

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 : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Space; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions -- 160

Atomic Energy based economy

481 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's net-zero commitment through coal phase down will include an increased emphasis on atomic energy generation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government currently has a plan to shift from a coal-based economy to an atomic energy based economy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has recently conducted any studies to understand the feasibility of such a transition; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Plan to build nuclear reactors

482 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government in partnership with the private sector has any plan to build the required number of nuclear reactors for country's clean energy;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of wastes generated from Atomic Energy Plants

483 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of atomic energy plants in the country and the details of various steps taken to use the wastes generated from it and the details of various other new initiatives planned;
- (b) whether these initiatives are being implemented properly so that its harmful impact on living beings can be prevented; and

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

Target for nuclear power generation

484 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target for generating nuclear power has been lagging;
- (b) if so, the target for nuclear power generation fixed during the last decade and achieved;
- (c) the reasons, if any, for not achieving the target; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to boost the generation of nuclear power and to achieve the target?

Declaration of Paika Bidroha as the first war of Independence.

485 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of State Government of Odisha to declare the Paika Bidroha as the first war of India's Independence after 200 years of this historic event is pending with the Ministry; and
- (b) when will Government declare the Paika Bidroha as the first war of Indian Independence to honour the martyrs like Jayee Rajguru and all other brave Paikas who laid down their lives in 1817 war of Independence?

Development of Iconic Sites

486 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated action to prepare a comprehensive master plan for the development of five Iconic Sites located in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu with special budgetary allocation during 2021-22 to serve as models;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the major items of works to be executed on these sites; and
- (c) whether other sites would be identified for development as Iconic Sites in future, if so, the details thereof?

Vacancy in ASI

487 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 30 per cent of posts under various grades are vacant which must be at the cost of responsibilities attached to Archeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) if so, the details of vacant posts falling under promotion and direct recruitment quota, post-wise;
- (c) the time period by which promotion quota posts under each category are likely to be filled; and
- (d) the reasons for keeping the promotion quota posts vacant when DOP&T 2017 guidelines exist to undertake an exercise to draw a panel of departmental officers through DPC in anticipation of vacancies in the preceding year itself for timely promotion of departmental officers?

Maintenance of antique items

488 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) the standards regarding maintenance and safety of various museums and antique items kept in these museums of the country;
- (b) the amount spent on maintenance and safety of various museums and antique items kept in those museums of the country in the last three years, and (c) the details thereof?

Centrally Protected Monuments in Karnataka

489 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) the name and number of forts and other Centrally protected monuments which have been declared as of national importance in Karnataka, Circle-wise;
- (b) the amount allocated to State by Government for the maintenance of these sites during the last three years and the amount utilized, thereof; and
- (c) the number of new monuments and sites under consideration of Government to be declared as Centrally Protected monuments along with the details thereof?

National Mission on Cultural Mapping

490 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken a National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) of the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 75 villages have been identified for this purpose on pilot basis;
- (c) if so, the details of villages identified, State-wise, with a particular reference to Karnataka;
- (d) details of database that Government is planning to build under the above mission; and
- (e) progress of mapping villages and details of plans to achieve mapping of 5,000 villages by 2021-22?

Changes in Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension

491 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any kind of changes in the distribution of 'Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension' (KSNP) being given to senior artists and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of artists receiving pension declined or increased due to these changes and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of senior artists, residing in Tamil Nadu, receiving 'Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension' during the last three years along with the number of artists whose proposals are under consideration; and
- (d) artists whose names have been deleted from KSNP, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Infrastructure Development in North East region

492 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Development of North Eastern Region** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and spent on the construction of roads and railway lines in the North-Eastern States during the last five years, year and State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the details of Railway and road projects sanctioned in the last five years and its current status;
- (c) whether the length of roads and railway lines per square kilometre in the NE region is less than the national average; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by Government to bridge this gap?

Status of fund utilization in NE

493 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of **Development of North Eastern Region** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the Ministries in the Government of India have been able to spend 10% of their budgetary allocation in North East India during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of expenditure thereof, Ministry-wise;
- (c) if not, the amount of budgetary allocation and the amount spent, Ministry and State-wise, including the State of Assam; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that all Ministries spend the mandatory 10% budgetary spending in North East?

Infrastructure development in NE region

494 Dr. Ameet Yajnik:

Will the Minister of **Development of North Eastern Region** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of infrastructural development made by Government in North Eastern States during the last three years to enhance connectivity between rural and urban areas;
- (b) status of electrification of rural areas in North Eastern States; and
- (c) whether Government has any scheme for farmers to promote cash crop farming in these areas, if so, the details thereof?

Early Warning System for landslides

495 Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has evolved an Early Warning System for landslides and glacier related disasters in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the recent steps taken by Government to have focussed research on developing such a system to minimize landslide induced disasters?

Study on impact of global warming

496 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted or proposes to conduct detailed study of rising temperature and depleting source of water due to global warming; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the modern technologies proposed to be used for the said purpose, including action plan for depleting source of water and decreasing ground level of water particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

Marine litter in Oceans

497 **Shri John Brittas:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government takes serious cognizance of the surge in plastic waste in oceans due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, steps taken by Government to mitigate this issue; and
- (c) whether Government is conducting research for development of effective techniques to manage marine plastic pollution, and if so, the details thereof?

New techniques of forecasting weather

498 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) the new technologies being used by Government for exact forecast of weather in view of the rapidly changing nature of weather and natural calamities during previous years;
- (b) the details of plan under consideration for using some other new technology in future and the details thereof; and
- (c) the types of technologies of weather forecast for which the country is dependent on foreign institutions and the details thereof?

Environmental Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT)

499 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the activities of Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) division during the last five years;
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Ministry to this division since 2014, the details thereof;
- (c) the various initiatives undertaken by EEAT division towards ensuring students' participation in environmental conservation; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has signed any MoUs with educational and research institutes across the country in EEAT sector, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Data on heat-wave related catastrophes

500 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data regarding heat-wave related death in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government possesses a list of heat-wave hotspots in the country;
- (d) whether Government has adopted any measures to rehabilitate residents in these areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any measures have been adopted to address the specific issue of growing number of heatwave hotspots in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Status of implementation of Green India Mission

501 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage increase in forest cover achieved under the Green India Mission in the last 5 years;
- (b) whether this increase is sufficient to meet the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) targets by 2030 under the Paris Agreement;
- (c) whether Government has adopted any measures to compensate for missed targets of the last 5 years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that most of Government's reforestation programmes have focused on creating monoculture plantations rather than forests;
- (e) whether Government is aware of ecological damage caused by monoculture plantations; and
- (f) if so, the various mitigating measures that have been adopted?

Views of Government on COP-26

502 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the view of Government regarding the Conference of Parties (COP26) to deal with climate change in Glasgow;
- (b) whether Government plans to warn the world on the issue of climate change along with indicating its bold new ideas in this conference; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures to reduce Carbon emission

503 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures that are being taken by Government at present to reduce Carbon emission in view of climate change in the entire country;
- (b) whether Government plans to lead the extensive efforts to deal with climate change with the support of entire World; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Exports of plastic from India

504 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps that have been taken by Government to enforce a new Circular Economy Roadmap for Plastic in India in the recent years;
- (b) the value of plastic exports from the country in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount of plastic waste that has been generated annually and quantity that is recycled from the same, the details thereof?

Demand for promised climate finance by developed nations

505 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government was able to co-ordinate the country's position with BASIC group of countries and demand the climate finance promised by developed nations, at the COP -26 in Glasgow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether there was any assurance given on climate financing by the developed nations at Glasgow; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow

506 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UN Climate Change Conference, COP 26, at Glasgow was a success;
- (b) the positive decisions of the conference;
- (c) the areas where there was no positive outcome;
- (d) the compromises that India had to make to arrive at a consensus; and
- (e) whether India is contented by the outcome?

Finance to meet climate commitment

507 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of financing required by India from developed nations to meet its climate commitment;
- (b) the amount that has already been realized by India in funding, since rich countries committed to fund \$100 Billion in total per year;
- (c) whether Government is considering to introduce Carbon Tax or other market-based mechanism to price Carbon in India, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the current incentives scheme which encourage the usage of cleaner energy by companies?

Inter-Ministerial Committee for Air Pollution

508 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formed an Inter-ministerial Committee to reduce air pollution in Delhi and North Indian States, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has consulted the State Government of Punjab in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has predicted that the pollution levels in Delhi will increase in January-February; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Pollution in Delhi

509 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the reports of pollution in Delhi being at dangerously high level; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with it?

Status of National Coastal Mission

510 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is currently implementing the National Coastal Mission (NCM) and if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the budgetary allocation made for NCM, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the progress made under NCM till date;
- (d) whether NCM has met its stipulated targets since its operation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to achieve goals of COP-26

511 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) policies that Government plan to introduce to achieve the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP-26) promises;
- (b) the details of funds that Government plans to spend to achieve those goals;
- (c) the details of the timeline for Government to achieve those goals; and
- (d) by when will Government phase out coal powered power plants and the details thereof?

Ill conceived projects on river beds

512 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are construction of ill conceived projects on the river beds of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps Government has taken to remove them and to maintain fragile and ecological balance, the details thereof?

Steps to improve AQI in the capital

513 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is spike in stubble burning (parali) in neighbouring states around NCT of Delhi resulting in serious pollution, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to improve Air Quality Index (AQI) in the capital pursuant to the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board, the details thereof?

Meeting of environment ministers of States

514 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to convene a meeting of all Environment Ministers of States neighbouring the capital Delhi to discuss the issue of pollution arising from stubble burning and take urgent steps to secure the life of citizens; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard?

Need to conserve water bodies

515 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the water bodies including lakes across the country are dwindling one after other and water bodies/lakes are either

- becoming a dumping ground of wastes or fall prey to the land mafia/land encroachers;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to save water bodies/lakes so that they are preserved, conserved and restored; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

High level of sulphur & chlorine in Delhi and neighbouring States

516 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Delhi and neighboring States have high sulphur, amines and chlorine levels which trigger formation of "acid aerosols" which is harmful to human health;
 (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard by Government;
 (c) whether World Health Organization have recently released new quality norms for improvement of air quality in India; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof and by when Delhi and NCR are likely to achieve new standard of pollution norms?

Measures to mitigate noise pollution

517 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to eliminate or mitigate the menace of noise pollution during last five years;
 (b) whether assistance is being taken from some private company to do away with this menace; and
 (c) the extent to which Government has been successful in doing away with this so far, the details thereof?

Development of App for Tiger Count

518 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop Ecological App to count number of Tigers in the country;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the details of cost of the project and agency which is developing the Ecological App?

Increase in forest area in the country

519 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that forest area density has increased in the country including in the State of Jharkhand;
 (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and
 (c) the details of the increase in forest area in the State of Jharkhand and other States of the country during the last two years?

Measures to tackle air pollution in cities

520 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the degradation of environment due to air pollution in the cities and details of remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (b) the year from which measurement of level of air pollution was introduced in Delhi and the major reasons for air pollution;
- (c) the outcome of effective steps taken towards prevention thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to ban the manufacturing and selling of firecrackers?

Eviction of encroachers from forest land

521 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that State Governments have been directed to summarily evict encroachers of forest land, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of forest land under encroachment at present; and
- (c) the quantum of forest land that got evicted during the last three years and the steps taken by Government to stop this encroachment in future?

Awareness on environmental concerns in Darjeeling region

522 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts being made by Government to promote awareness among people on various environmental issues/concerns in the Darjeeling region;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to assess and compensate the damage caused to environment due to infrastructure development works in Darjeeling Hills; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of lakes and tanks in Odisha

523 **Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government has taken steps for conservation of lakes and tanks in Odisha including Chilika and Ansupa in coordination with the State Government thereby protecting them from extinction; and
- (b) if so, the details of lakes, ponds and tanks selected and funds sanctioned and utilised for the purpose?

Outcome of UN Climate Conference in Glasgow

524 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the outcome of the United Nations Climate Conference held recently at Glasgow;
- (b) whether India has made any commitment for reducing Greenhouse Gas emission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the proposed action plan for reducing Greenhouse Gas emission and whether it would compromise on growth in the country's developing economy?

Target and strategy for achieving net-zero CO2 emissions.

525 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set a target year for achieving net-zero CO2 emissions;
- (b) if so, the year and the reasons for the same;
- (c) the details of the measures to achieve this target, both on-going and future plans; and
- (d) the impact of the on-going measures for the same till date?

Public consultation for plastic waste

526 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether plastic has become the major pollutant in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has issued a notification in the Gazette of India vide GSR No. 169(E) on 11th March, 2021 containing draft provisions for amending Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 for prohibiting the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of the identified single use plastic items by 2022 and address the pollution caused by plastic, for public consultation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when the process of consultation would be completed?

Plastic waste recycling targets

527 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of categories of plastic packaging and how they are harmful to environment and Earth;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government announced plastic waste recycling targets;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) stringent steps Government would take if entities fail to follow the mandated recycled target?

Policy for promotion of art and culture

528 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government has developed any policy for promotion of art and culture of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Board for Wildlife

529 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister is the chairman of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL);
- (b) whether there has been an increase in wildlife clearances in the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the land area important for wildlife that has been diverted by the NBWL and its standing

committee for linear and area based infrastructure projects like roads/hydro power in the last five years and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the NBWL to prioritise conservation of wildlife and forests, measures taken to contain illegal poaching and wildlife trade?

Environmental clearances to YSR steel plant

530 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been in receipt of a proposal for setting up of a steel plant of 3 Million Tons production capacity per year namely “YSR Steel Plant” in the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh which is pending with the Ministry for grant of environmental clearances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the present status of the proposal and by when environmental clearances will be granted to the steel plant?

Reduction in forest cover in North East India

531 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) the forest cover reduction in the North East region in India yearly from 2017 to 2021, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted consultations with stakeholders from the North East region regarding proposed amendments to the Forest Conservation Act;

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

(d) the reasons why India did not join 100+ world leaders in signing the Glasgow Declaration in November 2021, to halt and reverse deforestation and land degradation by 2030?

Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve

532 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) by when the proposed 5th Tiger Reserve of Rajasthan in Kumbhalgarh would become operational;

(b) by when the tigers would be brought and shifted again to the Kumbhalgarh National Park; and

(c) the Tiger reserve from which the tigers would be shifted to Kumbhalgarh?

Development of wildlife habitats

533 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for the development of wildlife habitats during the year 2020-2021;

(b) the allocation of funds for the development of wildlife habitats, State-wise; and

(c) the number of wildlife habitats developed since 2019, State-wise list thereof?

Underutilisation of funds under Central Zoo Authority

534 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for underutilization of funds under Central Zoo Authority in the year 2020-2021 as compared to the budget estimates for the year 2020-2021; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government for wildlife conservation?

Impact of climate change on public health

535 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the effects of rising temperature and climate change on health in India;
- (b) if so, whether Government has conducted any study or commissioned research to assess the situation;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the Lancet Countdown Report 2019 on Health and Climate Change highlighting concerns to health due to climate change in India, if so, steps taken to address the concerns; and
- (d) whether Government is aware that dangerous levels of outdoor fine particulate air pollution continues to contribute to deaths and poor health in India, if so, steps taken by the Government thereto?

Initiative against climate change

536 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative concerning climate change in recent past;
- (b) strategy that has been adopted by Government to reduce Carbon emission to fight global warming which is a big issue and most talked about universally now a days, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has issued any guideline to heavy industries concerning climate change and global warming; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Pollution in the country

537 Shri Anil Desai:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) reason for much pollution in the country;
- (b) whether burning of parali is the only reason for the pollution; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to control it?

Regulation of firecrackers

538 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy of Government in matters of control/regulation of production and burning of firecrackers in the country along with the basis for defining 'Green cracker';
- (b) whether burning of such Green crackers do not affect the environment and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ban the import of Chinese firecrackers in the country?

Travel restrictions on Indian students

539 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any step for easing travel restrictions on Indian students enrolled at foreign universities to make their travel possible to respective countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Augmenting relationships with Taiwan

540 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is looking forward to augment its diplomatic, economic, trade and bilateral relationship with Taiwan to a strategic level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hindi as one of the Official Languages in the United Nations

541 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

the steps taken by Government to make Hindi as one of the Official Languages in the United Nations?

India-Afghanistan bilateral relations

542 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made an appraisal of the fallout of Taliban takeover on India-Afghanistan bilateral relations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the implications of Afghanistan developments on regional stability and security; and
- (d) the steps proposed to safeguard India's national interests, safety of Indian nationals and people of Indian origin?

Reciprocal Vaccine Certificate

543 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many countries prescribed different norms for Indians travelling abroad, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has approached any countries or regions to discuss an arrangement for reciprocal vaccine certificate for travelers; and
- (c) if so, the details and the progress in arrangements thereof?

Passport Seva Kendra in rural and semi urban areas

544 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to make all the post offices existing in rural and semi-urban areas to be full-fledged Passport Seva Kendra (PSKs) in order to reduce the hardship of people residing in those areas and also to enhance ease in obtaining passports by them; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Salary cuts and non payment of wages by the companies abroad

545 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that so many Indian expats are facing issues of salary cuts and non payment of wages by the companies abroad during the COVID-19 period;
- (b) the actions taken by Government to address this difficulty faced by the Indian expats;
- (c) the extent to which the Indian Missions abroad is able to help to ensure their salary and wages; and
- (d) the details of any incidents of resolving salary issues of Indians during the COVID-19 period in companies abroad as a result of the intervention by Government of India?

Second India-New Zealand Bilateral Cyber Dialogue

546 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Second India-New Zealand Bilateral Cyber Dialogue;
- (b) the steps, measures and benefits derived out of the Bilateral Cyber Dialogue, if any; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

US support to India for UNSC and NSG

547 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government is now putting pressure on the UN for pushing reforms and expanding the UNSC with clear cut support from US for Membership of UN Security Council;
- (b) whether United States has also supported for inclusion of India in the Nuclear Supplies Group (NSG);
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by the Ministry in this regard to get membership in NSG as well?

Visits of foreign dignitaries

548 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the PM and the Minister for External Affairs have visited various countries in the past five years for improving ties with them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) the details of foreign dignitaries who have visited India in the past three months along with the agreements signed with them;
- (d) the benefit likely to be accrued to India from the above agreements; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to strengthen ties with these countries?

Human rights violations against Tamils in Sri Lanka

549 **Shri Vaiko:**

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken due note of the gross human rights violations against Tamils in Sri Lanka;
- (b) whether Government is considering changing its foreign policy orientation towards Sri Lanka in view of the issue of human rights abuse and their facing trial in the Human Rights Council;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of efforts made by Government to protect the rights of minority Tamil community?

Lead Community Radio Stations

550 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently called for applications from organisations to become a part of the Lead community radio stations in the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the total number of community radio stations in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the sector wise break up thereof?

Norms for effluent discharge by STP's

551 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Green Tribunal (NGT) had found faults with the Ministry's 2017 notification by which new norms for effluent discharge by Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) in waterbodies were laid down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to tackle this problem;
- (c) the details of damage that has already been done to the waterbodies;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that some of the recent alterations by the Ministry to environmental norms have been criticised by environmentalists while some of them have been challenged in court; and
- (e) if so, the reaction therefo?

Strengthening the radio broadcast

552 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Radio's reach has increased since the Prime Minister used it as a medium for Mann ki baat;
- (b) the steps taken to strengthen the resurrection of radio broadcast to increase its outreach as well as revenue;
- (c) whether Government form a committee to review and examine the proper use of huge infrastructure the Doordarshan and radio have in the country; and
- (d) whether Delhi Doordarshan studio is in pathetic condition, if so, the steps being taken to reform and update it?

Biographies published by Publication Division

553 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of biographies published by the Publication Division under the Builders of Modern India series (BMI);
- (b) the number of these biographies published between 1999 to 2004 and between 2015 to 2021;
- (c) the revenue received by the sale of these books;
- (d) the first ten highest sold books under the BMI series since the year 2000;
- (e) the name of book (biography) which has earned the maximum revenue since the year 2000 under this series;
- and (f) whether the Division has planned to publish biographies of freedom fighters who could not till date get due place?

Guidelines for TV rating agencies and OTT platforms

554 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to review the guidelines for television rating agencies, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to further strengthen the rating system;
- (b) whether Government has received complaints against over-the-top (OTT) platforms regarding their programmes during the last two years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by Government thereon;
- (d) whether Government proposes to review the guidelines for OTT platforms; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

FM radio stations in country

555 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the FM radio stations operational in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps/proposes to take any steps to set up FM radio facility in the district headquarters including Belgaum under Belgaum Parliamentary Constituency in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is earning revenue from FM radio stations and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the average estimated cost of setting up a FM radio station; and
- (e) whether Government has sanctioned new FM radio channels for farmers and fishermen and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Fake news on national media

556 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any study or survey to determine the prevalence of fake news on national mainstream news channels; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government has taken to control such fake news, the details thereof?

World Press Freedom Index 2021

557 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per World Press Freedom Index 2021, India is placed at 142 of 180 countries, down by 2 places compared with 2019, and remains "bad for Journalism" and "one of the world's most dangerous countries" for journalists;
- (b) whether Tripura police booked 102 people, including journalists, under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Editors Guild of India (EGD) has said that "this is an extremely disturbing trend where such a harsh law wherein process of investigation and bail applications are extremely rigorous and overbearing, is being used for merely reporting on and protesting against communal violence"?

Annual expenditure on advertisements

558 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual expenditure incurred on advertisements by Government since 2016, ministry-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken to rationalize and minimise the cost on advertisements?

National Broadcasting Policy

559 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to harmonise the regulatory powers of TRAI with the existing intellectual property laws including the Copyright Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to revise the Cable TV Act;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has any policy proposal for animation, visual effects, gaming and comics; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

560 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to reconstruct or expand ESI hospitals currently functional in Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Rajahmundry;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the old Hospital building in Vijayawada needs to be demolished;
- (c) whether Government is considering construction of a new building in Vijayawada;
- (d) status of seven new ESI hospitals sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) whether the new sanctioned hospitals will be directly operated by ESIC and not state Government;
- (f) details of Government's plan to provide health services to unorganised workers from ESI hospitals; and
- (g) is there a representation to set up ESI hospital in Narasaraopet?

Commencement of studies at ESIC Hospital, Bihta

561 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the ESIC Medical College Hospital in Bihta, Bihar is ready after construction since last 3 years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the studies of MBBS has not commenced there till date;
- (c) the departments and the number of faculty posts created in them and by when appointments would be made;
- (d) whether Government proposes to start the MBBS course through enrolment on 100 seats by getting approval of the National Medical Commission in the session 2021-22; and
- (e) if so, by when studies would commence?

Heat stress faced by labourers in brick kilns

562 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) State/UT/gender/age-wise details of labourers (contractual and other) in brick kiln industry in the country;
- (b) whether any database exists, if not, the reasons therefor, and whether Government plans to create such a database in future;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the acute heat stress faced by brick kiln labourers and if so, the steps taken by Government to mitigate the same; and
- (d) whether Government is aware that heat stress on workers is predicted to cause a loss of 34 million jobs by 2030 and if so, details of long term action plan for mitigation of the same?

Action plan for tackling unemployment in urban educated women

563 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) State/UT/urban/rural/gender/highest level of education-wise details of the unemployed in India;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the rising unemployment in urban educated women;
- (c) if so, the details of any short term measures that have been implemented to improve the same, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) steps Government is implementing, including schemes, legislations and policies, to enhance employment among urban educated women in the long term, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of healthcare workers under OSH code

564 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code extends to healthcare establishments;
- (b) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether healthcare workers will be substantially represented on National and State Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board;
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government plans to issue standards specific to health sector such as mental

health provisions, hygienic workplaces, quarantine facilities for health workers and supply of PPE; and

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

Loss of jobs due to COVID-19 pandemic

565 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been loss of jobs in organized and unorganized sectors in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic;

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

(c) whether jobs in organised/unorganised sectors have been restored and factory output revived; and

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

Status of Migrant Labourers in India

566 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Migrant Labourers working in India during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and

(b) the number of Migrant Labourers working in different states in India categorised in their respective State-wise manner, the details thereof?

e-Shram Portal

567 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) state-wise data on registration of unorganised workers on e-Shram portal;

(b) whether some states are lagging behind the target number of registrations, if so, the details thereof;

(c) reason for slow registration of workers in some states, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there was a delay in launching of the portal as opposed to the timeline decided by the Supreme Court, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

National Employment Policy

568 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of drafting a National Employment Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) areas that would be covered by the policy, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government plans to address the concerns related to the rights of gig workers through the policy; and

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

Number of Jobless Workers in private Sector during Corona

569 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of workers who lost their jobs in private sector due to corona and lockdown during the last 2 years, sector-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the number of workers, who succeeded in getting job again after lifting of lockdown in a phased manner, sector-wise details thereof?

Welfare Scheme for unorganized workers

570 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Shri Irranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several welfare schemes have been formulated and implemented by Government for unorganised workers particularly rural and agricultural labourers;
- (b) if so, details thereof and monitoring mechanism in place under these schemes, particularly in case of accidents;
- (c) details of funds allocated under these schemes along with funds utilized during each of the last three years and current year, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise including State of Jharkhand;
- (d) number of agricultural labourers benefitted from these schemes during above said period, State-wise and UT-wise including State of Jharkhand; and
- (e) other special steps taken by Government for welfare of agricultural labourers in the country?

Benefit of PM-SYM scheme

571 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) The aims and objective of launching Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme;
- (b) The total number of unorganized workers enrolled under PM-SYM scheme so far especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether all States/UT Governments have been requested to popularize and bring more awareness about the scheme and if so, the response of the State Governments thereto; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to enroll more and more unorganized workers under the scheme?

Resolutions and Commitments in Conference in Glasgow

572 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that India attended the recently held 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow;
- (b) if so, the details of resolutions and commitments made in this conference; and
- (c) details of assistance that United Nations will provide to the developing nations in controlling the climate change?

Goal of Rescuing Bonded Labourers

573 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) progress made toward the target of rescuing 1.84 crore bonded labourers by 2030, including the number of bonded labourers rescued annually from 2016 till date the details thereof;
- (b) all initiatives implemented to achieve this goal, including strengthening the prosecution machinery the details thereof; and
- (c) progress made toward reaching 100% conviction rate in bonded labour cases, including the conviction rate for such cases from 2016 till date the details thereof?

Implementation of pension scheme

574 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has contemplated pension scheme for unorganized workers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has also involved State Governments to identify the beneficiaries for pension scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of unorganized workers identified by Government and financial implication for this purpose;
- (d) whether Government has considered adequate steps to increase the employability of the labour class especially in the rural India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing Urban Unemployment

575 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether urban joblessness rate has increased in the country during the last six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the national unemployment rate during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) whether any efforts have been made by Government to provide more job opportunities in the country, especially in sectors like automobiles, textiles and unorganised sector, the details thereof?

Job loss in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

576 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether around five lakh people have lost jobs in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) since August 5, 2019;
- (b) whether according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), J&K had the highest monthly average unemployment rate of over 15 per cent between January 2016 and July 2019, more than double the national monthly average unemployment rate of 6.4 per cent during the period;
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to fill the vacant seats?

Health Insurance Scheme for unorganised sector

577 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the workers of unorganised sector are not getting the benefit of the Health Insurance Scheme introduced for them owing to non-payment of the share of the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that health services are provided to the workers of unorganised sector under this scheme?

COVID-19 impact on tea workers in Assam and West Bengal

578 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains data on the number of tea-garden workers in the Northeast region;
- (b) if so, state, district, and gender wise details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has conducted an assessment of the economic impact of COVID-19 on tea-garden workers in the States of Assam and West Bengal ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has or intends to provide economic relief to tea-garden workers in light of COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in Unemployment rates in India

579 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Unemployment in October, 2021 rose to 7.75 per cent from a three-month low of 6.86 per cent in September, 2021 as per data from private research firm Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy;
- (b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that urban joblessness stands at 7.38 per cent;
- (d) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (e) measures taken by Government to rectify this situation?

Number of registered reserved categories persons in Employment Exchange

580 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of ***Labour and Employment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of people belonging to the category of persons with disability/schedule Caste/Schedule tribe/other backward class, who are registered with the employment exchange as on date, state-wise details thereof;
- (b) the total number of people specially belonging to the above mentioned categories who have been provided employment during the last three years;
- (c) whether the reserved quota for these categories is being filled regularly; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Agitation of beedi workers

581 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 8 million beedi workers, most of them women are in distressed condition and currently agitating for their long standing demands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve condition of these women beedi workers and to provide training in less hazardous and better paying jobs?

Cases resolved by the Dedicated Commercial Courts

582 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the resolution time of disputes, cases resolved along with pendency after the opening of dedicated Commercial Courts in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government plans to increase the number of such courts in the coming three years, if so, the dedicated budgetary allocation and other details thereof;
- (c) steps Government is taking for making a quicker out of court settlement of commercial disputes; and
- (d) whether Government intends to give some special powers to Trade Bodies like Chamber of Commerce?

Legal aid to the poor and marginalised sections

583 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to render pro bono legal aid to the poor and marginalized sections of the Society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the poor and marginalized sections get quality access to Justice?

Fast Track Courts for cases related to women

584 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) crimes reported against women from 2014-15 and 2021-22, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Supreme Court Guidelines to set up fast track courts have been implemented;
- (c) if so, the details of the fast track courts that have been set up; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and proposed timeline for implementation of the guidelines?

Defining the limits of Sedition laws

585 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the reports of the Supreme Court instructing to define the limits of sedition laws;

- (b) whether Government intends to fix any clear boundaries for sedition charges; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pendency of cases before Courts

586 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases pending before the judiciary at each level (lower judiciary, High Courts and Supreme Court);
- (b) the data on vacancy in the judiciary at each level;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to solve the issue of pendency of cases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Legal Aid Clinics in Jails

587 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Legal Aid Clinics in jails in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of under-trial cases handled by Legal Aid Clinics in the country in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the numbers and workings of Under Trial Review Committees, State-wise details thereof;
- (d) the numbers of male and female under-trial cases in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise details thereof; and
- (e) the policy to deal with transgender under-trial cases?

Corruption in Judiciary

588 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any complaints about judicial corruption in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such complaints during the last five years; and
- (c) measures that have been taken to arrest this trend, if any?

Vacancies in Supreme Court and High Courts

589 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Judges appointed in Supreme Court and various High Courts in 2021;
- (b) the number of collegium proposals pending with Government as of now;
- (c) the number of collegium proposals returned by Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Details of PIL cases

590 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of Public Interest Litigations (PIL) filed in the Supreme Court and various High Courts during the last two years and the current year, court-wise details thereof; and
- (b) PILs filed particularly in relation to the violation of fundamental rights, the details

thereof?

Working conditions in the subordinate courts

591 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the working conditions of the subordinate courts in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to augment the infrastructure including the security system in the subordinate courts across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of All India Judicial Service

592 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up All India Judicial Services (AIJS) board on the lines of Central Services like IAS and IPS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has finalized the Organogram structure of the AIJS?

Increase in pendency of cases

593 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of pending cases in the country is increasing day by day;
- (b) pending cases during the last five years, State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the rate of conviction in registered cases is decreasing, the details thereof?

Wrongful Prosecution

594 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains a record of the number of wrongfully prosecuted persons, if so, the number of wrongfully prosecuted people during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government plans to enact separate legislation on 'wrongful prosecution and compensation' or if it plans to incorporate a provision for compensation to wrongfully prosecuted under CrPC in accordance with the Law Commission's suggestion;
- (c) if so, the roadmap for its introduction and provisions under the same; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in Supreme Court and High Courts

595 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are over 407 vacancies in Supreme Court and High Courts

in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal of Government to fillup the vacancies at the earliest within 3 months; and

(c) the references of the collegium recommendations and the appointment process thereto?

Revisiting 7th schedule to the Constitution of India

596 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission (FC) has called for revisiting the 7th Schedule to the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, does it not impact rights of States and thereby disturbs federal structure of the Constitution; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government on the above recommendation of the FC?

Establishment of Campus of National Judicial Academy

597 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one campus of National Judicial Academy that caters to the entire country;

(b) if so, the details of the measures undertaken by Government to reduce the heavy workload on the existing campus;

(c) whether Government has received any request from state Government of Andhra Pradesh for establishing a new campus of National Judicial Academy at Kurnool; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in response to the said request?

Judicial Infrastructure

598 **Shri Vaiko:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state of infrastructure in the lower judiciary level in the country is inadequate, as observed by the Chief Justice of India, if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(b) the percentage of lower courts not having separate ladies toilets;

(c) the efforts being made by Government to improve the judicial infrastructure to ensure ease of doing business, the details thereof; and

(d) funds provided or proposed to be provided for the above purpose by Government to the States in the next five years, the details thereof?

All India Judicial Services

599 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the consultative process with the stakeholders with respect to All India Judicial Services (AIJS); and

(b) if so, by when Government plans to begin the process of setting up the aforementioned services?

Inclusion of women in judiciary

600 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that out of 25 Chief Justices of High Courts, only one is a woman;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware that according to an ongoing survey by the Chief Justice of India, 16 per cent of the courts do not have separate washrooms for men and women;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plan of action to make Courts more accessible for women and transgender people; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

SC /ST and OBC employees in Central Government services

601 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total percentage of SC, ST and OBC employees in Central Government services, Ministry-wise and PSU-wise;
- (b) whether any special drive is proposed to recruit SCs, STs and OBCs employees;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in joining process of recommended candidates

602 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several recruitments specially through Staff Selection Commission (SSC) takes years to complete;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the shortlisted candidates of recruitment exams of SSC for which notification was released in the year 2017, 2018 and 2019 are still waiting for joining;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of steps being taken by Government for time bound completion of recruitment process and joining of the shortlisted candidates?

Vacant Group B posts

603 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unfilled Group B posts under Government of India as on 01st December 2021; and
- (b) the measures taken by Government to expedite the recruitment process so that all the vacancies could be filled on time?

SC/ST/OBC employees in senior Government posts

604 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) The percentage of SC/ST/OBC employees in Group A level across various Central Government ministries/agencies and PSUs, category-wise;
- (b) The percentage of SCs/STs/OBCs currently employed at the Under Secretary level and above, category-wise;
- (c) Whether there is a systematic trend of low percentage of SCs/STs/OBCs in senior Government posts; and
- (d) If so, the reasons therefor and steps that are being considered to make the senior posts more inclusive and diverse?

Review petitions on NPS

605 **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to refer to answers to UQ428 and 425 given in Rajya Sabha on Feb 4 and July 22, 2021 respectively and state:

- (a) whether Supreme Court has dismissed various SLPs and Review Petitions during the year 2021 and has allowed the Central Government officials under NPS, the benefits of old pension scheme whose advertisements were issued before 01/01/2004 and results declared and joining occurred after 31/12/2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, case-wise;
- (c) the details of cases where Government has issued orders to revert these officials after judgments of Supreme Court, case-wise; and
- (d) by when general order for all similar cases on above lines would be issued?

Resolution of Public Grievances in the country

606 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Public Grievances filed in India over the past three years and the category and nature of such grievances;
- (b) the number of public grievances which have been resolved; and
- (c) whether the feedback of the grievance filing persons on resolution of their grievances were noted, if so, the details thereof?

Vacant posts under reserved categories

607 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about 21 thousand and more posts are lying vacant in Government under various reservation categories for SCs/STs and backward classes particularly in Group 'A' and 'B', if so, the Ministry/Department-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to find out where the recruitment mechanism is falling short in filling up the said vacant posts and also to find out the concerned officers who are deliberately doing so;
- (c) if so, the Ministry/Department-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by Government to fill up these vacant posts?

Accountability for disposal of work

608 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employees working in Government departments do not dispose off the work related to common people within the prescribed time-frame;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, and (c) the measures taken and proposed to be taken by Government to fix accountability of Government servants for not disposing off the work related to public welfare and common people within the prescribed time-frame?

Extension of tenure of chiefs of CBI and ED

609 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to give itself powers to recommend extending the tenures of the Chiefs of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) upto 5 years;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof and whether such a move is being seen as an attempt to subvert the independence of two key agencies;
- (c) whether recently Hon'ble Supreme Court has delivered a judgement saying that such extensions can only be "in rare and exceptional cases"; and
- (d) if so, whether Government is undermining the judgement/ observation of apex court and if so, the reasons therefor?

Litigation for old pension scheme

610 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Supreme Court has dismissed more than half dozen SLPs and Review Petitions and ordered that Central Government officials whose advertisements were issued before 01/01/2004 and joining and results occurred after 31.12.2003 be reverted to old pension scheme;
- (b) if so, whether officials of Government are deliberately advising for lame litigation in each case even after dismissal of SLPs and Review Petitions at admission stage without hearing by Supreme Court, to tarnish pro-public image of Government by harassing its own officials and not issuing general orders for similar cases; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for litigation in each case?

Suggestions/Comments for coverage under Old Pension Scheme

611 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoP&PW) had sought views of Department of Financial Services (DFS) and Ministry of Law and Justice for excluding those employees whose advertisements for recruitment were issued on or before 31/12/2003 from purview of NPS and to cover them under Old Pension Scheme in view of various judgements of Supreme Court and various High Courts; and
- (b) if so, the details of suggestions/comments offered by DFS and Ministry of Law and Justice to DoP&PW so far, Department/Ministry-wise?

Transparency in day to day administration

612 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken various measures to utilise technological intervention to bring transparency in the day-to-day administration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said measures are yielding the desired results in bringing transparency in the system of administration and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has made any assessment of the benefits to people and savings to exchequer by implementing the said measures to bring transparency; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion backlogs due to extension of tenures

613 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale behind promulgating of twin ordinances for extending the tenures of the Enforcement Director and CBI chief; and
- (b) whether the extension of the terms would cause further promotion backlogs for bureaucrats who hold key-positions and ultimately result in their retirement without a top-tier post?

Genome and DNA sequencing for COVID-19

614 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Genome and DNA sequencing done for COVID-19 till date by the Department of Bio-Technology; and
- (b) the number of COVID-19 Bio-repositories and samples that were made available to academia and industry for product development, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to States for development of Science and Technology

615 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) financial assistance provided in last three years to States for development of Science and Technology in the country, State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and
- (b) whether there is any impact assessment or review of the assistance provided and if so, the details of such assessment and review undertaken?

SERB-POWER Grants

616 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of beneficiaries of SERB – POWER Research Grants since inception of the scheme, State-wise data thereof; and
- (b) number of beneficiaries of SERB – POWER Fellowship since inception of the scheme, State-wise data thereof?

Development of Science and Technology infrastructure

617 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to strengthen and develop the Science and Technology infrastructure in major sectors, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any system to encourage the scientists, technology experts and other specialized institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is providing any assistance to or coordinating with the foreign institutions having the said expertise, and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of startups in Biological Sciences

618 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of startups set up for development of research activities in Biological Sciences under the Ministry in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the quantum of funds released for each startups in the current financial year, the details thereof?

Collaboration with other countries in space research

619 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering collaborations and co-operation in space research with some more countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the specific areas in which collaboration and co-operation could be the possibilities in future; and
- (d) whether Government plans to expand Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) further in view of its increasing responsibilities in future?

Tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh

620 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) list of various Tourism projects and funds sanctioned by the Ministry under various schemes in State of Andhra Pradesh, scheme-wise and project-wise details thereof;
- (b) list of various tourism projects and funds sanctioned by the Ministry to Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the status of implementation of above, project wise?

Training for tourist guides

621 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any record available about total number of tourist guides registered with Government;
- (b) if not, whether Government plans to maintain such record;
- (c) whether any Government owned institution is there to prepare /train tourist guides to facilitate domestic and international tourists;

(d) whether Government will prepare syllabus using expert committee to train tourist guides both linguistically and imparting knowledge of spiritual history as India is a land of linguistic and spiritual diversities; and

(e) whether Government is aware of private institutions working in this field and if so, the details thereof?

Lease out of Hotel Ashoka and Hotel Samrat

622 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to lease out Hotel Ashoka and Hotel Samrat in Delhi, operated by Indian Tourism Development Corporation for 90 years, under National Monetization Pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's aim to achieve out of this?

Promotion of tourism in rural areas

623 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Rural Circuits proposed by Government to promote tourism in rural areas of the country;

(b) the details of Rural Circuits identified in the country, particularly in the State of Maharashtra;

(c) projects identified under the above circuit in the State of Maharashtra since implementation of the scheme, project-wise status and details thereof; and

(d) the timeline for completion of projects along with the allocation made in the 2021-22 Budget for rural circuits in the country?

Revival of tourism post COVID-19 pandemic

624 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism industry faced a devastating impact due to COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns whereby nearly 25 million people working in the sector lost their jobs between 2020-2021;

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

(c) whether Government has come up with any alternate arrangements in light of the pandemic to ensure that India becomes a leading tourist destination once international flights are resumed on a regular basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Celebration of World Tourism Day

625 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has observed World Tourism Day recently and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives; and

(b) the details of the theme of event along with the programmes/events organized by Government on this occasion?

Schemes to boost tourism industry in West Bengal

626 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) the loan schemes to boost tourism industry in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) whether any steps and measures have been taken so far to help tourism industry in the country and the State of West Bengal in particular during COVID-19 times; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of tourism infrastructure in Odisha

627 **Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by Government in each State/Union Territory including the State of Odisha;
- (b) whether Government has received requests/ proposals from State Government of Odisha for inclusion of more such Tourism Circuits/Parks and Clusters and if so, the details thereof and the response thereto;
- (c) whether Government proposes to include Odisha as part of the International Tourism Circuit in the country to promote the culture of the State and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) other steps taken by Government to popularize Tourist Circuits?

Development of Srisailem Temple under PRASAD scheme

628 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether development of Srisailem Temple in Andhra Pradesh was approved in 2017-18 under PRASAD scheme and an amount of ₹48 crores was also sanctioned for this purpose by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details of the circuit;
- (c) when did the Ministry received proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) what action the Ministry has taken on the above proposal;
- (e) whether Ministry sought any further clarification on the final DPR;
- (f) if so, the details of queries and response of the State Government thereon; and
- (g) by when the project is going to be completed?

Impact of air pollution on tourism

629 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of *Tourism* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment of the impact of air pollution on tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the tourists are experiencing health issues due to pollution; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by Government in this regard?

Development of tourist sites in Chhattisgarh

630 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) the sites identified as tourist sites in the State of Chhattisgarh and project-wise details of funds allocated by Government for the preservation/ promotion of these tourist sites during last three years alongwith the amount spent and the amount unutilized;
- (b) whether Government is considering on identifying Tatapani in Balrampur Ramanujganj district of the State of Chhattisgarh as a tourist place; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for developing India as tourist hub

631 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) various schemes being implemented by Government with an objective of developing India as a tourism hub, State/union territory-wise details thereof;
- (b) the budget earmarked for and the amount spent on the said schemes during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure adequate security of foreign tourists in the country?

Measures for revival of tourism

632 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Tourism** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foreign and domestic tourism has been on decline due to COVID-19 pandemic during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to revive foreign and domestic tourism in the country;
- (c) whether Government has drawn any plans to bring back foreign tourists after the slowdown in Corona cases, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of relief package announced and disbursed to the stressed hospitality sector?

Schemes for the welfare of Youth

633 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes being run by Government for the welfare of Youth and Sports, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether in the report of Global Youth Development Index 2020, India is one of the world's five topmost emerging countries in terms of youth welfare?

National Sports Development Fund

634 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund allocated by the ministry under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) during the last three years;
- (b) the details of contributions received for NSDF from public during the last three years;

- (c) the details of beneficiaries under this fund in the state of Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Ministry has developed any framework for structured monitoring of the utilization of allocated funds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds spent on Hockey Team

635 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has spent over 50 crore on men's hockey team during the last five years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating funds spent on players and development of infrastructure for hockey?

Financial security to retired sportspersons

636 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken measures to ensure adequate financial security to retired sports persons; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for e-sports

637 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of growing talent of e-sports in the younger generation;
- (b) if so, the steps Government has taken to harness the said talent;
- (c) whether Government has framed any policy or guidelines regarding management and control of e-sports in India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sports participation in North East region

638 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to boost sports participation in the North Eastern region, considering the success of North eastern sports persons at the 2021 olympics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of all the schemes that the ministry is currently implementing or is planning to implement in North east India; and
- (d) the State-wise details of the amount of money sanctioned and utilized under the schemes currently being implemented in North east India?

Sports infrastructure in the country

639 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sports stadia have been set up in various parts of the country including Haryana;

- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof, and the measures being taken by the Union Government for the maintenance of such stadia;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to modernise sports stadia constructed in various States of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for inclusion of sports in Concurrent list

640 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the proposal to include 'sports' in the concurrent list from the state list of the Constitution of India;
- (b) the measures likely to be taken at the national level for the development of sports in case the said proposal is approved; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to increase the participation of women and youth in sports in rural areas?

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