

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, December 27, 2017/Pausha 6, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and  
Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and  
Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel;  
Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Complaints of exorbitant fee charged by FDDI**

961. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the complaints regarding exorbitant fee charged by the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI);

(b) if so, the details of the fee charged by the institute since commencement of degree courses as well as average packages offered during campus placement, year-wise;

(c) whether any audit by CAG had been conducted during the last three years, if so, the details thereof along with major irregularities noticed therein and responsibilities fixed in those irregularities; and

(d) if so, remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to redress the grievances of the students?

#### **Export of tea to Chile**

962. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chile is a virgin market for tea where tea exporters are seeking entry leveraging the friendly relations between the two countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that India closed 2016-17 with exports of 222.9 million kgs of tea, which was nearly 5 per cent lower than 232.9 million kgs exported in 2015-16;

(c) whether the lacklustre international demand for tea had also contributed to the lower exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Exemption of unbranded food products from GST**

963. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has written to the Ministry of Finance to consider an alternative of GST Council's decision to exempt from GST the unbranded food products that are not registered under the Trade Marks Act; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in import of agricultural products**

†964. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rise in import of agricultural products and foodgrains;

(b) the details of various foodgrains imported during the last three years;

(c) the amount incurred on import of fruits and vegetables during the above period;

(d) the names of foodgrains the imports of which have been started during these years, their import rates thereof and the MSP fixed for these foodgrains in the country; and

(e) the details thereof?

**Slow growth of core industries**

965. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth of core sector in the country is in the negative since 2014; and

(b) if so, substantial development of the country as a part of global chain and the future of export market in global competitiveness thereof?

**Winding up of Tea Board in Kolkata**

966. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to wind up the Tea Board with its headquarters in Kolkata;

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

(c) whether the Central Government is aware that the Chief Minister of West Bengal has expressed her strong objection over the plan to wind up the Tea Board from West Bengal and to take away a crucial organization from the State;

(d) whether any discussion about the winding up process has been done with the Government of West Bengal;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Routing of tea output through auction system**

967. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board of India wants 100 per cent of the country's tea output to be routed through the auction system;

(b) whether the auction route is the most secure way of marketing;

(c) whether the auction measure introduced last year to improve price realisation, may not have achieved its objective;

(d) whether the trade and industry sources were not very happy with the proposal saying that the low tea prices were

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not directly linked with the amount being offered in auctions; and

(e) if so, the corrective steps proposed in this regard?

**New policy for development of salt manufacturers**

968. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come out with the new policy to develop salt manufacturers and for the industry; and

(b) the details of the welfare fund for the salt manufacturers and their families?

**Promotion of exports by MSMEs**

969. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotion of exports by MSMEs is part of Government's foreign trade policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the highlights of mid term review of foreign trade policy; and

(d) what are the policy changes contemplated based on this review?

**Progress of Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor**

970. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC);

(b) whether detailed master planning and engineering works for Krishnapatnam node of the corridor are finalized;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the status of development of Tumkur in Karnataka and Ponneri in Tamil Nadu for industrial development; and

(e) by when Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be created to grant functional autonomy and ensuring the projects move smoothly and without delay?

**Approval of FDI proposals**

971. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) average FDI proposals which came before Ministry for approval during last three years and current year, year-wise;

(b) whether many FDI proposals are pending with the Ministry for clearance and out of these 71 are put on fast-track;

(c) if so, details of each of the proposal put on fast-track and other details such as total amount of FDI, Indian joint venture, etc.;

(d) whether any joint review meeting with the administrative Ministry of the concerned FDI proposal was held;

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

(f) details of FDI proposals relating to Andhra Pradesh which are pending?

**Infirmities in manufacturing sector in the country**

972. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent report of 'Ease of doing Business' by NITI Aayog and the IDFC Institute has thrown up any serious infirmities in the manufacturing sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of policy framework being worked out thereon and what corrective measures are being initiated; and

(c) whether the beleaguered young enterprises in the manufacturing sector effectively mop up the growing labour force?

#### **Steps to overcome trade deficit**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports have drastically come down due to which the foreign trade deficit has reached an alarming level during the last six months of the current year;

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

(c) the names of countries with which India has registered favourable trade balance during the last three years and the current year, sector-wise and year-wise?

(d) names of those countries with which India has registered trade deficit during the said period, sector-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to overcome trade deficit?

#### **Failure of importers to import pulses**

974. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be

pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign exporters are seeking Government's help as Indian importers are reneging on contracts to import pulses;

(b) if so, the names of those countries which are mulling to take action against Indian importers;

(c) whether Government will frame regulations and monitoring on import of pulses; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Progress under 'Make in India' scheme**

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

(a) whether 'Make in India' scheme has progressed as per projections made in 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including major areas which have attracted the investors with sophisticated technology to set-up manufacturing units in the country; and

(c) the number of manufacturing units set-up so far, since the launch of the scheme?

#### **Incentives on export of labour intensive merchandise**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to increase incentives on export of labour

intensive merchandise other than garments and apparels; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor, duly considering that the step would help encourage employment generation?

#### **Policy to boost farm exports**

977. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to roll out a comprehensive policy to boost farm exports by facilitating access of agricultural products to global markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the sops and incentives being offered to the farmers to enable them to come forward for exports?

#### **Proposal from Rajasthan for marble clusters**

978. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan for development of marble clusters for promotion of marble industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to save the domestic marble industry and imports; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure competitiveness of indigenous marble industry?

#### **Stimulus to boost growth**

979. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any discussions with trade bodies and sectoral heads and industry about stimulus proposed to be given to boost growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts being made to export more value added goods and diversify the country's services basket; and

(d) how India is planning to push its goods and services with developed countries resorting to protectionist measures?

#### **Mismatch between exports and imports of agri-products**

980. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for mismatch between exports and imports of agricultural products since 2013-14 to last financial year;

(b) the reasons for consistent reduction in exports and steep increase in imports during the above period;

(c) details of each of the factors responsible for spurt in imports and reduction in exports;

(d) details of agricultural commodities that are normally exported and fluctuation of each of such product in the international market during the above period, month-wise and commodity-wise; and

(e) what innovative methods are being adopted by commodity boards such as APEDA, MPEDA Tobacco Board, Spices Board, etc.?

**Registered patents in the country**

981. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patents extended/registered in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the procedure for patent registration are tedious, causing many pending applications for patent registrations;

(c) if so, the number of applications pending during the last three years; and

(d) whether any remedial measures have been taken to simplify the procedure?

pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board of India took a delegation to the US to participate in the 63rd Summer Fancy Food Show;

(b) whether the US is beginning to emerge as an important market amid a Tea Board of India campaign to highlight the beverage as a health drink;

(c) whether tea exports to the US increased to 14.3 million kgs. in 2016-17 against 14 million kgs. a year ago with an increase in unit price; and

(d) whether the US was a 130 million kgs. tea market mainly serviced by Argentina?

**Central Government working with States to improve business climate**

982. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government took over 7000 steps, big and small to improve the 'ease of doing business' in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is working with all States to further improve the business climate;

(d) whether in the World Bank's latest 'Doing Business Report, 2017', India's place remained unchanged from last year's ranking of 130 among 190 nations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Tea export to USA**

983. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be

**Grant of patent for pneumonia vaccine**

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

(a) whether Government has approved grant of patent for pneumonia vaccine recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any objections have been received against grant of patent for pneumonia vaccine, before or after the grant of patent;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken on such objections;

(e) whether Government has any proposal to include pneumococcal vaccines in its universal immunisation programme; and

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

### **Decline in agri-exports**

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

(a) the details regarding trends in exports and imports of agricultural products in India during the last three years;

(b) whether country's agri-exports have declined during the last few months;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is taking any steps to facilitate greater access of farmers to the global markets; and

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

### **'Startup India' scheme**

†986. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of structure of the 'Startup India' scheme in the country along with the number of applications received, State-wise; and

(b) the status of approval thereof, the guarantee given against sanctioned amount and other assistance, status of grants-in-aid and actual status of implementation thereof under the said scheme?

### **Identification and protection of heritage**

†987. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many such countries in the world whose history is very short than that of our country

but the number of their protected heritages are much more in comparison to our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of protected heritages in the country;

(d) whether Government is working on any comprehensive action plan for the identification and protection of heritages; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Protection of heritage monuments**

988. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step during the last three years for protection of heritage monuments in the country;

(b) the details regarding funds allocated and actual expenditure for this purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether Government is considering to amend the law that accords protection to heritage sites in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Protection and development of historical sites under PPP model**

989. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for introducing Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model for protection and development of historical sites and monuments in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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**Historical monuments/temples in Maharashtra**

990. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical monuments/temples and other sites conserved by Archaeological Survey of India in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the total budgetary allocation made during the last three years and the current year in this regard and the year-wise details of funds utilised for this purpose;

(c) the details of revenue earned on account of the sale of tickets;

(d) whether Government has declared all monuments and sites to be polythene-free areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Pathetic condition of museums in Maharashtra**

991. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the pathetic condition of various museums in the country, particularly in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps taken to restore the glory of these historical institutions;

(c) whether it is a fact that "Eaitihasik Vastu Sangrahalaya" which is situated in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra for the last fifty years, has submitted their proposal for financial assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned to various museums including "Eaitihasik Vastu Sangrahalaya", Ahmednagar, during the

last three financial years and the current financial year, along with the amount spent and surrendered, if any?

**Removal of historical monuments from the list of heritage sites**

992. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to remove some of the historical monuments/sites from the list of national heritages;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the famous Taj Mahal has also been removed from national heritages list, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has received any representations requesting for not removing the Taj Mahal from historical monuments list, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Review of implementation of AP Reorganisation Act**

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

(a) whether a periodical review of implementation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 is being done by Government;

(b) how many reviews have been carried out so far;

(c) what is the present status of implementation of the Act; and



(d) whether there are any issue pending redressal between both the successor States?

#### **Atrocities on minorities and women**

994. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been atrocities on minorities and women during last three years;

(b) if so, number of cases of atrocities against these groups during these years;

(c) the numbers of deaths in such cases and numbers of those incapacitated; and

(d) in what manner Government has helped families of such victims?

#### **Convictions under POCSO Act**

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

(a) how many convictions have been made in last three years under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study on the challenges faced in dealing with crimes of child trafficking and child sexual abuse; and

(c) whether the inter-Ministerial report recommending for making a new law for prohibition of child trafficking and child sexual abuse has been published?

#### **Allocation under Central Victim Compensation Fund**

996. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be

pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated by Government for the Central Victim Compensation Fund under the Nirbhaya Scheme;

(b) the criteria adopted for providing compensation to the rape victims under this Scheme;

(c) how many rape victims have been compensated under this Scheme during the last three financial years and how many cases are pending for disbursement of the compensation; and

(d) whether any fixed amount has been earmarked for each case under this Scheme, if so, what is the amount?

#### **SC and ST prisoners**

997. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Scheduled Caste prisoners are in jails in the country;

(b) how many Scheduled Tribe prisoners are in jails in the country; and

(c) what is the number of convicts and undertrial prisoners in different age groups?

#### **Trafficking of Indian women in the name of marriage**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of trafficking of Indian women in the name of their marriages have come to light;

(b) if so, the action taken so far by Government in this regard; and

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

**Loss of lives and public property during agitations**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that loss of lives and public property during agitations are on the rise in the country despite guidelines framed by the Supreme Court;

(b) whether Government in consultation with the State Governments proposes to bring a law to fix liability on people for indulging in and abetting mob violence during agitations to protect loss of lives and public property;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Foreign funding of separatists in Kashmir**

†1000. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Investigation Agency (NIA) has found in its investigation that Kashmiri separatists who were indulging in stone pelting and promoting terrorism were being provided money from outside the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many Kashmiri separatists have been taken into custody by NIA in this case and their activities are being looked into; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**New law to control drugs suppliers**

1001. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for new law to control drugs suppliers and punish them effectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Safety of children in schools**

1002. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late incidents of sodomy, rape and killing of school children have increased in the National capital, NCR and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what action Government has taken in such cases and what action Government proposes to take to ensure the safety of children in the schools?

**Damage caused due to Ockhi cyclone**

1003. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damage caused and people lost in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Union Territory of Lakshadweep due to the recent Ockhi cyclone;

(b) whether special team has been sent to the respective States to assess the

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damage and the details of relief and rescue operations provided; and

(c) the details of grants demanded by various States for damage due to the cyclone and the response of Government thereto?

**Women undertrials and convicts in prisons**

1004. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise population of women undertrials and convicts in prisons in the year 2010 and 2017;

(b) the policies formulated for the rehabilitation of women undertrials and convicts in the country;

(c) the policies formulated for the education and care of children below six years staying inside the prison with their mothers; and

(d) whether any social security schemes are applicable to women prisoners, children housed in prison with their mothers and children of prisoners, outside the prison?

**Lynching of women in guise of witchcraft**

1005. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lynching of women in the guise of witchcraft is widely practised in rural areas of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of the number of such cases in the last three years;

(c) the support being provided to the survivors of such incidents; and

(d) what action has been taken against the offenders in these cases?

**Inclusion of languages in Eighth Schedule**

†1006. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the languages which are lying pending for inclusion in Eighth Schedule under Ministry/Departments at present;

(b) whether Chhattisgarhi language is also included therein and by when the final decision is likely to be taken on the languages under consideration for inclusion in Eighth Schedule; and

(c) whether Government would consider on time-limit for deciding a very important issue like language concerned with regional people, so that people may not have to bear unnecessary delay?

**Refugees granted long-term visa**

†1007. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken against refugees during the last three years and the number of refugees who were ousted during the above period;

(b) the number of such refugees who have been given long-term visa during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof?

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**Proposal to take over BCAS**

1008. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal by the Ministry to take over the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) from the Ministry of Civil Aviation;

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

(c) the measures taken to strengthen CISF at various airports to tighten security?

**User account data request**

1009. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of user account data requests sent by the Government to Google each year since, 2013, website-wise and agency-wise;

(b) whether Government has, in light of the Supreme Court judgement classifying the Right to Privacy as a Fundamental Right, enacted safeguards to increase oversight, particularly judicial oversight, of such request;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Compensation to States for natural calamity**

1010. MS. DOLA SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of damage or compensation Central Government has given to the affected States in case of flood or any other type of natural calamity; and

(b) whether any compensation has been given to the State Government of West

Bengal, in 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years, if so, what amount and in what respect, the details thereof?

**Change in strategies of criminals**

1011. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that, now professional killers are engaging very young boys for killing targeted persons, which poses a new challenge to police, and law and order of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to handle new situation arising out of the change in strategies of criminals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Illegal infiltration along Indo-Bangladesh Border**

1012. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had assigned the Border Security Force (BSF) in Indo-Bangladesh Border to protect the country from illegal infiltration;

(b) how many cases of illegal intrusions the BSF has reported in this sector during the past three years, year-wise;

(c) what instructions have been given to the BSF to follow when illegal infiltrators are detected; and

(d) whether any such actions have been taken during the past three years, if so, the details thereof, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cases of missing children**

1013. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases of missing children during last three years;

- (b) if so, the number thereof;
- (c) how many of them have been located and handed over to parents;
- (d) whether there has been any attempt to find out whether children begging on streets, etc. actually belong to elder people who possess them; and
- (e) how many such children have been retrieved and put in orphanages or given back to their parents?

#### **National Security Policy**

1014. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated a new National Security Policy for determining parameters as part of National security clearance;
- (b) whether these security parameters have been delegated to various Administrative Ministries removing these parameters from the purview of Ministry of Home Affairs and hence will not be vetted by the Department of Internal Security in the Ministry of Home Affairs, if so, the reasons for this unilateral delegation of authority; and
- (c) the details of all delegated cases after December, 2015 till date?

#### **Abolition of Article 370 and Article 35A**

†1015. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had promised to abolish Article 370 and Article 35A in Kashmir and to provide all essential assistance to the displaced

minorities after coming to power in the Centre;

- (b) if so, reasons for not fulfilling the promise; and
- (c) if not, Government's plan to abolish Article 370 and Article 35A and for providing assistance to the displaced minorities?

#### **Cases of violence and harassment against women**

1016. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been tremendous increase in the cases of violence and harassment against women during the last few months;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that some incidents of harassment against women have been taking place in the flights particularly in private airlines; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken/have been taken by Government for security and safety of women while travelling in flights as well as in other means of transport?

#### **Women in Jharkhand killed on ground of being labelled as witches**

1017. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of women are being killed in Jharkhand on grounds of being labelled as witches;
- (b) whether the number of reported deaths on this count has increased, the year-wise numbers for last three years; and
- (c) what steps have been taken by the Ministry of deal with this issue?

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**Strength of IPS officers in Punjab**

1018. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of IPS officers allocated to Punjab, as per last allocation made;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase its strength in view of it being a border State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Rules for disposing renting out of enemy properties**

1019. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any rules for disposing renting out of enemy properties;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to declare the legal sales undertaken by owners of enemy properties since 1968 as void?

**Cancellation of licences of NGOs due to bureaucratic error**

1020. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs whose FCRA licence has not been renewed since 2014;

(b) whether NGOs whose licence have been cancelled due to bureaucratic error *i.e.* confusion in names and addresses, etc. have a way of addressing their grievances in a simple and expeditious manner; and

(c) whether there is a way of

guaranteeing that registered letters and e-mails sent to Director, FCRA, on these matters, are responded to, and if this is not done, the action that can be taken against the officials responsible?

**Atrocities against SCs, STs and minorities**

1021. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken serious result-oriented steps to curb the growing menace of atrocities against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**People killed by various terrorist outfits**

1022. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of people killed by various terrorist outfits in the country during the last three years;

(b) the State-wise number of civilians who lost their lives due to terrorist activities; and

(c) the State-wise number of military, paramilitary and police personnel who lost their lives due to terrorist activities?

**Cases of mob lynching**

1023. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of cases of mob lynching in last one year;

(b) the State-wise total number of cases in which even an FIR has not yet been registered;

(c) the State-wise total number of cases in which accused have not yet been arrested; and

(d) the State-wise total number of cases in which accused are out on bail?

**Delay in communication regarding Ockhi cyclone**

1024. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government so far for rescue and rehabilitation of the affected people in view of Ockhi cyclone which originated in Indian Ocean and wreaked havoc in parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

(b) whether there was any procedural delay in communicating the impending disaster to the regional and local disaster management authorities after the detection of cyclone Ockhi by the Indian Meteorological Department on 29 November, 2017;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of communication of the cyclone alert by the NDMA to the State and district authorities?

**Amending Indian Evidence Act, 1872**

1025. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to amend Section 108 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, under which family of a missing person has to wait till seven years for person's return before she/he could be declared dead;

(b) whether Government is aware that

due to this Section of the Act, the families of fishermen who go missing in sea for a long time and possibly dead, suffer a lot, as this delays compensation and other benefits offered by Government; and

(c) if so, the details and measures taken/considered to be taken by Government to address this problem?

**Upgrading investigative abilities of State police**

1026. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees that the increased clamour for CBI probe reflects poorly on the State police force and their investigation methods;

(b) if so, what factors have contributed to this situation; and

(c) whether Government would take up upgradation of the investigative abilities of the State police and bring them at par with the CBI?

**CVCF under Nirbhaya Scheme**

1027. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) under the Nirbhaya Scheme is not performing well;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) how much amount the Centre has disbursed to each of the States to compensate sexual assault victims under the Nirbhaya fund till date;

(d) whether the Ministry has asked for any feedback from the States on how they had spent the Nirbhaya fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Minor girls and children trafficked and forced into begging**

1028. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the minor girls and children trafficked and forced into begging and illicit activities, if so, the State-wise details thereof especially for West Bengal;

(b) whether Government has filed cases against persons responsible for it, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has the knowledge that trafficking in some States are run in the form of cartels/organizations, if so, the details thereof?

**Population of Sentinelese in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

1029. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the exact population of the Sentinelese people in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) whether there has been any incident in the last three years where there have been attacks on the Sentinelese people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the welfare of the Sentinelese community?

**Security clearance to Pakistani nationals of Ahmadiyya community**

1030. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani nationals of the Ahmadiyya community who have

been granted security clearance to attend the 123rd 'Jalsa Salana' at Qadian in Gurdaspur district of Punjab from 29th to 31st December, 2017; and

(b) the details thereof?

**Ockhi cyclone in Tamil Nadu**

1031. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the State Government of Tamil Nadu regarding the financial packages needed to cater to the needs of the people affected by Ockhi cyclone;

(b) if so, the details of the Union Government's support rendered in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to expedite the release of requested funds to Tamil Nadu?

**Lack of border floodlighting along India-Bangladesh Border**

1032. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 628 kilometres of India-Bangladesh Border (IBB) is not floodlit;

(b) the measures taken by Government to fast track the floodlighting project along the India-Bangladesh Border;

(c) whether Government has considered providing long-range night vision equipment to border outposts, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of other measures taken by Government to improve the night visibility for border security personnel?



### **Status of Rohingya population**

1033. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people seeking refuge identified as Rohingya, who are currently staying in India and the details thereof;

(b) how does Government define the term 'illegal migrant' and the details thereof and criterion for the same;

(c) the number of cases registered against the Rohingya Muslims in cases related to terrorism and hawala transactions in the last three years; and

(d) the number of people who belong to Hindu religion, who are also identified as Rohingyas?

### **Personnel of paramilitary forces taking voluntary retirement**

†1034. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of personnel taking voluntary retirement from the service working in paramilitary forces since January, 2016 till date;

(b) whether Government often receives the complaints of mental stress among the personnel of paramilitary forces;

(c) if so, whether Government is taking steps/has taken steps to keep the personnel stress free so that they can discharge their duties with better proficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Relaxation in the guidelines on National Flag**

1035. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has pointed out on the compulsory standing up in the cinema theatres while playing the National Anthem, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has directed Government to look into the possibilities of relaxing the guidelines on National Flag;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### **Complaints of sexual harassment by women police personnel**

1036. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee on the Empowerment of Women in its Action Taken Report (2014) on the "Working Conditions of Women in Police Force" the Government maintains a State-wise record of complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace by women police personnel, including the number of complaints received, disposed of and the action taken against the implicated official(s);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Death of undertrials and convicts in prison**

1037. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertrials and convicts who died in prison in the last three years;

(b) the number of magisterial enquiries that have been conducted on these deaths;

(c) the number of enquiries that have been completed and their outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations made by the National Human Rights Commission in its 2014 report 'Suicide in Prison' and subsequent NHRC's Guidelines on Prevention of Suicide in Prison?

**Vacant IPS posts**

1038. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total short fall in the sanctioned IPS posts in various States and UTs of the country at present, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) by when the vacant IPS posts will be filled?

**Missing children rescued and handed over to parents**

1039. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many missing children have been rescued and safely handed over to their parents or kept in orphan centres from

different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has investigated the causes of increasing number of cases of children gone missing in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government to curb these cases?

**Revival of Khalistani elements**

1040. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the news that efforts are being made to revive Khalistani elements with backing from ISI;

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

(c) whether there is a plan/conspiracy to fan communal disturbance and destabilise the State by foreign spy agency; and

(d) if so, efforts taken by Government to neutralize and to deal with radical forces out to destroy peace and harmony in the State, in nexus with criminal gangs?

**ST status to six communities of Assam**

1041. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a Committee to formulate the modalities to grant Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to six communities of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has submitted its report; and

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

**Introduction of laser fencing at borders**

1042. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Border Security Force (BSF) will soon partner with IIT Bombay to find technology solutions for introducing laser fencing and detecting tunnels to secure Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard for securing border areas against attempts of illegal infiltration by terrorists and smuggling of various kinds?

**Increase in crimes against women as per data of NCRB**

1043. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes against women have increased by 2.9 per cent in 2016 over that of 2015 according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2016; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and what steps are being taken to reduce the crimes against women in the country?

**Damage due to Ockhi cyclone in Kerala and Tamil Nadu**

1044. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the loss of lives and property caused by the Ockhi cyclone that hit the Kerala and Tamil Nadu shores;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the compensation paid to the dependents of the fishermen who lost their life and equipments; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Union Government in the rescue operations and for relief and rehabilitation of the victims of the disaster?

**Liberalisation of rules governing small arms manufacturing**

1045. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rules governing arms manufacturing have been liberalised in an effort to boost the 'Make in India' initiative and create employment opportunities;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether this decision of Government is likely to attract foreign investment in this sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it has been made conditional for the small arms and light weapons produced by a manufacturer to sell the same to the Central Government or the State Government with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs; and

(e) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor?

**Validation of foreign contribution  
designated bank accounts**

1046. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sent a reminder to NGOs and associations that have failed to validate their foreign contribution designated bank accounts as well as utilisation accounts despite its instructions, on June 7, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had pointed out that non-validation of such accounts was causing problems for banks to comply with FCRA provisions; and

(c) if so, the response received from NGOs with regard to the said reminder sent by Government?

**Special Representative for dialogue  
with groups in J & K**

1047. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently appointed a Special Representative to start dialogue process with all groups in Jammu and Kashmir and carry forward the peace mission in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Special Representative has submitted any report in this regard and if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted?

**Girls from poor families sold to Arabs**

1048. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of India's slave brides from minority community are often destined for a life time of abuse and hardship in the Gulf nations;

(b) whether Government has made any assessment about the number of such innocent girls from poor families who were sold like commodities to Arabs and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has chalked out any programme to check such incidents and if so, the details thereof?

**Procession in Parliament Street**

1049. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of directives of National Green Tribunal, the Delhi Police has successfully evicted the agitators/protestors camping in the capital at Jantar Mantar to ensure free flow of traffic and pedestrian movement in the surroundings of Parliament;

(b) despite eviction of permanent agitators from Jantar Mantar, Delhi Police has been blocking the main artery of traffic, Parliament Street, to allow processions on day to day basis thereby disrupting traffic and forcing diversion *via* Gol Dak Khana roundabout; and

(c) whether considering the convenience of the public, Delhi Police will declare Parliament Street, out of bounds for any meeting/gathering or procession?

**Police force deployed on traffic duty  
in Delhi**

1050. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of police personnel that have been deployed on traffic duty in Delhi at present; and

(b) in view of fact that traffic is increasing day by day, what additions to the force are being planned for the future?

**Threat to territorial integrity of  
North-East States**

1051. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the apprehensions regarding threat to territorial integrity of North-East States due to final pact on Naga insurgency issue;

(b) if so, what are those apprehensions of the North-East States; and

(c) what is being done to allay these apprehensions?

**Introduction of new category of visas**

1052. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on introducing a new category of visas with a liberal framework for entrepreneurs and researchers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds allocated under BADP**

1053. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a Committee to identify gaps in basic infrastructure like roads and railways in borders areas of North-East;

(b) if so, the composition of the committee and its aims, objectives and mandate thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of funds allocated under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in the last three financial years thereof?

**Poor condition of tea garden labourers**

1054. SHRISANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of labourers working in the tea gardens in the country is reported to be in very bad shape;

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

(c) whether Government implements any scheme to pay sufficient compensation to dependents of labourers working in the tea gardens in the country;

(d) if so, details thereof and other measures including policy adopted, if any, for social and economic security of tea garden workers in the country; and

(e) total amount disbursed for such purposes by Government during the last three years and the current year?

**Returns from EPFO investments in ETFs**

1055. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is expecting good returns from the portion of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) amount it invested in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) based on Nifty 50, Sensex and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) indices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amounts and the companies in which Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has invested; and

(d) the details of returns it expects from these investments?

**Amendment in EPF scheme for buying homes**

1056. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will amend the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) scheme to enable around 4 crore members of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to withdraw upto 90 per cent of their fund for making down payments while buying houses;

(b) whether said amendment will also allow the EPFO subscribers to use their EPF accounts for paying equated monthly installments of home loans; and

(c) whether under the proposed provision in the EPF scheme, the subscribers would have to form a cooperative society with at least 10 members to avail of the facility?

**Unorganised workers' Social Security Act, 2008**

1057. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended Schedule-1 of Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 in order to add more social security schemes for unorganised workers as per the Act, the details of newly introduced schemes thereof;

(b) whether National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers has been reviewing and documenting registration of workers and expenditure under various schemes, the scheme-wise details of total number of beneficiaries and amount spent under schemes of Schedule-1 of unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 for last three financial years; and

(c) the data of registered unorganised workers, State-wise duly registered under Section 10 of the Act?

**Majithia Wage Board**

1058. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the recommendations of the Majithia Wage Board have not been implemented so far;

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

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

**Discrimination against women in paying wages in unorganised sector**

†1059. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in unorganised sector women are being discriminated in terms of remuneration as they are being given less wages than men for equal work;

(b) if so, whether it is a violation of Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 and if so, the steps being taken by the Ministry in this regard;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in view of the data maintained by the Labour Bureau so that equal wages for equal work could be ensured; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Silicosis deaths among labourers in Chhattisgarh and U.P.**

†1060. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the number of 'Silicosis' cases which came to light throughout the country in last three years and concrete steps taken to

protect labourers from dust, released by mines and factories;

(b) names of welfare schemes made for labourers working in mines and factories which cause Silicosis disease among them and the aid provided to such labourers in last three years under such schemes;

(c) number of deaths caused by this disease in Bemetara District of Chhattisgarh and in Uttar Pradesh in last three years; and

(d) funds released to Chhattisgarh for prevention of this disease in last three years?

**Educated unemployed in Maharashtra**

1061. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of educated unemployed persons at present in the country, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(b) the effective measures with Government to remove unemployment during the last one year to solve this serious problem?

**Employers' struggle to find workers with right skills**

1062. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:  
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has nearly 500 million workers but more than two-thirds of Indian employers report that

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they struggle to find workers with the right skills; and

(b) the details of any assessment for the said issue?

**High unemployment rate in comparison to other Asian countries**

1063. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has highest unemployment rate in Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the recent study of rating agency Care Ratings, employment generation in the country has not kept pace with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expansion; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and response of Government thereto?

**Rate of unemployment in labour intensive sectors**

1064. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of unemployment in 2011-12 and that in 2015-16; and

(b) the total number of jobs added in eight labour intensive sectors in 2015-16 as compared to the corresponding jobs added in 2011-12?

**Employment generation through labour intensive industries**

1065. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified labour intensive industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these industries have not fared well resulting in fall in employment generation;

(d) if not, what has been the share of these industries in employment generation; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to make them more responsive to employment generation?

**Assistance to people rendered jobless due to demonetisation**

1066. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding people who lost their jobs and went back to their home State post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any plan of Government regarding resettlement of these people, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intends to give monetary help to these people, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Migrant workers**

†1067. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in the country where the number of migrant workers from other States is highest at present;

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(b) whether the Central and State Governments have any programmes to improve their literacy/education and to ascertain better living conditions and healthcare facilities for them;

(c) if not, whether the Central Government will take steps in this direction; and

(d) whether the Central Government will help Governments of States like that of Kerala for introducing complete health insurance for migrant workers on the lines of national health insurance scheme?

#### **Job creation in core industries**

1068. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any status report is available about the jobs created in the core industries during the last three years;

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

(c) the ratio of formal (regular) and informal jobs among the jobs created;

(d) whether any target are set for job creation in these sectors in the coming years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Launching of PENCIL portal to eliminate child labour**

1069. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched a portal Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCIL) to eliminate child labour in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said portal will be monitored by different Ministries/ Departments/Organisations to take action against child and women trafficking and to prevent child labour in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Identification of workers in unorganised sector**

1070. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the method of identification of workers in the unorganised sector along with the details thereof;

(b) whether there are concerns regarding the quality and credibility of the data; and

(c) whether Government proposes to issue identification cards to workers in the unorganised sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Impact of demonetisation on unorganised sector**

1071. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the percentage of employment in the country in the organised and unorganised sectors;

(b) whether Government has made any effort to study the impact of demonetisation on the unorganised sector; and

(c) whether Government has made any plan to rehabilitate the labour in the unorganised sector that lost its employment due to demonetisation?

**Report on job loss for Monitoring  
Indian Economy**

1072. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the data released by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, two million jobs were lost between January and August, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that year-on-year basis, there has been an addition of 4 million jobs between January-April, 2017 period and 2 million jobs for May-August, 2017; and

(c) how the Ministry looks at this trend and what efforts it is making since monthly overall unemployment rate has been rising steadily since August, 2017, from 4.11 per cent in August to 5.68 per cent in October, 2017?

**Investment of PF money on REITs**

1073. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PF subscribers earn lower returns on their retirement corpus because of myopic and archaic investment rules that forbid investment of PF money in private equity, mutual funds and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs);

(b) whether EPFO has capped its equity portfolio to 15 per cent whereas world over there has been growing investments of public funds in REITs where too EPFO has capped its limit to 5 per cent of its investible corpus; and

(c) whether Government will allow workers to shift their mandatory savings from their wages and salaries to National Pension Scheme for better returns?

**Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan  
Yojana**

†1074. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) and achievements thereof;

(b) the number of industries/promoted employers promoting the creation of employment opportunities in Chhattisgarh since the very inception of the above scheme, and the industry-wise/area-wise number of beneficiaries thereof;

(c) the area-wise details of the funds provided by Government to Chhattisgarh to implement the above scheme and the funds used out of it; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken to create/promote the avenues of employment in the country?

**Opening of new ESI hospitals and  
dispensaries in Tamil Nadu**

1075. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open new Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals and dispensaries in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the total funds allocated for the same;

(c) the time by which such hospitals and dispensaries are likely to be established; and

(d) the current status of the new ESI hospitals and dispensaries planned to be established in Tamil Nadu?

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**Hospital proposals pending before ESIC in Karnataka**

1076. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is pending before the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to commission four hospitals at Shivamoga, Koppal, Bellari and Bidadi in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the status of each hospital proposal?

**Social security schemes for artisans**

1077. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion was made to explore ways to transfer the wages directly to the bank accounts of the artisans through Direct-Benefit Transfer (DBT), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to classify artisans as skilled labourers for the purpose of wage and other benefits; and

(c) whether Government is considering to expand the ambit of social security schemes for the artisans, if so, whether there are any budgetary provisions for the same?

**Job creation under PMEGP**

1078. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of job creation under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) by initiation of

Micro Enterprises and Small Projects in 2015-16 and that in the corresponding period of 2012-13; and

(b) the details thereof?

**Steps to encourage MSMEs**

1079. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the policy of Government in terms of thrust and priority among micro, small and medium enterprises segment;

(b) the efforts made in terms of allocation of funds and initiatives taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that some industries are on the decline and in distress despite the paramount purpose they are serving; and

(d) the special efforts being made by Government to encourage, micro, small and medium enterprises in the country?

**Udyami Mitra Portal**

1080. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Udyami Mitra Portal to enable MSMEs to list their projects and banks can compete to finance those projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that banks have also been advised to provide loans to the MSME projects without any hassles and if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of marketing complexes/  
khadi plazas**

1081. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is setting up marketing complexes/khadi plazas to expand the marketing network of Khadi and village industries products across the country particularly in Villupuram district of State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any provision to give prominence to the district specific products in the marketing complexes/khadi plazas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Schemes to promote MSMEs**

1082. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes launched to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector and operationalised in various States;

(b) the amount allocated and utilised by States under the said schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) whether there has been any delay in the implementation of these programmes;

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

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

**Increase in price of LPG cylinders**

1083. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in price of LPG cylinders both subsidized and non-subsidized, since August, 2017 till date;

(b) the reasons as to why Government is not extending the benefits of fall in price of petroleum products in international markets to consumers; and

(c) the details of profit booked by public sector oil companies due to crash in price of crude oil in international markets since 2014 till date, year-wise and company-wise?

**Supply of piped gas to eastern States  
under PMUG**

1084. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps Government is taking to provide clean natural gas to the eastern States including Jharkhand under the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga (PMUG) gas pipeline project;

(b) the details of all the proposed petroleum products' pipelines in Jharkhand; and

(c) the details of the budget and timeline to complete all petroleum products' pipeline projects in Jharkhand?

**Increasing PMUY target**

1085. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has provided 3.0 crore households with free

liquefied petroleum gas connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched a year ago;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to substantially increase the current PMUY target of reaching 5 crore beneficiaries by May, 2019; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Regulation of daily revision of petroleum prices**

1086. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Oil Marketing Companies plan to regulate the price of petroleum products on daily basis;

(b) whether the price of petrol and diesel has increased substantially during this period, even though the price of crude oil and exchange rate have been favourable, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to include petroleum products under GST, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sale of majority stake of ONGC**

1087. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is in the process of formulating a policy which paves the way for private players to pick up majority stake in oil and gas fields which ONGC is holding;

(b) whether henceforth ONGC would

be a minor stake holder in its own oil and gas fields and private players would have a major stake;

(c) if so, what are the reasons behind this and how it helps ONGC and the country; and

(d) why Government is acting in haste in taking away oil and gas fields from ONGC?

#### **Five rupees discount per LPG cylinder**

1088. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government to promote cashless system has announced ₹ 5 discount per LPG cylinder, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the LPG cylinders booked after this announcement was made, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government or the Oil Marketing Companies will bear this discount of ₹ 5 per cylinder, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of total expenditure incurred in this discount?

#### **Application from bidders for exploration of hydrocarbons**

1089. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received applications from bidders who wish to explore hydrocarbons in the country, details of the places to be explored under National Seismic Programme;

(b) whether Government has issued any licenses under the Hydrocarbon

Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) along with Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP), if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount of revenue earned by Government under the HELP during the year 2016-17, month-wise?

#### **Ban on use of petroleum coke**

1090. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to ban the use of petroleum coke throughout the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to curb import of petroleum coke;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what is the annual consumption of this petroleum product in the country; and

(e) out of the total consumption, how much is produced in the country and how much is being imported during the last three years?

#### **Augmentation of revenue proceeds due to increase in oil prices**

1091. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether revenue proceeds of the Union Government and the State Governments get augmented as a result of increase in petroleum prices;

(b) if so, the quantum of increase in revenue receipt of the Union and State Governments as a result thereof during each of the last two years; and

(c) the quantum of such increase at Central and at State levels during the said period?

#### **Import of Petcoke from the US**

1092. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US oil refineries are exporting dirty and harmful fuel - Petcoke in vast quantities to our country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto indicating how much of such harmful fuel has been imported from the US during the last three years;

(c) whether Government is considering to restrict the import of such hazardous products to the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Status of implementation of PMUY**

1093. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana;

(b) the details of LPG connections demanded by various States since implementation of PMUY, State- wise;

(c) the details of LPG connections issued to BPL families since implementation of the Scheme, State- wise;

(d) the details of LPG connections issued to APL families since implementation of the scheme;

(e) whether the Ministry is finding it difficult to implement the scheme in view of financial crunch and has asked the Ministry of Finance to release additional ₹ 5,000 crores for PMUY; and

(f) if so, reasons for delay in releasing money by Ministry of Finance?

**New petrol pumps and gas agencies for SCs/STs in Jaipur**

1094. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for establishing new petrol pumps and gas agencies for SC/ST category in Jaipur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Introduction of 5/10 kg LPG cylinder**

†1095. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to introduce 5 kg or 10 kg LPG cylinders in the market for sale;
- (b) if so, the details of such scheme; and
- (c) by when Government is going to launch this scheme in the market?

**Development of integrated oil and gas zones**

1096. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has devised any new initiatives and policies for the development of integrated oil and gas zones in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the list of such special zones created during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has chalked out any comprehensive strategy to

reach self-reliance in oil and petroleum sector and to reduce import of oil and petroleum products;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total expenditure incurred during the last three years, year-wise for import of oil and petroleum products from various countries, particularly the US and UAE?

**Utilisation of CSR funds of oil PSUs for construction of statue**

1097. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed oil PSUs to pay ₹ 200 crores out of their CSR funds for construction of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel statue at Kevadia in Narmada district of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, under which activity in Schedule-VII of the Companies Act, 2013 are these contributions covered therein; and
- (c) how much funds have the oil PSUs contributed under their CSR funds for the construction of the statue thereof?

**Private training centres under 'Skill India' scheme**

†1098. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

- (a) the number of training centres in

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private sectors permitted to conduct skill development programme to make youth skilled under the 'Skill India' scheme in Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, the district-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has received such complaints wherein such centres are running on papers only;

(c) the details of the action taken so far on these centres; and

(d) whether the degree/diploma from ITI and 'Skill India' have equal recognition?

#### **Memorandum of Cooperation with Japan**

1099. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:  
SHRIMATI VANDANA  
CHAVAN:

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

(a) whether Government has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Japan for a 'Technical Intern Training Programme', if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the selection of interns will be done to implement the programme;

(c) whether the programme guarantees jobs to the interns, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government will provide financial assistance to the selected interns; and

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

#### **Training of youth in Punjab**

1100. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any grant/fund for Amritsar city in the State of Punjab under Skill Development Programme since 2014, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of youth trained under Skill Development Programme in that State, city-wise during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

#### **Training and certification by SSCs**

1101. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the sector-wise training and certification done by various Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has consulted the SSCs on the issues in skill development;

(c) if so, the details of the major issues that need to be addressed for skill development;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to launch a project involving the SSCs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the skill development targets and salient features of the project?



### **Jobs to youth under PMKVY**

1102. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youth who have received jobs under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana(PMKVY); and

(b) the total number of youth who have retained jobs received under the above mentioned scheme?

### **Exclusive captive mines to RINL**

1103. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether RINL has reported huge loss during the last financial year *i.e.* 2015-16;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is for the first time that RINL has reported loss in 13 years;

(c) if so, what are reasons behind this loss and how Ministry is planning to overcome this;

(d) whether one of main reasons behind this is not having an exclusive captive mine to RINL and RINL has been demanding for the same over the years; and

(e) if so, what are reasons for not allotting a mine to RINL?

### **Administrative reforms to achieve objectives of the Ministry**

1104. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any new and specific policy initiative after

June, 2014 to achieve the overall objectives of the Ministry, if so, the details of these initiatives and what is the overall impact of these initiatives; and

(b) whether Government has introduced any major administrative reforms specifically to achieve the objectives of the Ministry in its functioning after May, 2014 and if so, the details thereof and what has been their impact?

### **Preference to domestically produced iron and steel**

1105. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give preference to domestically produced iron and steel in Government purchases in a bid to buoy the industry that has been complaining of pressure from cheap imports from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that cheap imports and depressed demand have also impacted the finances of several steel companies which in turn are finding it difficult to repay loan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **National Steel Institutes**

1106. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many National Steel Institutes are there in the country, State-wise;

(b) out of those, how many are so far upgraded to National Centre of Excellence with the status of deemed university;

(c) whether the upgradation to certain such institutes are pending for not obtaining feasibility report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which the upgradation will be over?

**New steel plants on surplus land of PSUs**

1107. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to set up new steel plants on surplus land available with Public Sector Undertakings by forging partnership with the private sector to help more than double the steel production capacity to 300 million tonnes by 2030;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present the steel production capacity is 126 million tonnes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a joint venture by SAIL with a private sector to set up a 5,000 crore rupee auto grade steel plant may be finalised shortly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Foreign tourist arrivals in Jharkhand and Gujarat**

1108. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how much growth has been witnessed in tourist inflow in India during the current year;

(b) the details of foreign tourists who arrived in India during the last three years, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(c) the revenue earned therefrom along with its impact on Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;

(d) whether Government has started new tourism projects and has provided special package to State Governments to attract more tourists; and

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

**Development of five exclusive tourism zones under PPP mode**

1109. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of 1,50,000 hotel rooms fuelling a surge in hotel room rates across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up five exclusive tourism zones in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move; and

(e) whether Government has finalised the sites for the proposed zones, if so, the details thereof?

**Development of tourism infrastructure in Punjab**

1110. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposal from the Punjab Government during the last one year for development of tourism infrastructure projects;

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

(c) the funds released by Government during the last three years to the Punjab State Government in this regard for various projects?

**Sensitisation about sexual harassment at workplace**

1111. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 is applicable to all police forces in all States and security forces under the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) has been set up in all such cases, if so, the details of number of complaints received, number of complaints resolved and pending, number of security force/police personnel prosecuted on account of sexual harassment;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of training conducted for police and security forces personnel for sensitisation about sexual harassment at workplace?

**Share of employment and foreign exchange from tourism**

1112. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the share of tourism in generating employment and foreign exchange in the country;

(b) the trends in this regard during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to

boost employment and foreign exchange earnings by the tourism sector in India; and

(d) the details of the segments of the tourism sector which have accelerated in generating employment and foreign exchange during last three years?

**Public Sector organisations under the Ministry**

1113. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many public sector organisations are currently functioning under the Ministry of Tourism; how many of them are making financial losses for at least a decade, whether there have been any structured efforts to convert them into profit-making organisations in the last three years; what are the details of such efforts and what has been their impact; and

(b) whether there have been any efforts during the last three years to further motivate the employees of these organisations to convert them into profit-making units; the details thereof and what has been their impact?

**Development of spiritual circuits in the country**

1114. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked State Governments to expedite work on the development of spiritual circuits in several parts of the country;

(b) whether Government has identified 13 theme based circuits across the country;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether Government will fund development of the spiritual circuits and State Governments concerned will be entrusted with their maintenance;

(e) whether many State Governments have identified land for the circuits and sent a proposal to Government; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

**Scheme for assistance to State Sports Federations in the Country**

1115. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Scheme for assistance to the State Sports Federations in the country, particularly to Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance given to these States?

**Policy for identifying and developing new and young sports talents**

1116. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to bring in new policy measures for identifying and developing new and young sports talents in the country;

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

(c) whether the existing policy measures have been helpful in finding the sports talents who are hidden in rural areas unaware of Government's support to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Ill treatment faced by Indian girls hockey team in Australia**

1117. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian girls hockey team participating in Pacific School Games in Australia faced ill-treatment recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

**Initiatives to encourage rural sports activities in the country**

1118. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to encourage rural youths and sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any special focus has been taken to encourage women sportspersons in the country?

**Proposals for development of sports activities in Chhattisgarh pending for approval**

†1119. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) scheme-wise details of the proposals received from Chhattisgarh and estimated expenditure involved therein for the development of sports activities during the last three years;

(b) details of the proposals pending for approval and reasons therefor;

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(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for the disposal of these proposals;

(d) whether prolonged delay in implementation of these proposals affects the development works and their cost gets escalated; and

(e) if so, steps being taken by Government in this regard and in which ways Government accommodates such cost escalation?

**Setting up of sports academies/  
training centres under PPP mode**

1120. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:  
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS

AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the "Khelo India-National Programme for Development of Sports" in the country;

(b) whether the said programme has provisions for setting up of sports academies/training centres under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and released under the said programme since its inception, State/UT-wise especially in Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) the details of projects undertaken under the said programme, State/UT-wise?

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*Secretary-General.*

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