenue generated by the textile exports between 2009-2018; and

(d) share of technical textile in the exports, between 2009 and 2018?

Welfare of handloom weavers

440. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the action taken by Government for the welfare of the handloom weavers of the country; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for the welfare of the handloom weavers during the period 2014-18, State-wise and scheme-wise?

Proposal to establish SEZs for textile manufacturers

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to establish Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for textile manufacturers only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the action taken/ current status of such proposal so far?

Promotion of tribal female scientists as Director in Central Silk Board

‡442. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tribal female scientist can be promoted to high level posts like Director in Central Silk Board;

(b) if so, the number of tribal scientists appointed against vacant posts of Director in the Central Silk Board during last four years along with the year-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of such appointments under consideration at present and the number of women belonging to Jharkhand out of these; and

(d) if tribal female scientists are not appointed against the posts of Director during the last four years the reasons therefor?

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