

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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**(Ministries : 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

Impact of demonetisation and GST on key industrial sectors

1761. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether the demonetisation and the
implementation of Goods and Services Tax
have badly affected key sectors like
manufacturing, exports, imports and
construction industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any
statistics regarding revenue generation
from these sectors in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of revenue
generation during the last twelve months,
month-wise?

Decline in SEZ share in exports

1762. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Special
Economic Zones (SEZs) in the total
exports is decreasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete step is being
taken to address it; and

(d) if so, the year-wise details of total
output of SEZs reported during the last
three years?

Steps to bring down trade deficit

1763. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will
the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade
deficit has increased three fold;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise detailed break-up of
exports and imports over the past two years
and the current year; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken
by Government to bring down the trade
deficit in the future?

**Status of mega-regional FTA with Asia
Pacific Nations**

1764. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and development of proposed mega-regional Free Trade Agreement with the other Asia Pacific Nations;

(b) the result in generating employment through Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) programme during the last three years thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government and achievements on liberalising trade policy under the FTA programme thereof?

**Shutting down of the office of
DGS&D**

1765. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has initiated the process of shutting down the more than 100 year old Government procurement arm, the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the public procurement is being managed by Government's e-market platform since last year;

(d) whether before closing DGS&D, Government has to decide upon issues to do with manpower, land and office spaces of the said Directorate; and

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

Balance of trade

1766. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total imports made by the country, including oil imports, in percentage and figures, in June, 2016 and that in June, 2017 along with total exports made by the country during the said period; and

(b) whether balance of trade of the country has improved in the year 2017 as compared to 2016?

Review of Foreign Trade Policy

1767. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any review of the current Foreign Trade Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the findings of the said review and the details of effective measures being taken by Government on the basis of the outcome of the said review?

Export of processed food

1768. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food processing industry has contributed in enhancement of exports from the country;

(b) if so, the details of annual growth rate of export during the last three years;

(c) the quantum and value of processed food exported by these companies during the last three years;

(d) the names of countries to which the processed food is being exported; and

(e) the incentives being given to the exporters of processed food?

Factors affecting bilateral trade with Pakistan

1769. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major factors affecting bilateral trade between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether under WTO Agreement India has accorded the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan but Pakistan has so far not reciprocated;

(c) whether, in view of (b) above, it is a fact that bilateral trade is affected due to restrictions placed by Pakistan on imports from India; and

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

Measures to bridge trade deficit with China

1770. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any stringent measures to bridge the gap in trade deficit between India and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and total value of imports from China during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 and the current year till date;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan to provide adequate policy support and facilitation to indigenous industries to combat the dumping of Chinese products in Indian Domestic market;

(d) if so, the details thereof and

Government's stand on this serious issue; and

(e) the list of Chinese products, raw and finished goods dumped and dominated in the domestic markets in India?

Increase in tea exports

1771. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact India's exports of tea have increased by 4.6 per cent in volume in the first seven months of the year 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two countries where Indian tea has made major inroads were China and Sri Lanka;

(c) whether it is also a fact that export of tea to Egypt, Ukraine and Kazakhstan has also increased in this period; and

(d) whether the increase in export of tea was due to the results of the expositions and delegations that Tea Board had facilitated?

Checking of export items at Attari-Wagah check post

1772. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of exporters of vegetables and other perishable items to Pakistan through Attari-Wagah check post have been facing a lot of difficulties in exporting their goods as it is held up in the quarantine department and not allowed to go further in the market;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the number of trucks carrying such items

has come down to 100 from 250 trucks daily; and

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan and if so, with what results?

Impact of 'Make in India' initiative on leather sector

1773. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

SHRI P. L. PUNIA:

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

(a) whether 'Make in India' initiative has helped in creating new jobs and increasing foreign investment in the leather sector, year-wise details of FDI inflow and new job creation during last three years;

(b) whether 'Make in India' initiative has addressed continuous downfall of Indian leather industry in last two years, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry was consulted before finalizing newly introduced Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulation of Livestock Markets) Rules, 2017;

(d) if so, the details of points discussed; and

(e) if so, whether Ministry informed concerned authority about its consequences and adverse impact on leather export?

Loan relief package to coffee growers

†1774. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether coffee growers have

received the benefit of loan relief package approved in 2010, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether coffee growers are presently being provided the benefit of loan relief package;

(c) if so, the State-wise number of such farmers who received the above benefit from financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider waiving loans given to coffee growers after 2014-15, if not, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of rules for services trade

1775. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to bring down barriers to trade and enhance the capacity to engage better with the global trading network; and

(b) whether Government is taking any step to introduce rules for services trade to ensure special and differential treatment for developing and poor nations?

Fall in pharmaceutical exports

1776. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for fall in pharmaceutical exports as well as its impact on domestic growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sector's outbound shipments dipped 0.01 per cent in

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2016-17 compared to an increase of 10 per cent in 2015-16;

(d) whether the prime reason for weak exports were price erosion in generic market in US due to consolidation among customers *i.e.* the distribution channels, increase in competition, absence of blockbuster drugs going off patent and regulatory issues faced by Indian pharma companies; and

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

Improvement in 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings

1777. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has improved its rankings in 'Ease of Doing Business';

(b) whether Government has received feedback from the corporates of foreign countries in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Logistics unit for exporters

1778. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on a proposal to set up a separate logistics unit to deal with the issues including rising costs that are impacting global competitiveness of exporters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no single department to look at all the aspects related to logistics covering various modes of shipment such as sea, roads and railways; and

(c) if so, the proposed set up and how far it will help the exporters to address these issues?

NCAER report on favourable investment destination States

1779. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has recently released a list in its report on most favourable investment destination States in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the report;

(c) details of criteria adopted in ranking the States for investment;

(d) details of domestic and foreign investment that each of the States have been able to attract during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(e) whether Andhra Pradesh slipped down by eight places as far as economic climate is concerned; and

(f) if so, reasons therefor?

Unveiling of new Industrial Policy

1780. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of unveiling new Industrial Policy is on the cards;

(b) if so, how the new Industrial Policy is outcome-oriented and job-oriented; and

(c) how the policy addresses the upward trend in automation leading to job losses and disproportionately slower growth in job creation as compared to growth output?

Opening of Industrial development centres

†1781. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of industrial development centres opened in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the State-wise details of amount provided by the Central Government to State Governments for the establishment and working of these development centres during the last three years; and

(c) the State-wise number of said centres to be opened by Government in future in the country?

Loss in tea output of Darjeeling tea gardens

1782. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's estimate of the loss in tea output (both in quantity and value terms) of various Darjeeling tea gardens on account of over 100 day work stoppage between June and September this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that during this period exporters substituted tea from Nepal in place of Darjeeling tea and that tea drinkers abroad have now developed a preference for Nepalese tea; and

(c) whether this will result in a long term loss of competitiveness (both in price and reputation) and what steps the Tea Board is taking to counter this decline?

Andaman Cellular Jail

1783. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian revolutionary was deported to Andaman Cellular Jail twice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Cellular Jail properly mentions and displays the life and revolutionary activities of the said revolutionary; and

(d) whether this particular revolutionary finds a proper place of honour in the 'light and sound' programme of the Cellular Jail?

Historical places/monuments protected by ASI in Chhattisgarh

†1784. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical places/monuments protected by Archaeological Survey of India in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of such places/monuments encroached upon;

(c) whether Government is considering to adopt stringent measures to prevent encroachment of these places/monuments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to solve this problem?

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Promotion of indigenous art and craft in the country

1785. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what initiatives have been taken by Government to promote indigenous art and craft in the country;

(b) if so, how many beneficiaries have been identified under these initiatives in past three years; and

(c) how much funds have been allocated for the same?

Establishment of separate Telugu Academy in Andhra Pradesh

1786. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after three years of bifurcation of united Andhra Pradesh (AP) into two States, Telugu Academy has not been divided between the two Telugu States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of the academy as on date and the reasons for delay in bifurcation even though it was mentioned in the AP Reorganisation Act; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for its early division and establishment of separate Telugu Academy for Andhra Pradesh?

Monuments protected by ASI

1787. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of monuments in the country which are

currently protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(b) what is the criteria for declaring a monument as ASI protected?

Protection of Undavalli Caves in Andhra Pradesh

1788. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Undavalli Caves in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh are on the verge of dilapidation due to non-maintenance even though they are under centrally protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, how Government is taking steps to protect and preserve these caves;

(d) whether there is a plan with either Central or State Government to develop these caves as a tourist destination, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount spent on maintenance of these caves during last three years?

Special scheme for protection of cultural heritage

†1789. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme is operational for protection of cultural heritage under the Ministry of Culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Punaaura Dham, the birth place of Sita, located in Sitamarhi has been included as a cultural heritage site under the scheme of protection of cultural heritage;

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(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether there is any proposal to bring Punaura Dham site under Cultural Heritage Protection Scheme?

Dilapidated condition of monuments/heritage sites in Maharashtra

1790. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of monuments/heritage sites are in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the list of identified sites, in dilapidated condition, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken to restore/renovate the historical monuments, especially in Maharashtra?

Modernisation of regional offices of ASI

1791. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several regional offices of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are grappling with shortage of funds to modernize themselves;

(b) whether there is shortage of technical staff also to preserve the monuments;

(c) whether the Ministry of Culture has taken necessary steps for modernizing as well as providing sufficient staff to the regional ASI offices with laboratory facilities and technical manpower; and

(d) if so, by when this modernization programme will be completed and technical staff will be made available at each regional office?

Development of Buddhist/Tibetan culture

1792. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial support to NGOs for undertaking various programmes for propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/Tibetan culture/tradition, etc. in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposals received from Himachal Pradesh during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(c) the details of approved/pending proposals received from Himachal Pradesh during the above period and the funds allocated/released/utilised, project-wise; and

(d) by when the pending proposals are likely to be approved along with the reasons for pendency?

Miserable condition of old aged artists and scholars

1793. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the old aged artists and scholars in the country are leading a miserable life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has introduced any scheme for betterment of old aged artists and scholars in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released/utilised in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise?

Historical sites in Jharkhand

†1794. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified twelve sites of historical, artistic and cultural importance in Jharkhand; and

(b) the names of national historical heritage sites which are being renovated in the current financial year and which are to be renovated in the year 2018-19?

Renewal of FCRA licenses of NGOs

†1795. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently directed the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) financed by foreign countries to apply for renewal of their FCRA licenses, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise number of Non-Governmental Organisations that have applied for renewal of their licenses;

(c) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations that have been held unqualified for registration under the FCRA and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the number of Non-Governmental Organisations permitted to receive foreign funding has been continuously declining during the last three years and the current year?

Pakistani Hindus granted long term visa

1796. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani Hindus who have been granted long term visa;

(b) whether they will be eligible for PAN, Aadhaar number and be allowed to purchase property in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Incidents of insurgencies and communal clashes during election time

1797. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment with regard to the incidents of insurgencies and communal clashes in the country during election time; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Persons arrested for kidnapping children

†1798. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the gender-wise details of children went missing in the country in the last three years;

(b) whether the number of missing children is on the rise year by year particularly in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(c) the number of persons arrested for kidnapping and forcing children to do various illegal works; and

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(d) the year-wise details of recovery of children who went missing in the said years?

Area Suraksha Mitras

1799. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Area Suraksha Mitras' introduced as force multipliers for the police has considerably helped in reducing the crime rate;

(b) whether Government would consider introducing all women volunteers for such activities like Area Suraksha Mitras; and

(c) whether Government would consider evolving a coordinated effort for the orientation of the Area Suraksha Mitras to enable them to effectively participate and at the same time entrust the police of various States to spread the same in their areas?

**Annual programme issued by
Department of Official
Language**

†1800. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the pattern in which Government would implement the annual programme issued by the Department of Official Language and in the event of non-compliance with reference to previous year 2016, the action taken against different Departments?

Molestation of girl students by security forces in Chhattisgarh

†1801. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of molestation of girl students by personnel of security forces had come to light during a 'Raksha Bandhan' programme organised in Government residential school at Palnar village under Kuakonda Police Station in Dantewada district in naxal-affected Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far in this case?

**Officers of SSB selected for
Commando Course**

†1802. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers from Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) selected for 12th Commando Course who are on deputation with South Delhi Municipal Corporation;

(b) whether all the officers, who are posted on deputation have joined course;

(c) if any officer has not joined, by when he has been asked to do so; and

(d) the details of action taken thereon?

Arms licenses on the basis of forged documents

†1803. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of getting arms licenses on the basis of forged

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documents have come to light in different parts of the country including Jammu and Kashmir;

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

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

Cases of targeted killings in Punjab handed over to NIA

1804. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government has handed over the cases of targeted killings in the State to the National Investigation Agency (NIA); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Rohingya Muslims in the country

1805. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rohingya Muslims present in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that some people are providing illegal accommodation and giving Government scheme cards to Rohingya Muslims; and

(c) if so, the action taken against those providing help to Rohingyas?

Dedicating thirty per cent of police personnel for operations against Maoists

1806. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States

were asked to dedicate at least thirty per cent local police personnel to participate in operations against Maoists with the Central forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments had expressed their inability to provide such huge component of police force due to shortage of manpower; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

E-integrating police stations through CCTNS

1807. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much delayed Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) that seeks to e-integrate the country's 15,000 police stations and create a national crime and criminal database has been rolled out nationally;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as many as 13,775 of the total 15,398 police stations across the country are now entering 100 per cent data into the CCTNS software; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that it is a big step towards digitization and integration of crime and criminal records?

NCRB data on crimes in Delhi

1808. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the recent NCRB data regarding increase in incidents of crimes in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the situation; and

(c) the details thereof?

Preparedness for dealing with natural calamities

1809. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is ready at present to deal with any kind of natural calamity like earthquake and Tsunami;

(b) what is the level of country's preparedness to deal with such challenges; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard during the last three years?

Provisions of Article 244A in Assam

1810. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) why are the provisions of Article 244A of Constitution of India not applied in the State of Assam despite demands for the same from the tribal people of Assam; and

(b) whether it is not a violation of the Constitution as the provisions of Article 244A are not applied anywhere in the country at present?

Extension of Sixth Schedule to tribal areas of Manipur

1811. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission to Review the Constitution under the Chairmanship of Justice M. Venkatachaliah had recommended for extension of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India to the tribal areas of Manipur;

(b) whether Government had assured to extend Sixth Schedule to tribal areas of Manipur in the past;

(c) if so, whether Government intends to implement these recommendations and assurances; and

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

Facilities to freedom fighters

1812. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters of the country are still alive and how many of them are getting freedom fighter's pension;

(b) what are the other facilities/privileges provided to the freedom fighters;

(c) whether Government is providing any facility, financial assistance *e.g.* pension, health care assistance and free transportation, etc. to the living family members of the late freedom fighters, if so, the details thereof and whether Government would consider to do the same?

Scheme for modernisation of Central and State police forces

1813. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has brought in any scheme for the modernisation of Central and the State police forces;

(b) if so, whether the scheme covers the aspects of improvement of capabilities and efficiency including proficient communication skills; and

(c) what is the financial outlay of the entire scheme and whether it will be divided between the Centre and the respective States or it will be funded and managed solely by the Centre only?

Emulation of J&K model for Maoist affected States

1814. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the security agencies to emulate the Jammu and Kashmir model to Maoist affected States and initiate intelligence based operations against the top Maoist leadership;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a growing presence of Maoists at the Kerala-Tamil Nadu-Karnataka tri-junction;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these three States were asked to step up operations against Maoists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sources of funding of naxalism and terrorism

†1815. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalism and terrorism have really suffered a blow following demonetisation, as it was claimed;

(b) if so, how; and

(c) if not the sources of funding of naxalism and terrorism and information available with Government in this regard, the details thereof?

Discontinuation of SIS

1816. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) has been discontinued by Government, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that several targets of the scheme are still unachieved, if so, how those targets are to be achieved now?

Installation of Full-body truck scanner at ICP Attari

1817. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the long delayed process for the installation of two Full-body truck scanners (FBTS) at ICP Attari, Amritsar;

(b) the progress of the construction of covered shed for the handling of hazardous cargo entrusted to CPWD on 26 July, 2016 at ICP Attari, Amritsar;

(c) the progress of the work of open yard flooring for the storage of loose cargos which has also been entrusted to CPWD on 26 July, 2016 at ICP Attari, Amritsar; and

(d) the details of other proposed, sanctioned and ongoing projects for the development of ICP Attari?

Cases of crime against women in Haryana

1818. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of rape, harassment

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and other atrocities against women particularly against girl children have increased in various parts of the country including Haryana during the last one year;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases registered separately, accused arrested, convicted, cases solved/unsolved and conviction rate achieved, crime-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether steps have been taken to improve the conviction rate of such cases; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to prevent such cases in future along with the details of advisories issued to the States and Police Departments in this regard?

Militant activities in J&K

1819. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISIS has started pursuing a nefarious game plan to turn Muslim majority areas in J&K into a caliphate as per video issued by militant commander Zakir Musa and his Taliban-e-Kashmir unit;

(b) whether Government has made any assessment about the number of such militants in the Valley;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many Talibani militants have been eliminated so far and by when the entire group is likely to be neutralised?

Women prisoners in the country

1820. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:
SHRIMATI VANDANA
CHAVAN:

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; and

(b) the policies framed and steps taken by Government to reduce the population of women prisoners in prisons in the country?

Greyhound Training Centre

1821. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Greyhound Training Centre at Hyderabad is still serving both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States or has become training centre for the State of Telangana as per the provisions of Section 9 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act;

(b) whether a similar state of the art training centre has been established Andhra Pradesh, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has provided any financial assistance to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States for setting up new operational hubs if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether personnel distribution in various forces like Octopus and Greyhound has been completed in the States?

Legislation to substitute death by hanging

1822. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court of India has recently asked Government to bring legislation to substitute death by hanging with a more humane method, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

cancellation of licenses, if so, the details thereof?

Fake currency smuggled from Bangladesh

1823. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake currency of 2000 rupee notes are being smuggled from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details of such fake currency seized during the current year; and

(c) whether Government is aware that Bangladeshi syndicates have started using paper smuggled from Saudi Arabia and Malaysia to match the paper used by India to manufacture new 2000 rupees notes and if so, whether the matter was taken up with the Government of Bangladesh and if so, the outcome thereof?

Filing of annual returns by NGOs

1824. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs are registered in the country which are getting foreign funds in various fields and how many of them are registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and how many of them have filed annual returns during last three years, till date;

(b) the total amount received by each of them during the above period, year-wise;

(c) how many of them have been served notices for failing to file annual returns; and

(d) whether penalty has been slapped on defaulter NGOs including notices for

Illegal trade between India and Pakistan across LoC

1825. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Investigation Agency (NIA) has come across huge illegal trade between India and Pakistan across LoC to fund terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, suitable steps being taken by Government to check such trade activities?

Funds for flood relief and Ockhi cyclone

1826. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu had sought any Central funds for the relief measures after the floods caused by monsoonal rains during November, 2017 and for Ockhi cyclone; and

(b) if so, the details of relief amount sanctioned and released by the Central Government to the State Government of Tamil Nadu?

Increase in amount of annual allocation as per new SDRF norms

1827. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the amount of annual allocation proportionately as per the increased provision in new SDRF norms;

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

Funds granted for natural disaster relief

1828. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times Central assistance has been granted to States each year for natural disaster relief in the last three years;
- (b) the total amount of funds granted in each instance of natural disaster relief; and
- (c) the total amount available each year for Central assistance to States in natural disasters during the last three years?

Children forcibly taken away

1829. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children, below 18 years, forcibly taken away during last two years in the country;
- (b) how many of these children were in urban areas and rural areas;
- (c) the number of boys and girls among them;
- (d) how many have been retrieved; and
- (e) how many are in child welfare homes?

Motor vehicle accidents in the country

1830. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of motor vehicle

accidents in the country up to October 31, 2017;

- (b) the number of fatal accidents among them;

- (c) the number of deaths and people incapacitated; and

- (d) the number of accidents and deaths on National Highways?

Construction of Border Outposts (BOPs) along India-Bangladesh Border

1831. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that of total sanctioned 326 Border Outposts along India-Bangladesh Border, only 97 were completed as on December, 2016;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the implications for increase in cost of projects from such time overruns;
- (d) the measures taken by Government to overcome these delays; and
- (e) the status of construction of BOPs along the India-Bangladesh Border considering that its revised target date of July, 2018 is nearing?

Amount of flood relief

1832. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of flood relief released to States since 2014;
- (b) whether Government has received the report of the State Government of West Bengal estimating the damages to the flood affected districts in West Bengal;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Centre in providing flood relief under Prime Minister's National Relief Fund and other schemes; and

(d) the details of the relief released to other States affected by floods in 2017?

Increase in crime against SCs/STs

1833. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crime against people from the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) has increased in year 2016 as compared to 2014 as revealed by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report for 2016;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such cases reported in 2016 with the percentage change over the year 2014; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check the crimes and atrocities against SCs and STs in the country?

Increase in sexual crimes in Delhi

1834. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sexual crimes have increased sharply in Delhi as compared to other cities;

(b) the number of sexual crimes reported since January, 2017 till date;

(c) whether sharp increase in sexual crimes are against the motive of Beti Bachao programme of Government; and

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

Awareness among policemen regarding misuse of social media

1835. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government has asked the State Governments to initiate legal action and sensitize police force regarding the Blue Whale challenge;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is lack of awareness among policemen regarding misuse of social media;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Union Government has asked the State Governments to train police officials at district and police station levels to handle such crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in crime graph of Delhi and NCR

1836. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crime graph of murder, rape, theft, burglary, etc. in Delhi and NCR is increasing by leaps and bounds for the last three years;

(b) what kind of measures have been taken by the Central Government in co-ordination with Delhi Government to eliminate such crimes; and

(c) the number of crime cases solved by Delhi Police and number of convictions of criminals during the past three years, year-wise?

Security along porous eastern border with Bangladesh

1837. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has stepped up security along its largely porous eastern border with Bangladesh and is using chilli and stun grenades to block the entry of Rohingya Muslims fleeing from Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Border Security Force had pushed back to Bangladesh the Rohingyas who tried to cross over to India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New border posts for ITBP force

1838. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal for fifty temperature controlled posts along the India-China border for ITBP jawans who now guard the Himalayan heights in sub-zero temperatures;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has announced several measures to boost capabilities of the force;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to build new border posts for the ITBP force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-filing of returns by NGOs

1839. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of

repeated reminders, many NGOs had not filed their annual returns under FCRA and rules made thereunder;

(b) if so, the details of the NGOs who are yet to file their annual returns and for how many years they have not filed returns;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to make amendment in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act to make it more stringent in penalizing for failure in filing of returns;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal migration from Bangladesh

1840. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Muslims from Bangladesh have illegally crossed over into the North-East Region due to the porous India-Bangladesh Border;

(b) whether Government has any plan to seal the porous India-Bangladesh border to arrest such illegal migration; and

(c) what kind of preventive measures have been taken by Government to stop such illegal migration into Indian territory?

Creation of more battalions for CRPF

1841. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to create more battalions for the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CRPF has any proposal to conduct recruitment drive all over the

country for recruitment to various posts in CRPF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when such recruitment drive is likely to be conducted?

Fencing on India-Pakistan border in Gujarat

1842. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plan to erect fencing on India-Pakistan border at Banaskantha, Patan and Kutch in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of National Security Commission

1843. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has abided with the Supreme Court Judgement to set up a National Security Commission for selection of Police Chiefs and guarantee their tenure, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is planning to set up Police Establishment Board to decide service related matters of police officers, the details thereof?

Promotional benefits in CAPF cadre

1844. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the promotional benefits in CAPF cadre are

reserved for the IPS cadre, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, why CAPF cadre gets only one or two promotions in a career of roughly 35 years, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to increase promotion levels of CAPF cadre officers, the details thereof?

Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty Bill

1845. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh passed the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty Bill, 2015 in 2015 and sent to the Ministry in 2016; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the Bill is still pending with the Ministry and by when the Ministry would facilitate getting approval of this Bill from the President?

Funds to Punjab under BADP

1846. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been released to Punjab under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) to meet the special developmental needs of the people living in border areas in the last three years and in the current year, year-wise; and

(b) the details of funds spent in the last three years under BADP under various sectors like education, health, agriculture, social sector, skill development, etc. for the people in the border areas?

Use of technology to optimise police functioning

1847. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of initiatives have been taken in the last three years for encouraging use of technology to optimise police functioning;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to sensitize States in this regard; and

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose in the current budget and how much has been spent so far?

Budget allocation for police modernisation

1848. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government in the last three years for the modernisation of police force in the country; and

(b) the details of the budget allocation in the financial year 2017-18 for the police modernisation, State-wise?

Disappearance of girls from Maharashtra

1849. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year, 2000 small girls are disappearing from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the precautionary measures Government is taking in this regard; and

(c) how operation 'Muskan' is helping to resolve this issue?

Accurate data of employment in the country

†1850. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the details of precise data about employment in the country and the number of employment provided by Government of India during the last three years; and

(b) reaction of the Ministry about the views expressed recently by Chairman of Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister that there is no precise data about employment in the country, and the steps being taken by the Ministry to provide correct and precise data?

Social security for contract workers/labourers

†1851. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is considering any draft to provide social security to contract workers/labourers engaged across the country, so that their sense of insecurity could be mitigated;

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(b) whether the Ministry proposes to provide facilities to contract workers/labourers by bringing them under the International Convention of Social, Economic and Cultural Rights, 1996;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministry has any data regarding the number of contract workers/labourers?

Safety of women involved in beedi rolling

1852. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to ensure the protection of women and children from hazardous health effects of beedi rolling;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to create awareness among women regarding hazardous effects of beedi rolling;

(d) whether there is any State specific training given to grass root level workers about harmful effects of beedi rolling;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken for welfare of women engaged in beedi rolling?

Safeguarding rights of home-based workers

1853. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to

envisage a policy to govern and protect the rights of home-based workers in the country;

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

(c) the details of welfare measures implemented in the last three years with respect to home-based workers?

Threat to employment due to automation and digitization

1854. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether automation and digitization is the main reason for unemployment in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and plans to deal with this situation;

(c) whether Government has identified areas which need to be kept free from automation and digitization; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to promote labour-intensive industries the most and popularise the products therefrom to generate employment opportunities?

Unemployment and retrenchment due to decline in exports in various sectors

†1855. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the sectors along with textile sector in which decline was recorded in exports in the year 2015-16 and the extent of decline recorded in exports from April to September in the year 2016;

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(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of labourers have suffered retrenchment especially in textile industry due to decline in exports;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to save the labourers from unemployment?

Review of existing labour laws

1856. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing labour laws under consideration of Government for revision;

(b) the details of the reasons for revision; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this direction?

Shortage of doctors/nurses in ESIC hospitals

1857. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service rendered by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals to its beneficiaries/patients is not satisfactory due to the shortage of doctors/nurses in the hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of vacant posts of doctors and nurses in the hospitals, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for filling up the said vacancies along with the time by which they are likely to be filled up?

Setting up of national employment exchange

1858. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create national employment exchange in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would create employment exchanges for overseas jobs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures to reduce unemployment in the country

1859. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to reduce unemployment in the country during the last two years; and

(b) the number of jobs created during the last two years?

Safety audit of factories

1860. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of safety audit of factories is continuing; and

(b) if so, the State-wise updated status of safety audits conducted?

Creation of new jobs

1861. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any details about the total number of new jobs generated during the last three years;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the new schemes announced by Government failed to create new jobs for the unemployed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government proposes to take to reverse this trend?

Monitoring mechanism for implementing Maternity Benefit Act

1862. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that women are being forced to sign contracts waiving benefits offered under Maternity Benefit Act as amended in 2017, especially in private sector, if so, the details of complaints received;

(b) the year-wise and State-wise number of complaints filed under Section 21 of the Act and employers convicted, 2014 onwards;

(c) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for the effective implementation of the Act, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether monitoring responsibility would be given to National Commission for Women (NCW) or the State Women Commissions with specific mandate?

Simplification of labour laws

1863. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to simplify/make the labour laws in the country more flexible and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether various trade unions have raised concerns/opposed the said move of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the labour reforms in the country?

Benefits after the death of employees

†1864. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allowances given to nominated persons in case of death of employees of private limited companies/factories and the time taken in this regard;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that even after two years of the death of employees of Stork Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., 38 kilometer, N.H. 8, Beharampur Road, village and post office Khandsa, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 and despite submission of all the relevant documents nominees have not got any allowances so far;

(c) if so, the action taken/being taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

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Mining accidents

1865. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fatal accidents which have taken place in mines across the country during the last three years, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of workers who have lost their lives in such accidents in both Government and privately-owned mines;

(c) what extra benefits are given to the families of such deceased workers to help them to tide over the crises; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

Participation of female labour

1866. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the female labour participation in India is very low with, only 27 per cent of total labour force being women, the steps taken by Government to increase the women in labour force; and

(b) the schemes/measures taken or to be taken by Government to impart skill to women in the sectors with fastest growth such as banking, telecom and core sectors as these are dominated by men?

ILC recommendation on scheme workers

1867. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

45th Indian Labour Conference (ILC) had recommended that the 'scheme workers' working under various Government schemes like Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS), Mid-Day-Meal, Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), etc. must be recognized as workers and must be paid minimum wages and social security benefits including pension; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the stand of Government regarding its implementation?

Numbers of workers engaged in domestic and unorganised sector

†1868. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise details of number of workers engaged in domestic and unorganised sectors;

(b) number of workers engaged in domestic and unorganised sector who are getting benefits of Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeewan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and the number of workers which are still out of coverage of these social security schemes, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intends to formulate a national policy for workers engaged in domestic and unorganised sectors, salient features which are to be included and by when it is planned to be implemented, details thereof?

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**Schemes for the workers of
unorganised sector**

†1869. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run by various Ministries for the workers of unorganised sectors, the details thereof;

(b) the details of budgetary allocation and the amount spent on said schemes during last three years;

(c) the details of beneficiaries under the schemes and target set thereof; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries getting benefitted from insurance schemes during the last three years?

**Survey to ascertain the number of
employees laid off by private
companies**

1870. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the number of employees laid off from private companies having more than 100 employees in 2017, particularly textiles, banking, IT and telecom sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of laid off employees, State-wise;

(c) if not, whether Government would conduct any survey in this regard in view of large scale laying off by companies and alarming job situations in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Generation of self-employment

†1871. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the self-employment generation is a better and concrete means of employment generation in the country;

(b) whether the Central Government in the past had not paid due attention to self-employment;

(c) whether a number of programmes and schemes were launched for self-employment generation by the NDA Government at "Centre after 2014; and

(d) whether a large number of youths have got employment in the country as a result of said programmes and schemes?

Misuse of funds collected

1872. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General has reported that the funds collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 was being used to purchase laptops and washing machines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in how many States such instances were noticed; and

(d) whether there are any stringent guidelines by Government to put these funds to proper use?

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**State Social Security Boards for
unorganized sector workers**

1873. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have not constituted State Social Security Boards for unorganized sector workers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, in how many States these are operational; and

(c) the number of unorganized workers registered, State-wise and the schemes implemented for their welfare?

**Special scheme for the welfare of
female workers**

†1874. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special scheme for the development and welfare of female workers in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any important steps have been taken for the development and welfare of female workers under this scheme during the last three years, if so, the major achievements thereof and the details of achievements and steps taken, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether any facilities are being provided to female workers after their retirement under any scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Job creation in diverse sectors

1875. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to ward off criticism about jobless growth post demonetisation, Government has initiated moves to spur job creation in diverse sectors like police, elementary schools, railways and aanganwadi centres where presently over two million vacancies exist;

(b) whether it is estimated that there are over six lakh vacant Central Ministry posts and anticipating similar openings with the States, around two million jobs could materialise; and

(c) whether India had a workforce of 473.6 million in Financial Year 2012, of these 230 million were in agriculture and 240 million in industry and services?

Employment in unorganised sector

1876. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people are employed in the unorganised sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this number has been decreasing over the years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) the measures being taken to move people from the unorganised sector to the organised sector?

**MSMEs facing difficulty due to
implementation of GST**

1877. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are reportedly facing difficulties due to various reasons after implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the small and medium entrepreneurs have raised concern over the impact of the GST on MSMEs and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard to boost the growth of MSMEs in the country?

Higher rate of petrol and diesel in the country

1878. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether petrol and diesel prices in India are costlier than Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of price of petrol and diesel in the month of September, October, November and December, 2017, country-wise along with price thereof in Mumbai and Delhi?

Allowing private firms' stake in ONGC oil fields

1879. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

is planning to approach the Cabinet for allowing private firms to take participating interest in ONGC oil fields; and

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

Potential for petroleum availability in Manipur

1880. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has found potential for petroleum availability in Manipur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the plans of Government to extract petroleum in the State;

(c) whether any such project would be economically viable, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the pattern of revenue sharing if any such project comes in the State either through public or private enterprises?

Linking of Indians settled abroad to Ujjwala Plus Yojana

†1881. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in order to provide LPG to poor families proposes to link Indians settled abroad to Ujjwala Plus Yojana;

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

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

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Representation by All India Petroleum Dealers' Associations

1882. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether All India Petroleum Dealers' Association represented to Government to fulfil their demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issues have been amicably settled with the Association, in the public interest, so that there is no strike by petroleum dealers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to boost piped gas consumption

1883. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the steps taken to boost piped gas consumption in the country, both in rural and urban areas;

(b) the incentives being provided to distribution companies to attract and to expand their network in the country, for clean and safe fuel;

(c) the details of cities and towns where piped gas is being provided and the percentage of coverage in each city/town in the country, as on 1st December, 2017; and

(d) whether any target has been fixed for providing piped gas connection in the country, if so, the details thereof?

'Hydrocarbon Vision 2030' for North-East region

1884. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has come out with a 'Hydrocarbon Vision 2030' for North-East region;

(b) if so, the details of aims and objectives of the vision policy and the salient features therein;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Bangladesh for supply of hydrocarbon gas thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to fulfil the vision and action plan to achieve the target thereof?

PNG connections in Odisha

1885. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of area/districts in the State of Odisha which have been connected with Piped Natural Gas (PNG) so far;

(b) whether Government is planning to extend PNG connection to the entire State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the target time-period framed for this purpose?

Specific policy initiative of the Ministry

1886. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any

new and specific policy initiatives after June, 2014 to achieve the overall objectives of the Ministry, if so, the details of these initiatives and 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, if so, the details thereof and what has been their impact?

Kakinada Petrochemical Project

1887. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and Government's assistance in evolving the ways to expedite the construction of Kakinada Petrochemical Project in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has come forward and proposed to the Ministry to share the expenditure on providing infrastructure facilities of the project by the Ministry and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh on 70:30 basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any decision in the matter, if so, the details thereof?

Consumption of oil and gas

1888. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of petroleum and natural gas in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the percentage of this consumption being produced indigenously?

Aadhaar for receiving subsidised LPG

1889. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aadhaar is mandatory for receiving subsidised LPG;

(b) whether this has led to reduction in leakages leading to savings, if any, if so, the year-wise and State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of methodology used to assess reduction in leakages and calculate savings?

Increase in domestic gas production

1890. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's decision to double natural gas prices from April, 2014 was to incentivize domestic gas production;

(b) if so, the year-wise increase in domestic gas production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

(d) whether Government has implemented recommendations contained in the Rangarajan Committee to put in place a mechanism to make sure production costs are not unduly inflated by contractors;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of CNG filling station in Kheda district

1891. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan

to open CNG filling station in Kheda district in Gujarat by GAIL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government proposes to set up the CNG station in Kheda district?

Move to bring petroleum products under the GST

1892. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that petrol and diesel are not covered by the GST;

(b) whether it is a fact that if petrol and diesel are brought under the GST, the price of petrol and diesel would come down considerably;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has moved any proposal before the GST Council to consider bringing petrol and diesel under the GST; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gas cylinders for rural and urban households

1893. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 77 per cent of the total households have been provided with gas cylinders;

(b) if so, the percentage in rural and urban households separately; and

(c) what is the definition of a household, rural and urban, under the Ujjawala Yojana?

Sale of 60 per cent stake of ONGC and OIL

1894. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) plans to sell a 60 per cent stake in 15 hydrocarbon blocks — 11 of ONGC including Kalok, Ankleshwar, Gandhar and Santhal, the four big oilfields in Gujarat and four of Oil India Ltd. as part of plan to increase output;

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

(c) whether ONGC is opposing privatisation of its 11 hydrocarbon blocks and proposes to firmly oppose/take legal steps if DGH proposes the policy to sell 60 per cent stake in the company's hydrocarbon fields and is taken forward?

Training under RSETIs

1895. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by Government in the country for skill development amongst the youth;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and utilised for each of the above said schemes during the last one year;

(c) the total number of people provided training, State-wise including Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of people trained under the Rural Self Employment Training

Institutes (RSETIs) programme during the last two years and the current year and the credit linkage/financial assistance, if any, provided during the said period, State-wise?

Key components of SANKALP and STRIVE schemes

1896. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the status of skill development in Karnataka;

(b) the key components of Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) and Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) schemes;

(c) how it is different from Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY); and

(d) the details of projects submitted by Karnataka under the above two schemes and the status of such projects?

De-affiliation of ITIs

1897. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has de-affiliated hundreds of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) recently;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to maintain quality standards in all the ITIs in the country?

Training centres for domestic workers

1898. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are around 50 million domestic workers helping in household works in the country;

(b) whether they are categorised as skilled or unskilled workers; and

(c) whether the Ministry will consider opening training centres for such domestic helps in their interest and in the interest of their employers?

Approval of two new skill development schemes

1899. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved two new skill development schemes recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives for starting these two schemes;

(c) the amount earmarked for these schemes; and

(d) the time by when these two schemes will be made operational?

Ecosystem for entrepreneurship development

1900. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding steps taken to create favourable ecosystem for development of entrepreneurship;

(b) the details regarding steps taken for facilitating access to entrepreneurship ecosystem components, including credit, research, information platform, etc.;

(c) the amount allocated for entrepreneurship development during the last three years; and

(d) whether any State-wise physical goals or financial allocations have been made during the last three years, if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Rajasthan?

Training institutes in Jharkhand and Gujarat

1901. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how many training institutes have been established to impart training for skill development in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of various programmes being conducted by these institutes including in Jharkhand and Gujarat during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether these training institutes provide campus placement facilities also; and

(d) if so, the State-wise number of persons provided employment by these institutes during the said period?

Establishment of polytechnic colleges in Chhattisgarh

†1902. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polytechnic colleges established in Chhattisgarh under the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM), district-wise; and

(b) whether Government proposes to co-operate with global education providers in order to improve the quality of education, if so, the details thereof?

Redesignation of Diploma Engineers in SAIL

†1903. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued the directions for providing designation of 'Junior Engineer' to the "Diploma Engineers" working in SAIL and formulating a promotion policy on the lines of Central Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) if so, the date on which these directions were issued and whether the action has been taken in accordance with directions or whether the compliance with directions still remains pending; and

(c) the reasons behind its pendency and

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by when the Ministry would take steps according to the directions?

Increasing sale of steel in domestic market

1904. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn any comprehensive plan to increase the sale of steel in domestic market in view of the thrust being given on infrastructure, housing and smart cities projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of project specific strategy that SAIL has adopted or is going to adopt to target the construction sector?

Reasons for loss incurred by RINL

1905. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a team visited the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) to look into the modalities of listing of RINL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for disinvesting a Navratna company when it is performing well;

(d) what are the reasons for RINL incurring losses in the last two years and what efforts the Ministry is making to turn the tables; and

(e) to what extent not providing captive mines to RINL is contributing to its losses?

Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism Management

1906. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism Management (IITTM) has recommended the creation of Special Police Force with uniforms sporting Incredible India Logo, for the safety of tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Tourist Police will be administered by the Union Government or the State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether tourism sector is creating employment in conformity with tourism policy which is expected to almost double in a decade; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for development of tourism destinations in Amritsar

1907. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated for the development of tourist destinations in the year 2016-17 for Amritsar district in view of Amritsar being a very important tourism destination where around two lakh tourists visit daily to pay homage at Golden Temple, Jallianwala bagh, Durgiana temple and other tourism and religious destinations; and

(b) the the quantum of funds allocated and sanctioned for the development of tourist destinations in the year 2017-18 for Amritsar district?

Setting up of five Special Tourism Zones

1908. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up five Special Tourism Zones in partnership with States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount earmarked for tourism development in the past three financial years and the amount spent, year-wise and up to 1 December, 2017;

(c) the progress of circuits development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and PRASAD Scheme along with State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether any focus has been laid on development of eco-tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu

1909. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any Rural Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu since the inception of the Scheme in the year 2014-15;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds earmarked under this scheme for the State of Tamil Nadu since 2014-15?

Foreign tourists visiting India during peak and non-peak seasons

1910. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during peak and non-

peak seasons during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government is considering to lower visa fees in lean season;

(c) whether Government has made publicity of tourism at world level through their centres and offices in the foreign countries and if so, the details of the foreign countries thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to make the country a year round destination for tourists from all over the world?

Incredible India 2.0 Campaign

1911. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's spiritual and wellness traditions will form the highlights of Incredible India 2.0 Campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the incredible India 2.0 Campaign will focus on developing at least 10 cities where it will promote their spirituality quotient and also develop their medical and wellness potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tourism destinations affected by prostitution

1912. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourist destinations are getting affected by sex tourism and prostitution;

(b) if so, key reasons for the same; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to

address the problem both socially and by enforcing the law?

Tourism Circuit in Tamil Nadu

1913. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to develop Trichy - Pudukkottai - Shivganga - Rameshwaram - Thoothukudi - Tiruchendur - Tirunelveli - Kanyakumari as Tourism Circuit in Tamil Nadu pursuant to identification by National Level Consultant (NLC);

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds earmarked by Government for this purpose and the status of the project as on date?

Decrease in foreign tourist arrivals

1914. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arrival of foreign tourists have considerably decreased during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, month-wise and country-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan to attract foreign tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when those measures are likely to be implemented?

Promoting medical tourism

1915. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country

is among the fastest growing medical tourism destinations of the world; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to promote medical tourism in the country?

Opening of new sports schools and colleges

1916. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to open new sports schools and colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has empanelled Central PSUs for construction of indoor sports halls at block level under Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the PSUs empanelled, ongoing works and proposed works in Karnataka, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

Stipend for sportspersons

1917. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken a decision to provide a stipend for sportspersons as pocket expenses allowance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the list will be prepared by Government or the players have to apply themselves for getting such allowance, the details thereof?

Annual sports festival in Manipur

1918. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that an annual sports festival is organised in Manipur in March every year which helps immensely in nurturing sports talents and popularity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State has developed abundant human resources in the field of sports and the festival is one of the biggest contributing factors for such a sports ambience in the State;

(c) whether Government would consider to extend support to the organizers of such sports festivals, through any scheme or programmes; and

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

Criminalising of drug use in sports

1919. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian athletes who have tested positive for drug use, sport-wise during the last two years;

(b) whether Government plans to bring out a legislation criminalising doping in sports;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has a rehabilitation plan available for sports-persons recovering from drug abuse;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

CSR funds for promotion of sports in rural areas

1920. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funding by corporates towards sports is negligible, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of corporate and private funding to sports during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and sector-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes making it mandatory to spend a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for promotion of sports in rural areas of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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