

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021/ 26 Phalgun, 1942 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions – 160

**Skill training in aviation sector**

2401 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to bridge the skill gap in the aviation sector;
- (b) whether any efforts are being made to streamline the syllabus and skill training to suit the aviation sector; and
- (c) whether Ministry will ensure employability of such skilled people in the aviation sector?

**Performance of MRO sector**

2402 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons that 90 per cent of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) of aircraft is done abroad thereby India losing nearly 2 billion dollars annually;
- (b) whether any efforts have been made to use Defence MROs for civilian aircraft;
- (c) whether any consultation in this regard have been held with the Ministry of Defence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons that there is little improvement in MRO in the country in spite of bringing down GST from 18 per cent to 5 per cent?

**Airports to private players under PPP model**

2403 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any comparative study has been done by Government to show that the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model of building and running airports with private sector participation is actually beneficial for the growth of the airline sector in the country in the long run;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for Government moving ahead with handing over control of several airports to private players under the PPP model; and
- (d) the details of revenue generation of the individual PPP model airports currently in operation across the country, over the last five years, year-wise?

### Objections on privatisation of airports

2404 **Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:**

**Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the red flags raised by NITI Aayog and Department of Economic Affairs on the airport bidding process in 2019, where a private group had been awarded six airports;
- (b) if so, details of the action taken on such objections;
- (c) whether public consultations were held before the privatisation of these airports;
- (d) if so, details thereof, including the number and dates of such consultations and participating stakeholders and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Ministry received objections from any state against such privatization and if so, details of action taken on such objections?

### UDAN scheme

2405 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of UDAN scheme;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned allocated and utilised under this scheme in various States of the country;
- (c) the details of the number of places connected under this scheme in States, the number of new routes sanctioned by Government under this scheme; and
- (d) the details of the target set for this purpose?

### Profits made by airports

2406 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of airports in the country and the percentage of stake owned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in each, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the profits made by each airport for the last three years;
- (c) the details of the number of airports privatised in the last three years;
- (d) whether Government intends to privatise 30-35 airports in the next five years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof as to which airports have been chosen for privatisation and the criteria for privatisation?

### Airports operated by private companies

2407 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports privatized in the last five years and the details thereof;
- (b) the number of airports handled by private companies till date and the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of airport management contracts given to private companies in the last five years and the details of the companies and investments made thereof?

### Consultations on airports under PPP

**2408 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is going to give six more airports under Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Phase-III;
- (b) if so, the details of airports identified;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the adjacent smaller airports are also clubbed with the above identified airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for clubbing them with the above six airports; and
- (e) whether any consultations have been held with State Governments concerned in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Domestic cargo handling

**2409 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of domestic cargo handled by civil aviation sector during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the annual growth of domestic cargo handling in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of international domestic cargo handling growth and how India's growth can be compared with domestic cargo handling in other countries;
- (d) whether any incentives/concessions sought in the pre-Budget discussion with the Finance Ministry; and
- (e) if so, whether they have been accepted and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Ownership of airports

**2410 Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the ownership and administration status of all airports in the country with 50 per cent or more private entities as shareholders, State-wise;
- (b) the details of airports currently under construction/yet to be operationalised which are owned as above;
- (c) whether Government has received official representations from State Governments where any of these airports are located expressing concerns or opposition to such ownership models; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to address the same?

### Shortage of pilots

**2411 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Belagavi and Kalaburagi airports in Karnataka have been identified for flying training operations for unmanned aircraft systems like drone, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent this helps in meeting the required 7,000 pilots shortage in the coming five years?

### Report on privatisation of airports

2412 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has started/in the process of starting to privatize 12 more airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of each airport proposed to be privatized;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that consultants have been appointed to study and identify airports;
- (d) if so, whether report was submitted and if so, the details of the report;
- (e) whether there will be any impact on the process due to COVID; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

### Privatisations of airports

2413 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports which have been handed over to private companies for operations in the last five years;
- (b) duration in years for which these airports have been handed over for operations along with the amount per airport received by Government;
- (c) the ratio fixed in the agreement about annual distribution of funds between private company and Government, which will be generated through the handing over of the airports to the private sector; and
- (d) whether Government will ensure that private companies will follow the rules of reservation while appointing their staff and will pay them according to 7th Pay Commission?

### New regulations for SFOI and FOI

2414 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the compensation/salary of Serious Fraud Investigation Officer (SFIO) and Fraud Investigation Officer (FIO) have been reduced in the event of the expiry of their Medical or Commercial Pilots Licenses by virtue of any edified rules or regulations;
- (b) if so, the details of the relevant rules and instances where salary has been reduced; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Increase in base airfare

2415 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the base airfare has exorbitantly increased in last two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons for change in the base airfare and the details of change in the number of air-travellers;
- (c) whether Government has taken any step to subsidize airfare for small distance travel; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Remittance of annual fee by DIAL AND MIAL

2416 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is collecting Annual Fee from Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) and Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was failure/lapse on the part of DIAL and MIAL in submitting annual fee to Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the last five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Routes under UDAN scheme

2417 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of routes announced under RCS-UDAN since its inception in April 2017 and how many of those are currently working;
- (b) the number of airports inaugurated all over the country since the scheme came into force;
- (c) how many of these airports are currently operational; and
- (d) how much money the RCS fund has collected to date and how much that has been disbursed as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to airlines?

### Impact of privatisation of smaller airports

2418 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formed any expert committee/panel to study the impact of privatisation of smaller airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Commercial airports in Uttar Pradesh

2419 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports converted into commercial airports in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government is considering to convert Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Allahabad, Ayodhya and other airports in the State of Uttar Pradesh into commercial airports; and
- (c) the names of commercial airports in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

### Investigation on technical snags

2420 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the frequent occurrence of technical snags in Air India flights;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents of these aircraft; and
- (c) whether the DGCA has conducted any investigation into the airworthiness of aircraft and

if so, the details of the findings thereon?

### Commercial airports

2421 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports converted into commercial airports in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the names of commercial airports in the State of Chhattisgarh and whether Government is considering to convert Raipur airport into a commercial airport; and
- (c) the details thereof?

### Digital Sky Platform

2422 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

**Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)/drone flights approved/authorised through the Digital Sky platform during year 2020, the month-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of flights reported to DGCA, post the flight by Government agencies under the conditional exemptions for COVID-19 operations, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the DGCA has taken any action against various Government departments using RPAs without due permission from DGCA?

### Privatisation of Air India

2423 **Shri K.J. Alphans:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) by when privatisation of Air India will be completed;
- (b) what would happen to the employees of Air India post privatisation; and
- (c) whether the new owners will take care of all the benefits being enjoyed by Air India employees now?

### Partnership for skill development

2424 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has entered into a strategic partnership for skill development in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the financial support extended during each of the last three years and the current year for the said purpose;
- (c) the number of youth, who have benefitted from said training during the said period; and
- (d) the quantum of employment opportunity given by Government to trained youth during the said period?

### Return of Kashmiri pandits to Kashmir valley

2425 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the number of Kashmiri Hindus who left their home state in the wake of terrorism;

- (b) if so, the number of Hindus who left Kashmir then and the number of them who have returned after the abrogation of Article-370 of the Constitution; and
- (c) what steps Government has taken to instil confidence among the Hindu migrants to return and settle in Kashmir?

#### **Beneficiaries and refills under PMUY**

2426 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) as on 31st December, 2020 including the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiary families in the country;
- (b) the total number of free refills that each beneficiary can avail under the Garib Kalyan Yojana including the total number of free refills provided to PMUY beneficiaries during the last two years; and
- (c) whether the number of women, who were using traditional chulhas, has reduced with the launch of PMUY scheme, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Difference between sedition and treason**

2427 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the difference between sedition and treason; and
- (b) whether Government has any clear stand on it, as any person making provocative speeches is charged with sedition, however, this sedition is not imposed on Naxals who wage armed rebellion?

#### **Women prisoners**

2428 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether Government would state the total number of women prisoners, the State-wise statistics thereof;
- (b) the classification of crimes committed by women prisoners;
- (c) the number of women prisons in the country and their respective capacities;
- (d) the proportion of women prisoners and the space available for them;
- (e) in how many states, number of prisoners are more than their capacity in prisons;
- (f) whether these prisons are strictly monitored by CCTV;
- (g) the number of women prisoners in jail with their kids;
- (h) whether there is any case/cases of sexual exploitation of women prisoners; and
- (i) if so, action taken in this regard?

#### **Sedition charges on youth**

2429 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the details of the youth aged 15-35, who are facing sedition charges during the past five years, State- wise;
- (b) the details of the youth convicted under sedition charges during last five years in the country;
- (c) the gender-wise classification of the youth facing sedition charges in the country during

the past five years; and

(d) the details of the youth exonerated of the sedition charges during the past five years?

### **Role and scope of NIA**

**2430 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the role and scope of the National Investigation Agency (NIA);
- (b) the details of protocol and procedure for initiation of investigations; and
- (c) the details of protocol and procedure for closure of investigations?

### **Malkhana Management System**

**2431 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the various techniques that will be employed to protect police evidence under the aegis of the Malkhana Management System;
- (b) the factors that necessitated the creation and introduction of this system;
- (c) the total amount that Government will spend on installing the system;
- (d) whether State Governments will incur any expenditure for this new system;
- (e) whether the system will create new methods of storage for biological and technical evidence; and
- (f) how the system will improve the quality of evidence storage in the country?

### **Assistance to Tamil Nadu for damages due to cyclones**

**2432 Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether any survey has been made to find out the losses incurred due to heavy rainfall in various parts of Tamil Nadu due to Cyclones like Nivar and Puravi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of persons died, injured and missing along with the extent of damage to property reported and the estimated loss; and
- (d) the details of the financial assistance rendered by the Union Government to the State Government to meet the challenges posed by excessive rains?

### **Deaths at detention centres**

**2433 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government has constructed detention centres under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is constructing detention centres under CAA and NRC, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of number of people detained in such centres and the number of deaths recorded?



### Status of CIBMS

2434 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) whether the review process of Stage-1 of the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) has been completed;
- (b) whether Government has initiated Stage-2 of the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System; and
- (c) the number of kilometres of India's borders which are currently covered under the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System?

### Recommendation of Committee on official language

2435 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Hon'ble President has accepted the recommendation number 5 of the Eighth report submitted by Committee on Official Language;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that the above mentioned recommendation contains a provision that the Ministers and higher officials of Government would deliver or read their speeches, statements in the official language Hindi; and
- (c) whether any concrete action plan has been prepared by Government to implement this recommendation, if so, the status thereof?

### Terror attacks in J&K

2436 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that incidents of terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, infiltration and continued shelling from across the border in bordering areas in the recent past have increased in which large number of security personnel and civilians lost their lives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps being taken by Government to improve the safety and security in the sensitive locations of that State and to protect the lives of security forces and common man?

### Fencing at Indo-Bangladesh border

2437 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the State-wise and kilometer-wise details of works regarding setting up of wire fencing having been completed so far at Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) the area in kilometers where setting up of wire fencing remains pending along with the timeline set for its completion;
- (c) the status of patrolling work at trans-boundary river area of the border;
- (d) whether flood lights have been installed in the trans-boundary river area of the borders;
- (e) the number of illegal migrants having entered in India by crossing the border during last five years; and
- (f) State-wise number of such people arrested by Border Security Force (BSF) during above period?

### Use of drone as weapon

2438 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has issued any guidelines in view of the apprehensions of using drone as a weapon for attacking high security institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the increasing sale of Made in China drones in Indian market;
- (d) whether any regulating agency is there in this field which monitors use of drones in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Frauds relating to KYC of e-wallets

2439 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that incidence of frauds relating to KYC of e-wallets is rising like an epidemic and shattering the trust of people in digital transactions;
- (b) whether Government is aware that a large majority of such crimes are inter-state in nature with their epicentre in Jharkhand;
- (c) whether complaints registered against such crimes on MHA cyber crime website be deemed to be an FIR; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to eradicate the menace of such cyber frauds?

### Relief funds for Karnataka

2440 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) the total amount of disaster relief funds released for the State of Karnataka since 2018, year-wise;
- (b) the total fund released specifically for flood relief for the state of Karnataka particularly post the devastating floods of 2019 and 2020;
- (c) whether there is any plan to release more funds to the State for disaster relief;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for not granting more funds to Karnataka?

### Resignation and voluntary retirement by paramilitary personnel

2441 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

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

- (a) the details of resignation and voluntary retirement sought by the personnel of paramilitary forces especially, BSF, ITBP, CISF and SSB during last five years;
- (b) the number of personnels who have sought voluntary retirement;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the cases of voluntary retirement and resignation are on the rise;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons behind such increasing cases of voluntary retirement and resignation?

### North-East Delhi riots

2442 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

**Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of videographic footage showing that the Delhi Police used excessive force and also failed to do their duty by silently observing North-East Delhi riots violence instead of intervening to stop it;
- (b) if so, the action Government intends to take against the officers concerned, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government intends to investigate the actions of the Delhi Police during the North-East Delhi riots between February 23 and 29, 2020;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Stateless Persons from Sri Lanka

2443 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

**Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) the total number of stateless Sri Lankan individuals in India;
- (b) the details of measures planned or taken by Government to identify unregistered stateless individuals from Sri Lanka in India;
- (c) whether steps are being taken to provide additional routes for Sri Lankan stateless individuals to acquire Indian citizenship as done for certain communities through the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Naxal attacks in Chhattisgarh

2444 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the details of the security personnel martyred in Naxal attacks in Chhattisgarh since year, 2019 till date, year-wise;
- (b) whether there is a provision to provide job and compensation to the kins of the martyred security personnel, if so, the number of kins that were to be given compensation and employment during the said period and the number of kins that have been provided with the same and the those that are still left; and
- (c) the number of Naxals who were killed in Naxalite encounter and those who surrendered themselves in Chhattisgarh since 2019 till date?

### Funds for modernisation of State police forces

2445 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

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

- (a) whether Government has allocated funds for modernisation of State police forces under Central scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and its implementation strategy;
- (c) whether Government has initiated any step to check proper implementation of modernisation of police force scheme in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and

Uttar Pradesh;

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

(e) the year-wise details of the amount allocated and expenditure incurred on modernisation of police forces in the last five years?

### **Intrusion from neighbouring countries**

2446 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

(a) the number of intrusion from neighbouring countries reported during the last two years and the current year, border-wise and country-wise;

(b) the details of the action taken by Government in such cases of intrusion; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to avoid any intrusion in future?

### **Return of convicts to jails**

2447 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has requested all State Governments to ensure the return of convicts back to jail pursuant to relaxation of lockdown norms in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ensured that all the convicts have returned to jail;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Domicile certificates issued for J&K**

2448 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

**Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

(a) the total number of applications for domicile certificates for the purpose of applying for local jobs, issued for the UT of Jammu and Kashmir as on December 31, 2020;

(b) the total number of applications received that have been rejected and the reasons therefor as on December 31, 2020; and

(c) the total number of domicile certificates that have been issued to holders of erstwhile Permanent Resident Certificates?

### **Implementation of NRC**

2449 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) throughout the country in toto;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan;

(c) whether Government has given any instructions to the State Governments in regard to the implementation of NRC;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether State Governments have made any apprehension or objection against the implementation of NRC in the concerned States; and

(f) if so, the details of the States and the apprehensions or objection made?

### NGOs with FCRA clearance

2450 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) total number of NGOs currently with FCRA clearance;
- (b) total number of NGOs that have had their FCRA clearance revoked in the last three years;
- (c) total number of NGOs with FCRA clearance currently pending;
- (d) total number of NGOs received funding from foreign donations in the last three years and total amount of funding received by these NGOs;
- (e) total amount donated by the NGOs receiving foreign donations in the last three years to other NGOs and the total number of NGOs that have received such funds; and
- (f) whether any NGOs have used this funding for unlawful activities?

### Recommendations for Padma awards

2451 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) the number of Padma awards given on basis of State Governments' recommendations and Departmental recommendations;
- (b) whether the number of Padma awardees selected on basis of recommendations other than Government has increased in recent years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government proposes to do away with State Government recommendations in future; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

### Encounters with criminals and Naxalites

2452 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the number of encounters with criminals and Naxalites that had taken place in the last three years and in the current year, in the country, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the recent encounter with the UP Gangster raised the controversy about fake encounters and stage-managed ones;
- (c) whether complaints have come from NGOs and human rights activists including Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative for independent probe into the killing of a gangster and his associates; and
- (d) if so, the response of Government thereto?

### Atrocities against Dalits

2453 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether cases of atrocities against Dalits are increasing; and
- (b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details about atrocities against Dalits reported during the last five years?

### **Maoist activities in the country**

**2454 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the status of Maoist activities in the country;
- (b) the details of districts that are still affected by Maoist activities; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to wipe out Maoist activities in the country?

### **Internal security challenges**

**2455 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of increase in internal security challenges in the country particularly in Jammu and Kashmir with reference to recent killing of some civilians in that State by terrorists;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to further strengthen the Central Armed Police Forces to meet these challenges; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the comprehensive measures being taken to strengthen the internal security of the country, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir wherein innocent citizens are targeted by some Pakistan sponsored terrorists?

### **Ayushman CAPF Health Scheme**

**2456 # Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the details of recently started 'Ayushman CAPF Health Scheme' by Government in order to give benefit of Central health insurance programme to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF); and
- (b) the details of provision of annual budget made for this scheme?

### **Supplying of weapons via drones**

**2457 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Pakistan has started supplying weapons to infiltrators via drones now;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government proposes to take to meet such challenges?

### **Night shelters to the homeless**

**2458 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced any scheme to provide night shelters to the homeless and other persons spending their nights on the city footpaths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount released during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (d) the names of the cities where the said scheme is being run presently?

### ARHCs scheme

2459 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the income group that are identified to whom Government is targeting under the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) scheme;
- (b) whether Government has introduced provisions for labourers who would not be able to pay rent on time due to erratic employment opportunities;
- (c) whether Government has set targets in terms of the number of private/public agencies and the estimated time for their enrolment for the construction of ARHCs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Homeless citizens in the country

2460 **Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps which have been taken by Government towards providing shelter to the shelter-less citizens of India, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the details of population of homeless citizens for the last five years, State-wise?

### Targets under PMAY (U)

2461 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for building the houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U)) by the year 2022;
- (b) the details of such targets achieved and yet to be achieved, State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated for PMAY (U); and
- (d) whether Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds under PMAY(U) and if so, the details thereof?

### Funds for ARHCs scheme

2462 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) The quantum of funds allocated or proposed to be allocated for the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) scheme;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to attract private developers for building ARHCs;
- (c) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is a proposal to introduce a Technology Innovation Grant in this connection;
- (e) if so, the details thereof including how it shall be disbursed; and
- (f) the details of related steps already taken?

### Metro projects in Tamil Nadu

2463 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the implementation of Chennai Metro project phase II, corridor 3 and corridor 4;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated / sanctioned / utilized so far this in project;

- (c) whether Government has allowed Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) to mobilize funds from any private players or foreign financial institutions; and  
 (d) if so, the details thereof and the expected time of completion of the two corridors?

### **Nurturing neighbourhoods challenge under SCM**

**2464 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has finalised the names of the 25 cities selected for the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and the shortlisted cities would carry out projects for making early childhood friendly neighbourhoods, including Hyderabad, Kakinada and Warangal etc.; and  
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made State-wise and city-wise?

### **Development projects**

**2465 Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the data of development projects which were under construction before COVID-19 outbreak;  
 (b) whether there has been any progress in the projects since the nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic;  
 (c) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Irregularities in AMRUT**

**2466 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of action taken to address the several irregularities observed in the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme by the Parliamentary Standing Committee in its report in September, 2020;  
 (b) the total amount of public money that was mishandled in instances such as irregularities in works of LED lights in Aurangabad, tenders being awarded to a single person at Surat, etc; and  
 (c) the number of people who have been punished in relation to mishandling of funds in said cases?

### **Cities under NCAP**

**2467 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to include 42 more cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP);  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor;  
 (d) whether programme will include any city from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and  
 (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?



### **PAiSA portal under DAY-NULM**

**2468 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress made with respect to the Portal for Affordable credit and Interest Subvention Access (PAiSA) established under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM);
- (b) the city-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government intends to introduce further steps to reduce poverty in the urban areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Extension of ARHCs scheme**

**2469 Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

whether Government will consider extending the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCS) scheme to houses other than Government houses lying unused for providing affordable housing on rent to the poor in order to meet the gap on required dwelling units?

### **Municipal Solid Waste Management**

**2470 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cities practising scientific disposal of the municipal solid waste, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of quantity of treated and untreated waste in the country, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of infrastructure being developed to enable scientific treatment and management of solid waste, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned and disbursed to municipal corporations for support in Solid Waste Management(SWM), State-wise/UT-wise;
- (e) details of steps taken by Government to aid in SWM by cities; and
- (f) the details of steps taken to ensure abolition of manual scavenging and inclusion of manual scavengers in programs for scientific treatment of solid waste?

### **Social auditing of PMAY (U) projects**

**2471 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

**Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of houses sanctioned, under-construction, completed and occupied under In-situ Redevelopment, Credit Linked Subsidy, Affordable Housing in Partnership and Subsidy for Beneficiary-led individual house construction/ enhancement of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY (U)) and deadline for completion of in-progress projects, State/UT/year-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and utilised under each component of PMAY (U), State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the number of beneficiaries who were housed and rehabilitated under each component of PMAY(U), State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the details of projects where social auditing was carried out, State/UT-wise?

### Setting up of steel plant in TN

2472 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up steel plant in Tamil Nadu especially in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Monetization of assets

2473 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of all bodies, autonomous and statutory, under the administrative control of the Ministry;
- (b) the list, details, locations, total area of all land assets owned by all these bodies under administrative control of the Ministry;
- (c) the monetary value of each land asset mentioned above;
- (d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any exercise of monetization of assets;
- (e) if so, the details, thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the list of all assets monetized by anybody under the administrative control of the Ministry during last five years, year-wise?

### Funds allocated for homeless

2474 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various State Governments have been failing to spend even their allocated funds to provide home for the homeless;
- (b) if so, the details of allocated funds by the Centre and the utilized funds of each States during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of lapse of such funds during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of homeless people/families, State-wise?

### Driverless metro

2475 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the cities of the country in which metro rail is operational and the details of the cities in which metro rail services are proposed to be started and the funds allocated during the current financial year for the same;
- (b) whether India has joined the league of such countries where driverless metro rail is operational; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### AMRUT scheme implementation

2476 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Housing and Urban Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of towns included under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme in the country, projects proposed and funds sanctioned

by stage of implementation;

(b) the status of implementation of the AMRUT scheme in Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Assam;

(c) the number and value of projects for each town in above States and their present status (completed, ongoing, tender stage etc.);

(d) the reasons for poor implementation of the scheme in West Bengal;

(e) whether there has been any study on impact assessment of AMRUT scheme in country; and

(g) if not, reasons therefor?

### **Smart Cities Mission project implementation**

**2477 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities included under Smart Cities Mission (SCM) in the country, projects proposed and funds sanctioned by stage of implementation;

(b) the status of implementation of the SCM in Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Assam;

(c) the detailed list of projects for each city in above States and their present status (completed, ongoing, tender stage etc.);

(d) the reasons for poor or non-implementation of the scheme in West Bengal;

(e) whether there has been any study on the impact assessment of the SCM; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Allocation for metro projects**

**2478 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will be spending 43 per cent of urban affairs budget for 2021-22 only on metro projects leaving very less allocation for other schemes;

(b) whether Metro rail systems are efficient only when the average trip distance is greater than 12 km;

(c) whether initially metro should be limited to cities with population more than 5 million; and

(d) if so, the reason behind spending such huge amount on metro?

### **Honorarium provided to employees**

**2479 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is determined to get and to provide the honorarium fixed by Government to the employees engaged on outsourcing basis under the tender process;

(b) if so, the details of minimum honorarium being paid to skilled, non-skilled and other types of employees, including civil and electrical;

(c) whether in the tender of CPWD, Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh, employees working on outsource basis are being paid less than half of the designated honorarium; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to prevent such arbitrariness?

### **National Urban Digital Mission**

**2480 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) and by when will it get fully operational; and
- (b) the budgetary provision for NUDM during the financial year 2021-22?

### **PMAY scheme during the COVID-19 pandemic**

**2481 Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U)) scheme during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether State Government has given a status report on the number of houses constructed for the urban poor in Bengaluru; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Use of drone technology to prevent illegal constructions**

**2482 # Shri Narayan Rane:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the use of drone technology in order to prevent unauthorised colonies, illegal construction and for demarcation;
- (b) whether Government is facing difficulties in adopting the technology; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and efforts made by Government to overcome the difficulties?

### **Encroachment on Government land**

**2483 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of encroachment of Government land for urban development and housing by private entities including but not limited to industries, hospitals and educational institutions, State-wise and year-wise during last five years;
- (b) the details of the progress of eviction on the identified encroached Government land for urban development along with the cases pending in various courts and the applications pending for regularization; and
- (c) whether a system of Public Complaint Redressal Mechanism exists to receive public complaints against the encroachment of Government land, if so, details of the public complaints received, State-wise and year-wise during the last five years?

### **AMRUT in Odisha**

**2484 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme is aiming to adequate robust sewage networks and water supply for urban transformation by implementing urban revival projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cities/towns selected to implement the AMRUT scheme in Odisha; and

(d) the funds allocated for AMRUT scheme in Odisha?

#### **DAY-NULM in Odisha**

**2485 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the scheme Deen Dayal Antyodaya-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) is aiming to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households by providing employment opportunities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of urban poor households that have been given employment opportunities in Odisha during the last financial year; and
- (d) the funds allocated for DAY-NULM for Odisha?

#### **Subsidy under PMAY (U)**

**2486 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons received subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) PMAY(U) so far in the country particularly in the States of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the total amount spent towards subsidy under PMAY (U) so far, in the country including the States of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) to what percentage extent the mission is accomplished in the country, the details thereof; and
- (d) the bottlenecks faced in implementation of the Mission and the measures taken to overcome those bottlenecks?

#### **Metro rail projects**

**2487 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of ***Housing and Urban Affairs*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared a metro project and high speed train project in Meerut , Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof including the status of completion of the project;
- (b) the contribution of Central Government in the funding of Metro Rail projects in various cities and the money earmarked by private companies in the case of public private partnership; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated by Central Government along with the total funds required for the project for the said Metro project?

#### **Pendency for payment of PF**

**2488 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether several cases for payment of Provident Fund (PF) are lying pending;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases as on date along with the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for payment of PF to the employee?

### Increasing jobs through PMMY

2489 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

**Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether Government has noted an increase in jobs and employment due to loans availed under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increase in jobs has been as high as expected and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that Government has not been able to meet requisite expectations under generating non-farm activities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### Measure to formalise the informal sector

2490 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

- (a) the measures are being taken to formalize the informal sector; and
- (b) the schemes and policies are in place for formalization and quantum of funding each of these schemes is allotted?

### Migrant female workers

2491 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether Government will inform number of female migrant workers in the country;
- (b) whether there is any discrimination with them in their service conditions, like wages, service hours, etc.;
- (c) whether Government will make the provision for special leave with full wages both in public and private works during their menstruation;
- (d) whether Government will ensure compulsory registration of female migrant workers and what are the rules to safeguard them during the work hours and after; and
- (e) whether Government will make facilities for their residence?

### Jobs lost among women due to COVID-19

2492 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proportion among women who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic was 89 per cent;
- (b) if so, the measures taken to increase employment amongst women;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that women constituting the labour force plummeted down to 6.9 per cent in November, 2020 as compared to 9.7 per cent in 2019, according to a survey conducted by Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy (CMIE); and
- (d) if so, strategies in place to create more paid job opportunities for women?

### ILO report on Indian workers

2493 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a recent ILO report has shown that Indians workers have one of the lowest average wages and yet they work for longer hours than most nations;
- (b) if so, the reason why Indian employers are deprived so much and paid less;
- (c) the steps have been taken by Government to prevent exploitation of Indian workers; and
- (d) how the provisions of the new labour codes would address the exploitation of workers by employers?

#### **Minimum wages to tea garden workers**

**2494 Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

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

the measures taken by Government to ensure the minimum wages to the tea garden workers?

#### **Unemployment in the country**

**2495 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of high incidence of unemployment amongst youth in the country both graduate and non-graduate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of jobs/employment provided to the unemployed youth in the country in different sectors, during the one year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving employment opportunities in the country?

#### **Changes in working hours**

**2496 Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to allow 12 hours of work a day instead of 8 hours of work a day as per the current labour laws, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that few States have already made the amendments to allow 12 hours of work a day instead of 8 hours of work a day, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of such changes brought or proposed as it will only increase the exploitation of workers/employees by their employer?

#### **Job data on migrant workers**

**2497 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the number of migrant workers who lost their lives traveling to their hometowns on foot during the lockdown imposed due to the pandemic and the details thereof;
- (b) the number of migrant workers who lost their jobs during the pandemic imposed lockdown and the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has ascertained the wages paid to these migrant workers and whether these wages have decreased presently, the details thereof?

### Working conditions of Journalists

2498 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether the print and electronic media persons and journalists are covered under the Minimum Wages Act, Provident Fund, ESI pension scheme(s) and social security schemes;
- (b) the details of statutes governing the working conditions including salary, perks etc. of the journalists in the country; and
- (c) the details of mechanism put in place by Government to ensure its strict compliance across the country?

### Survey on employment/unemployment

2499 # **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

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

- (a) the status of employment in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any survey on employment and unemployment during the year 2018-19, 2019-20;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and outcome of the survey;
- (d) whether the level of unemployment is lower among illiterates than graduates; and
- (e) if so, the preventive steps taken by Government to address this problem?

### Unemployment among NRIs

2500 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) the number of NRIs who have returned to the country who lost their employment in foreign nations, the State-wise data for the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has put in place any scheme to enable them to find employment in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has implemented any unemployment insurance for their benefit; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Inter-State Migration Workmen Act, 1979

2501 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

**Shri Rajeew Satav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has been able to enforce strictly the inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has detected violation of provision in the inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1979 during each of the last three years and the current year and action taken thereon; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to check the trend of inter-State migration and for welfare of migrant workers/labourers in the country?



### NPS beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu

2502 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the details of pension being given to employees of traders and shopkeepers under National Pension Scheme (NPS) in the country especially in the State of Tamil Nadu in the last three years;
- (b) the number of people identified for giving pension under NPS; and
- (c) the number of cases pending for sanction of pension under NPS and the reasons for the delay?

### Agencies under the Ministry

2503 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has evolved any policy for the engagement of established agencies for the assignments to be carried out by the Ministry and its autonomous bodies during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the number of consultancy agencies involved by the Ministry and its autonomous bodies during the last three years, what are their names and the details of the assignments given to them including the fees paid?

### Portability of Provident Fund account

2504 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) the number of labourers who have been given the facility of Provident Fund (PF) account portability so far under 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayante Karyakram', State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds lying unused along with the number of such PF accounts in the country, the action plan chalked out by Government to send this amount to the right person; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to utilize the said claimless amount on any other purpose, if so, the details thereof?

### CSS for labourers

2505 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the details of Central assistance given to the States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for labour during the last three years, year-wise, scheme-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the number of labourers who got benefitted from the above scheme during the said period;
- (c) whether the State Government had requested for supplementing its efforts through financial help for scheme/programmes that it is implementing for the labourers; and
- (d) if so, the details of help extended by Central Government for above?

### Labour deaths

2506 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) total number of labour deaths in the country over the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the primary reasons for these deaths; and
- (c) the steps being undertaken by Government to prevent such deaths?

### Jobs lost due to pandemic

2507 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) the number of persons who have lost their jobs across the country due to COVID-19 pandemic have since been rehabilitated, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has issued any advisory to State Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether any monitoring mechanism has been setup for the purpose with instructions to report to Central Government from time to time, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Data of migrant workers

2508 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any statistical data about the details of migrant workers who are affected by COVID-19 pandemic in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to entrust this job to NGOs, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate these migrant workers who lost their livelihood advisory has been issued by the Central Government to States for the purpose, the details thereof?

### Register for unskilled labourers

2509 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

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

- (a) whether Government monitor the inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulations of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979;
- (b) if so, whether Government maintains the details of the register for unskilled and agricultural labourers, State-wise; and
- (c) the various steps taken being taken by Government to check the welfare of migrant workers/labourers in the country?

### Domestic workers

2510 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the number of domestic workers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of female domestic workers and what percentage of the total domestic workers do females constitute;
- (c) whether any specific scheme has been introduced to help domestic workers who were affected most in the COVID-19 situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Creation of jobs**

**2511 Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has a numerical goal for employment in 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the various methods the Ministry will adopt to boost employment and job creation; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Statistics of worker in organised sector**

**2512 Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the current statistics of workers in the unorganised sector, whether a mechanism exists to better their condition, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the current statistics of migrant workers in the country and the top five States contributing to highest concentration of migrant workers; and
- (c) the details of statistics on the number of workers migrating from the State of Tamil Nadu each year, for the last five years?

### **Unemployment rate**

**2513 Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether the unemployment rate has gone down in the last quarter since the economy has picked up in the same quarter;
- (b) the percentage of employees/labourers who are back on job in the same period; and
- (c) the percentage of migrant workers who are back to work compared to pre-COVID period?

### **Minimum wages**

**2514 # Shri Narayan Rane:**

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

- (a) whether any type of checks/inspections have been undertaken by Government to implement Acts related to minimum wages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the outcomes received from above checks/ inspection?

### **Safety of inter-State Migrant Workers**

**2515 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started maintaining database for migrant workers as announced in budget speech with regard to a special portal for all kinds of workers, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to fix accountability upon employers, labour departments of source and destination States to track recruitments and placements, movement of labour and operation of contractors with respect to inter-State

migration for domestic workers; and

(c) whether Government has in place special focussed measures for women workers and children where family migrates as a whole to another State for livelihood opportunities?

### **Rise of adulteration in petroleum products**

**2516 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of adulteration in petroleum products is on the rise year after year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantum of petroleum products seized and the number of cases registered or persons booked, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to check the sale of adulterated petroleum products in the country?

### **Income of petrol pump operators**

**2517 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making efforts to increase the income of petrol pump operators across the country from the Central level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government intends to increase the diesel margin by implementing the recommendations of the Apoorva Chandra Committee?

### **Delivered Commodity System for petrol/diesel**

**2518 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether petrol/diesel could also be brought under a tax-system at national level under delivered commodity like LPG;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether there is a proposal to constitute a sub-Committee or special Committee to study and analyze the same, to make petrol and diesel available at equal price to the general public throughout the country?

### **Policy on LNG**

**2519 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to promote the use and distribution of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in the country;

(b) the measures being taken to promote the manufacture and usage of vehicles running on LNG;

(c) the precise estimate of how much cleaner a fuel LNG is than diesel and petrol and the potential reduction in pollution;

(d) whether Government has set any national targets for LNG usage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Upgrading tractors with CNG engines

2520 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an MoU to convert tractors from diesel to CNG engines was concluded recently in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the ways in which manufacturers of tractors and their engines can replicate this model and facilitate such technological upgrades in their own products;
- (c) whether Government will facilitate the conversion of tractor engines to CNG or LNG across the country through setting up of necessary infrastructure;
- (d) whether Government intends to set aside a specific financial allocation for the conversion of tractor engines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Extension of PMUY through CGD

2521 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana for households by extending it to cover 1 crore more beneficiaries by adding 100 more districts in next 3 years to the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network through gas pipeline projects taken up in the States; and
- (b) whether an independent Gas Transport System Operator will be set up for facilitation and coordination of booking of common carrier capacity in all-natural gas pipelines on a non-discriminatory open access basis, if so, the details thereof and progress made, State-wise?

### Safety measures to monitor fire hazards in wells

2522 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced any new safety measures to monitor hazards or mishaps at oil/petroleum wells in light of the leak at Oil India Limited (OIL) well in Baghjan, Assam, in 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of any safety mechanisms which failed leading to the leak and consequent fire at the well; and
- (d) the reasons for extended delay of over six months before shutdown of the well and fire?

### Retail outlets for OBCs

2523 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has framed the guidelines relating to 27 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in allotment of proposed new Retail Outlets (ROs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the ROs allotted to persons belonging to OBCs during the year 2018-2020?

### Blending of ethanol extracted from agro products

2524 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether blending of ethanol extracted from sugarcane and other agro products are likely to get a major push in years to come to reduce import of petrol;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified agro-products other than sugarcane for production and if so, the names of such products; and
- (d) whether Government has taken the farmers in confidence to produce such agro produce explaining them the financial benefits?

### Checks on adulteration of fuel

2525 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether oil companies involved in distribution of petrol and diesel in country through filling stations have adequate mechanism to ensure that end consumers get fuel without adulteration and in proper quantity;
- (b) if so, whether the mechanism in place is sound and the oil companies take proper checks of the filling stations, especially in rural areas, from where the farmers purchase fuel in good quantity for agriculture purposes;
- (c) whether the oil companies maintain data on checks conducted and action taken in case of irregularities detected; and
- (d) if so, nature of action taken against filling stations during the last one year?

### Import of oil

2526 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made towards reducing the country's oil import dependence by 10 per cent by 2022 when compared to 2015-16, as envisioned by the Prime Minister;
- (b) the details of the year-on-year reduction in India's oil import dependence, from 2014 till date; and
- (c) the details of actions taken by Government to reduce India's oil import dependence from 2014, including the resulting drop in oil import dependence, if any?

### Single grid across the country

2527 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has embarked on bringing the entire country on Single Grid Operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any plan of action has been prepared by which time this interlinking of grids will be done, the details thereof?

### Promotion CNG/PNG in Maharashtra

2528 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote the use of CNG/PNG in order to control pollution in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the names of the districts in Maharashtra provided with such facility of CNG/PNG till date; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to open CNG/ PNG facility/centre in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

#### **Share of natural gas in the energy basket**

**2529 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of natural gas in the country's energy basket;
- (b) the target share of natural gas that Government is aiming for in the year 2021-22; and
- (c) the steps being taken to achieve this target?

#### **Dependence on Kerosene**

**2530 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reduction of dependence on kerosene is a priority for Government;
- (b) whether large segments of the population are still dependent upon kerosene, the district-wise details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken to reduce the dependency on kerosene; and
- (d) the number of States that are kerosene free?

#### **Petrol pumps for reserved categories**

**2531 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the rules stipulated for the allotment of petrol pumps and gas agency for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) and OBC categories; and
- (b) the number of petrol pumps and gas agencies allotted to the persons from reserved categories, along with the backlog, the details thereof?

#### **Oil exploration by ONGC**

**2532 Shri Rajeev Satav:**

**Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in oil exploration in the country since its inception;
- (b) whether crude oil production by ONGC has helped the country in reducing oil import and if so, the quantum of crude oil produced by ONGC during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has taken effective steps to increase the crude oil production of ONGC to cut down the import bill and foreign exchange expenditure; and
- (d) the details of the number of projects undertaken and completed by ONGC in other countries during the last three years and the current year?

### Increasing percentage of ethanol in petrol

2533 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Government has decided to increase the percentage of ethanol in petrol from 10 per cent to 20 per cent;
- (b) if so, the reasons why it has not been mandatory to mix 20 per cent ethanol by private petroleum companies;
- (c) whether India started mixing ethanol in petrol since 2003 but facility of ethanol blending is still not available;
- (d) whether it is fact that there is no ethanol storage facility at Nayara Energy Ltd., Wardha, Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the steps Government will take in this regard?

### Rates of LPG in domestic and international market

2534 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the increase in the rates of LPG in domestic and international markets during the last five years;
- (b) whether the poor consumers are forced to cook again in a traditional way due to frequent rise in LPG price, whether any study has been conducted to ascertain this; and
- (c) whether Government would consider to create a separate mechanism to increase and reduce the prices of LPG, so as to save the consumers from excessive rise in price?

### Petrol pumps in the country

2535 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of petrol pumps proposed to be opened/set up during the current year along with the locations identified in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any survey to open/set up new petrol pumps and LPG distributorships in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the name of places/sites where new petrol pumps and LPG dealerships have been opened/proposed to be opened after survey in Uttar Pradesh, location-wise; and
- (d) the procedure laid down for allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies along with any reservation made for minorities in this regard?

### Increase in prices of LPG

2536 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of LPG cylinders are increasing every month since last six months;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has not made any mechanism to control the prices of LPG cylinders?



### Gas-based economy

2537 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the significant steps being taken by Government to strengthen the infrastructure of "Gas-based economy"; and
- (b) the quantum of financial expenditure that would be incurred by Government for the same, the details thereof?

### CNG pipeline in Bihar

2538 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any project for laying CNG pipeline is underway in Bihar currently; and
- (b) if so, the details of the same including project cost and time-line?

### Natural gas under GST ambit

2539 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government is actively consolidating a proposal to bring natural gas within the ambit of the GST;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has received any response from the Ministry of Finance in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when natural gas is likely to be within the ambit of GST?

### Bio-CNG

2540 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes clean energy by introducing a scheme of bio-CNG production by setting up plants based on agro-waste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up more modern refineries for production of ethanol and if so, the details thereof?

### Old Age Homes

2541 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the number of Old Age Homes in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the Schemes being run by Government for senior citizens in the country?

### OBC reservation

2542 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) whether OBCs are being given the benefit of 27 per cent reservation at the national level in the country;

- (b) the States in which reservation of 27 per cent is being given to OBCs and in which States not being given, details thereof; and
- (c) the States where 27 per cent reservation is not being given, why and for how long?

### **Empowerment of PwDs**

**2543 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any new measures in the last one year to empower People with Disabilities (PwDs) and bring them in the mainstream of the society by providing aids and assistive devices;
- (b) the number of social empowerment camps that have been organised during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to increase the reservation for the disabled in Government jobs and in higher education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Centre-State cooperation for schemes**

**2544 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have failed to implement many of the important schemes of the Central Government on education for SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society due to lack of prompt decision and timely action in field level; and
- (b) if so, the steps that have been taken to sensitise States in this regard so that the benefits of schemes reach the poorest sections of the society?

### **Drug Rehabilitation Centres**

**2545 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the number of Drug rehabilitation centres that are operated or funded by Ministry;
- (b) the details of such centres, State-wise;
- (c) whether private individuals/organizations are allowed to establish and operate such centres;
- (d) if so, the details for the same, State-wise;
- (e) the number of people who received treatment at such centres since 2015; and
- (f) the steps the Ministry has taken to increase access to institutional care related to drug abuse?

### **Action plan for backward classes**

**2546 Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any action plan to identify the most backward classes (MBCs) among all sections of the society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the said action plan is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is considering to formulate any special scheme for the MBCs of the society?

### Artificial limb manufacturing

2547 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

**Shri Rajeew Satav:**

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

- (a) whether Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is supplying artificial limbs, if so, whether Government has achieved the objective for which ALIMCO was set up;
- (b) whether the corporation has adopted any cost reduction measures to optimize cost of production without sacrificing the quality standard of its products, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures being taken to ensure the supply of such equipments as per the demand; and
- (d) the details of camps organized to provide supporting equipments during the said period, State-wise alongwith the number of persons who got the benefit?

### Royalty given to States

2548 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Petroleum and Natural Gas*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of royalty given to Category I, II and III oil and gas basins in the country;
- (b) the details of royalty paid to States in which such oil and gas blocks fall during the last ten years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for increasing royalty given to Andhra Pradesh and similar other States;
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) when was royalty revised last time?

### Sub-castes to be included in Karnataka

2549 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government received the recommendation for including castes/sub-castes to be added in the Central list for the State of Karnataka; and
- (b) if so, whether there is a delay in the inclusion, the reason therefor?

### Development of Nomadic Tribes

2550 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote the socio-economic development of the De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic communities;
- (b) whether Government has identified and formally classified the communities of De-notified Nomadic Tribes (DNT), Semi-Nomadic Tribes (SNT) and Notified Tribes (NT);
- (c) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of the Idate Commission for Nomadic Tribes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs

2551 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for the students of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is being implemented in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount allocated, released and utilised under the scheme across the country including Karnataka during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the funds allocated by Government under the said scheme has not been fully utilized;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

### Consultancy agencies

2552 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has evolved any policy for the engagement of established agencies for the assignments to be carried out by the Ministry and its autonomous bodies during the last three years, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the number of consultancy agencies involved by the Ministry and its autonomous bodies during the last three years, their names and the details of the assignments given to them, including the fees paid?

### Changes to scholarship scheme for SC students

2553 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has approved changes to post-matric scholarship scheme for students from SC category to enable them to access higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan of extending the same scheme to the Economically Backward Classes (EBC) students of general category;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the stand of Government in this regard?

### Development of Schedule Castes

2554 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

**Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the development undertaken for the Scheduled Castes in India over the last five years;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise/district-wise; and
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred for their development?

### Reservation / quota for orphan children

2555 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether orphans are most deprived section of society both emotionally as well as materially, hence they should be given quota or included under ST/SC quota;
- (b) whether the Ministry accepts it as a fact that to ensure equality amongst all its citizen quota for orphan is a must; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Funding for PostMatric Scholarship Scheme for SCs**

**2556 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has announced to give ₹35,219 crore as a Central share funding in the next 6 years for Post-Matric Scholarship to four crore Scheduled Caste students of the country;
- (b) whether the said provision should have been about six thousand crores, but only a provision of ₹3,415 crore has been made in the budget of 2021-22; and
- (c) if so, the justification behind reduction in the Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste?

#### **Social welfare scheme in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh**

**2557 Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the details of the social welfare schemes being implemented/formulated/run by Government in various States, including West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the number of people benefited by these welfare schemes of Government during the last two years;
- (c) whether it is a fact that several welfare schemes are under consideration for the welfare of the poor people of the country; and
- (d) if so, by when these schemes will be completed, fund allocated for the purpose by Government to be incurred on these schemes, State-wise details thereof?

#### **Project at Visakhapatnam**

**2558 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction works of Coke Oven Battery-5 Project at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh is yet to be completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Utilisation of CSR fund**

**2559 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has utilised the entire amount received under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund;
- (b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details of total amount received and spent respectively in last three years;
- (c) the total amount received by Government from the State of Rajasthan as against the expenditure made for the State, the details thereof;

- (d) whether Government is emphasising upon the development of local institutions, rural schools and hospitals also through CSR activities; and  
(e) if so, the year-wise details of the domains along with the amount spent on the development work, during last three years?

**Per capita steel consumption**

2560 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to encourage domestic steel makers to become more competitive locally as also in export markets besides developing newer products for use in industrial and construction sector;  
(b) whether it is also a fact that the domestic per capita steel consumption is one-third of the global average per capita steel consumption; and  
(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

New Delhi  
The 10th March, 2021  
19 Phalgun, 1942 (Saka)

Desh Deepak Verma,  
Secretary-General.

**INDEX**  
(Ministry-Wise)

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Civil Aviation                 | 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424                                                 |
| Home Affairs                   | 2425, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457 |
| Housing and Urban Affairs      | 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487                   |
| Labour and Employment          | 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515                         |
| Petroleum and Natural Gas      | 2426, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2548                               |
| Social Justice and Empowerment | 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557                                                                                                 |
| Steel                          | 2472, 2558, 2559, 2560                                                                                                                                                                         |