

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Labour and Employment; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Space; Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions -- 160

Use of nuclear energy for power generation

1281 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the current capacity of the power produced using nuclear energy;
- (b) whether there is any policy augmenting the current nuclear power as a substitute for thermal power; and
- (c) Government's plan to meet the energy demands of the country using different energy sources (both renewable and non-renewable) in the next 10 years?

Alternate location for the nuclear waste repository

1282 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any alternate proposal, other than the proposed location of the nuclear waste repository for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project's units 3 and 4 within the plant premises in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware about the great danger and threat to the health & safety of the people if the nuclear waste are to be stored in the Kudankulam complex itself; and
- (d) if so, details of the solutions thereof?

Spent nuclear fuel stores at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant

1283 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any response with regard to the concerns raised by the State Government of Tamil Nadu about the major environmental risks, the long term health risk and lives and safety of people of the State by storing spent nuclear fuel near the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant;
- (b) whether Government has any update on NPCIL's plan on establishing a Deep

Geological Repository which ensures that hazardous and used nuclear fuel is stored away from human habitats deep underground in a sealed manner as a protection to both the environment and humans; and

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

Reprocessing of spent fuel by NPCIL

1284 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

(a) whether Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) has assured that the spent fuel of the proposed Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant would be taken to another facility for reprocessing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely impact of this decision on the radio activity safety of the proposed plan?

Infrastructural funds for Tata Memorial Hospital, Muzaffarpur

1285 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

(a) the land and the funds to be provided by the State Government of Bihar for cancer hospital in collaboration with Tata Memorial Hospital in Muzaffarpur, Bihar;

(b) the land and funds which have been provided by the State Government of Bihar;

(c) the funds which had to be spent by the Central Government and the funds which have been spent during the last three years;

(d) the facilities that have to be provided there and that which have been provided; and

(e) the reasons for the delay of the said plan and by when it is set to be completed?

Malfunction of Kudankulam Atomic Power Station

1286 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

(a) the amount of power sanctioned by Kudankulam Atomic Power Station;

(b) whether there are many shut downs due to failure in atomic reactors in the recent years;

(c) whether Government proposes to take steps to update/modernise Kudankulam Atomic Station in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Approvals for development of ASI protected monuments

1287 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

(a) the details of the total number of approvals by the Archaeological Survey of India for development of ASI protected monuments in the country;

(b) the details of the total number of objections by the Archaeological Survey of India for development of ASI protected monuments;

(c) the manner in which these objections might be or could be hampering the development of these ASI protected monuments, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is time to relook at the mandate of ASI in the larger interest of development of ASI protected monuments?

Renovation of heritage buildings

1288 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to prevent the heritage buildings from getting damaged, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to renovate the heritage structures in dilapidated conditions, especially in Agra and Mysuru, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Kongthong in Meghalaya as tourist spot

1289 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed Kongthong in Meghalaya as one of the best tourism villages before the United Nation's tourism body;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Kongthong is a whistling village and there are 22 more villages which claim the same characteristics;
- (c) whether Government will establish a museum and lab to protect and promote traditional whistling culture;
- (d) whether Government will promote the sites for film shooting as Kongthong is in the lap of nature and its beauty is unimaginable; and
- (e) steps that have been taken to promote tourism sites in Kongthong?

Poor condition of monuments in Karnataka

1290 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) whether various monuments in the country are in poor condition due to the lack of proper maintenance especially in Hampi, Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) steps taken by Government to improve the condition of the monuments?

Discovery of Saraswati river

1291 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

the details of progress made in project work related to discovery of the Saraswati river?

Funds for preservation of ancient culture

1292 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) the funds which were proposed by Government to be spent for preservation of ancient culture, folk art, folk music and folk literature during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22; and
- (b) the funds spent by Government thereon, year-wise?

Preservation of tribal culture

1293 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any special action plan to preserve the dance and songs of tribal culture in tribal dominated States like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha, and to promote and popularise their culture across the world;
- (b) if so, the nature of this action plan and the assistance provided to these tribal artists under the said action plan so that they could preserve their culture; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider to make any such action plan?

Promotion of Fine Arts and Performing Arts

1294 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to promote and encourage Fine Arts and Performing Arts in the country and if so, the details thereof particularly in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) the State-wise and UT-wise list of all educational institutions in the country having departments of Fine Arts and Performing Arts; and
- (c) whether Government organises festivals/programs/functions/exhibitions for Fine Arts and Performing Arts on regular basis and if so, the details thereof during the last five years?

Archaeological investigations by ASI

1295 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether the exclusive units responsible for major archaeological excavations in the country have been assigned ancient sites for detailed investigations during 2021-22;
- (b) if so, the details with respect of each of all such dedicated units under ASI; and
- (c) the ancient sites that were investigated by each of such dedicated units during 2020-21 and major findings, if any?

Conferring classical status to Odissi music

1296 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of the State Government of Odisha to confer classical status to Odissi music (vocal & instrumental) is pending with the Ministry; and
- (b) by when the Central Government would confer classical status to Odissi music so as to enable it to have the required identity it so genuinely deserves and to fulfill the cherished dream of the music lovers of Odisha and that of the country?

Protection and conservation of monuments

1297 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether according to the Performance Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), at least 92 Centrally Protected Monuments have gone missing since 2013;

- (b) if so, the steps being taken by ASI to protect monuments from such occurrences; and
- (c) the amount of funds spent by ASI in the protection and conservation of monuments across the country for the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

National Maritime Heritage Festival status to Bali Yatra

1298 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of the State Government of Odisha to accord the status of 'National Maritime Heritage Festival' to Bali Yatra, the ancient festival of Cuttack, is pending with the Ministry; and
- (b) by when the Central Government would accord the status of the 'National Maritime Heritage Festival' to Bali Yatra considering its social-cultural importance?

Shifting of artefacts of the National Museum

1299 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) whether the present building of the National Museum is sought to be demolished and if so, by when;
- (b) whether its entire collection has been photographed, carefully documented or digitally recorded so as to prevent damage, loss or switching of genuine artefacts during, before or after their movement; and
- (c) whether the proposed sites to which these items may be shifted are certified to be suitable for a museum by concerned agencies, the details thereof?

Projects undertaken under NESIDS

1300 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the details of projects undertaken under the North-East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for funding physical infrastructure relating to connectivity, power, water supply, enhancing tourism and social infrastructure relating to education and health sectors in the North-Eastern States; and
- (b) the details of projects undertaken under the scheme in Assam, the cost of the projects and the status of their implementation?

NESIDS Scheme

1301 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is sanctioning projects under NESIDS Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) projects sanctioned last year, scheme and cost-wise details thereof; and
- (d) projects that are included in the priority list by the State Governments, State and priority list thereof?

Budgetary allocation for North Eastern Council

1302 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the budget allocation for North Eastern Council (NEC) during the last five years;
- (b) the expenditure during the above period; and
- (c) whether there is any agency to monitor the execution of work funded by NEC, if so, the details thereof?

Projects under NERUDP scheme

1303 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) whether Government has been consistently pursuing its efforts towards development of North East through various development measures and projects under the schemes formulated by the Government of India for development of socio-economic infrastructure in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) the status of the projects taken up under the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP) scheme including those which have been spread over three Tranches; and
- (c) the details of the initiatives taken by Government for development of North Eastern States so far?

Technology for earthquake forecasting

1304 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether the country has its own method or technology to forecast any intense shaking of earth's surface apart from the instrument of the seismometer, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the country does not have such satellite system and information recorder to get an advance report of unnatural earthquake;
- (c) if so, whether there is any tie-up with foreign country/countries to get advance information, time, location and intensity of an earthquake; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor along with plan details of Government?

Research and Development in Earth Sciences

1305 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase the allocation of fund for Research and Development (R&D) in Earth Sciences and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the percentage of GDP incurred on R&D initiatives in Earth Sciences during the last three years;
- (c) the other plans of Government to attract students for research in Earth Sciences and give fruitful results; and
- (d) whether scientists are given world class facilities, equipment, resources and packages to carry on their research, etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of global warming on atmosphere

1306 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to global warming, country faces severe storms and shortage of air (oxygen) in the atmosphere leading to severe loss to human lives, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government propose to take any concrete and effective steps to check the rise in temperature in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Improving National Clean Air Programme

1307 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

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

- (a) the measures being undertaken under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to achieve targets;
- (b) whether Government has taken action on Nation Green Tribunal's suggestions to modify NCAP for better results including reducing time, increasing targets, shift to e-vehicles/CNG vehicles, intensifying public transport system, mechanical cleaning of roads, enhancement of public parking facilities, improvement in fuel quality and traffic management; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for National Green Corps to Puducherry

1308 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) the details of fund allotted to Government of Union Territory of Puducherry during the last five years under the scheme—National Green Corps;
- (b) the percentage of fund utilisation under the scheme so far; and
- (c) whether the fund utilisation is not up to the expectations, if so, the steps Government proposes to activate the Green Corps movement in the Union Territory of Puducherry?

Loss of biodiversity due to environmental pollution

1309 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether environmental pollution causes major problems such as degradation of land, the wearing away of national resources and loss of biodiversity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increase in construction activities and vehicular movement has also contributed in increasing pollution in the cities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the initiatives taken by Government to control air pollution?

Forest cover in the country

1310 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the places where forest cover has increased in the country over the past five years region-wise/State-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the places where forest cover has decreased in the country over the past five years region-wise/State-wise details thereof?

Status of CAMPA in Chhattisgarh

1311 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) current status of the implementation of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether any guidelines have been issued by Central Government to the State of Chhattisgarh and other States regarding expenditure/usage under CAMPA;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds allocated to the State of Chhattisgarh under the head during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether Government of Chhattisgarh is complying with the guidelines issued by Government; and
- (e) whether any monitoring Committee has been formed by Government regarding the expenditure occurred under the head 'CAMPA'?

Budget for controlling air pollution

1312 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the amount of annual budget provision made by Government to prevent or reduce air pollution;
- (b) the amount of funds spent out of the earmarked budget to prevent air pollution during the last three years;
- (c) the main reasons for the increasing air pollution in the last few years, and the concrete steps that have been taken to reduce the same till date; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Steps to curb air pollution under NCAP

1313 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

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

- (a) whether Government possess the status report about implementation or non implementation of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to prevent air pollution in all the States, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the State wise, city-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any specific step to curb air pollution under NCAP for polluted cities in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Roadmap to utilise climate finance

1314 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has demanded a trillion dollars over the next decade from developed countries to adapt to and mitigate the challenges arising from global warming, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has developed any roadmap to utilise that amount, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Adaptation Plan for climate risks

1315 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) whether Government has come up with any National Adaptation Plan in the wake of rising climate risks, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects pending for environmental clearance in Maharashtra

1316 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) the details of power, irrigation, industrial and other developmental projects pertaining to the State of Maharashtra which is pending with Government for environmental and forestry clearance;
- (b) the present status thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to clear these projects; and
- (d) the time by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

Restoration to pre-industrialization level of Carbon emission

1317 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has urged the advanced countries to ensure restoration to pre-industrialization period Carbon emission level in a time bound manner in the recently concluded Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ecological and economic loss due to invasive species

1318 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) whether invasive species cause both economic and environmental loss, as they are introduced far away from their native ranges to non-native ranges;
- (b) loss India faces per year due to this as the global economic loss is 1.4 Trillion dollars, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that a tree species-Acacia Mearnsii also known as Black Wattle, an Australian native, is massively invasive in Nilgiri ranges of Western Ghat causing significant negative impact on natural eco systems and eco system services; and
- (d) strategies Government agencies employ on national level to safeguard native biodiversity of the country?

Measures to reduce pollution due to stubble burning

1319 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan/policy to deal with the pollution caused due to stubble burning in NCR;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to give assistance to farmers to reduce the stubble burning;

- (d) whether there has been allocation of funds to States for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof for the last five years?

Amendment of Forest Conservation Act

1320 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to amend the Forest Conservation Act, 1980;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has sought feedback from the public; and
- (d) if so, the details of feedback received and whether this has been given due consideration while drafting the Amendment Act?

Steps to prevent calamities by climate change

1321 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether any concrete steps have been taken by Government to prevent the calamities caused by climate change in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action by CPCB against river pollution

1322 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) action that has been taken by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) after monitoring of polluted water quality of rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the name and number of rivers in Maharashtra of which samples have been taken?

Illegal felling of trees in Jammu and Kashmir

1323 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether incidents of illegal felling of trees in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir have increased in the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Forest cover density in the country

1324 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the rapid decline in the forest cover density in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of forest cover in various States and Union-Territories;
- (c) whether Government proposes to plant more teak trees in certain States where the weather is more conducive for their survival;
- (d) if so, the States/Union-Territories identified for the purpose; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the density of forest cover in the country?

Accumulated unsold Carbon Credits

1325 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are accumulated unsold Carbon Credits among developing countries including India;
- (b) the details and worth of the Carbon Credits from India which are still unsold;
- (c) the outcome of the negotiations undertaken during COP26 at Glasgow viz a viz transition to the new Carbon market mechanism under the new Paris Agreement;
- (d) India's claim with regard to accumulated unsold Carbon Credits; and
- (e) the details thereof?

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

1326 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the objectives of Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI) are to achieve long-term ecological stability, sustainable development, and economic security through conservation and scientific management of forest ecosystems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of ongoing new projects in RFRI at Jorhat, Assam;
- (d) the total fund granted to RFRI, Jorhat for all schemes during the last two years;
- (e) the new research achievements of RFRI, Jorhat; and
- (f) the total number of vacant posts in RFRI along with the time by when the said posts are likely to be filled?

Containment of emission of GHGs

1327 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

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

- (a) the extent of change that has occurred in climate due to emission of Green House Gases (GHGs) in the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to contain the GHGs emission and the climate change; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to-adopt technologies that have low global warming potential and are energy efficient?

Consultation on draft Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2020

1328 Dr. Ameet Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been consulted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change while preparing draft Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details of the process and the number of meetings held;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has raised the issue with the MoEF&CC and suggested safeguards to protect the traditional rights of tribals and adivasis; and

(e) if so, the details of the correspondence by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

Toxic foam in Yamuna river

1329 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that toxic foam is floating over Yamuna river from neighbouring States, the details thereof;
- (b) whether directions from National Green Tribunal to install Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) so that no untreated sewage is discharged in Delhi drains had no effect on the States, the details thereof; and
- (c) remedial action that has been taken in this regard, the details thereof?

Preparedness to abide by the Paris Agreement

1330 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any action to strictly follow Paris Agreement on climate change which has come into force from 1st January 2021 and whether a committee has been constituted at the apex level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the functions and objectives identified for the committee; and
- (d) the manner in which recommendations of the committee would be implemented on the ground?

Policy for discontinuation of HFCs

1331 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether Government has framed or set to frame any policy to discontinue the use of HydroFluoroCarbons (HFCs); and
- (b) if so, the impact thereof on the environment?

Mobile app for information on pollution

1332 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) whether there is any app to provide information about pollution in various cities, the details thereof;
- (b) number of people that have downloaded "SAMEER" app; and
- (c) the plans for popularizing this app for awareness?

Sterilization of monkeys

1333 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan for sterilization of monkeys to avoid monkey menace;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Animal rescue centres in Rajasthan

1334 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

- (a) the number of fully equipped animal rescue centres in and around the tiger reserves in Rajasthan;
- (b) the number of front line women workers in the Forest Department of Rajasthan and the type of tasks assigned to women officers in this regard;
- (c) whether the women employees are given regular training or enrolled in capacity building programmes; and
- (d) the number of pending cases under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 in Rajasthan and the number of Tigers existing in Mukundara Hills National Park at present?

Threat due to climate change

1335 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) policies to combat the unprecedented environment disasters as predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report; and
- (b) measures taken to build infrastructure to mitigate upcoming disasters due to rising global temperatures such as landslides, floods as experienced in various States this year?

Impact of rising sea level

1336 **Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- (a) details of erosion that has taken place in the coastline since the year 2020 due to rising sea levels;
- (b) details of land in acres that have been lost due to rising sea level in the Sunderbans;
- (c) whether Sunderbans is witnessing ground water depletion due to the rising salinity, if so, extent of depletion and measures being taken to reverse it; and
- (d) in what manner cyclones have pushed saline water into the islands rendering all agricultural land infertile, the details thereof along with agricultural produce lost since the year 2020 due to above factor?

Wild boar menace in Kerala

1337 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Kerala has represented about the widespread menace of wild boar menace in Kerala leading to loss of life and destruction of agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the stand of Government towards the request?

Controlling air and noise pollution

1338 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that air and noise pollution is increasing continuously in many metropolitan cities of the country particularly in Delhi;

- (b) whether the air quality in Delhi is consistently falling in the severe category in the Air Quality Index;
- (c) whether Government proposes to take immediate steps to prevent/control pollution in view of the severity of the issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

e-waste recycling

1339 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the percentage of e-waste disposed out of the total e-waste generated in the country; and
- (b) the steps Government has taken to properly implement the e-waste (Management) Rules, 2016, simplify regulatory mechanisms, and constant monitoring and regulation at certain intervals?

Use of technology in waste recycling

1340 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) whether Government has developed adequate technology, such as blockchain, use of robotics, hydraulics and state-of-art technology etc. in collaboration with startups, international institutes or Government institutes for easy and timely recycling of waste materials; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Projects funded under NAFCC

1341 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) number of projects that has been identified under the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) and the relevant missions under National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in the year 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise data thereof; and
- (b) number of identified projects that were implemented or funded under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC), the State-wise, project-wise fund release report?

Compensatory afforestation fund utilization

1342 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) list of compensatory afforestation fund utilisation for the year 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise and project-wise; and
- (b) steps that have been taken by Government in case of the failure in any particular projects under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA)?

Impact on environment due to oil palm

1343 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) the reasons for selecting the North-Eastern Region and Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm;
- (b) whether Government has conducted an environmental impact assessment of the proposed increase in plantation area;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the adverse impact of oil palm plantations on biodiversity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has or intends to implement measures to mitigate the adverse effects of oil palm plantations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor?

Eco-Sensitive Zone of Deepor Beel wildlife Sanctuary

1344 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has notified the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary;
- (b) whether Government has implemented measures to address toxic seepage from the Boragaon garbage dump and sewage from Guwahati;
- (c) whether the notification of ESZ for the sanctuary accounts for polluting units that may be established near it in the future; and
- (d) whether local communities will be engaged in conserving Deepor Beel Wetlands?

Release of CO2 from manufactured Chinese products

1345 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that manufactured products imported from China release much more carbon dioxide;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating such products;
- (c) whether Government is seriously inspecting such imported products from China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the impact on environment?

Closure of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary

1346 Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:

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

- (a) the total expense on Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary covering either banks of the Son River for last two years;
- (b) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for closing down of the Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary; and
- (c) if so, the details of action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

Single Use Plastic manufacturing units in the country

1347 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government maintains a database of Single Use Plastic (SUP) manufacturing units mandated to be registered with Central and State Pollution Control under Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016, if so, State/UT/year/item-wise details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) monitoring and punitive action taken against SUP manufacturing units not registered with State/Central Pollution Control Board, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether plastic packaging is included in SUP and if so, alternative solutions proposed by Government and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reasons for non-inclusion of multilayered plastics in SUP framework?

Denotification of protected areas

1348 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, protected areas denotified by Government, State/UT/year-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) Eco-Sensitive Zones denotified and clearance granted by the National Board of Wildlife, State/UT/year-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) effects of denotification on wildlife, landscape and movement of animals, the details thereof;
- (d) steps to mitigate the damaging impacts of such denotification on ecology and wildlife, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the criterion for considering an ecologically sensitive or protected zone for denotification and whether it is supported by any legislation, the details thereof?

EAC approval for Central Vista

1349 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

- (a) whether any specific environmental clearance has been obtained from the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for the major changes envisaged by the avenue development along Rajpath lawns, road and entire public landscape as part of the Central Vista project; and
- (b) whether Government is aware of the extent of environmental change in the permeable surface due to radical increase in area devoted to parking and the addition of a u-shaped connecting underground rail with the adjacent metro station which necessitates environmental clearance?

Increasing incidents of attack on Tamil fishermen

1350 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether the incidents of attack on Tamil fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy are increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;
- (c) whether Government has dealt with this issue diplomatically at the highest level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to permanently end the long-standing dispute between the Indian and Sri Lankan fishermen?

Humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan

1351 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether Indian officials are engaged with Taliban delegation for providing humanitarian assistance to the affected people in the strife-torn Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether foodgrains like wheat are proposed to be provided to Afghanistan;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to improve diplomatic and economic relations with Afghanistan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Arrest of fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy

1352 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that very frequently, fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were taken into custody by the Sri Lankan Navy under cross border fishing;
- (b) action taken or contemplated by Government to save the life of fishermen and in order to solve the perennial problems of fishermen of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry; and
- (c) whether a consensus will be arrived with Sri Lankan Government in resolving the issue of fishermen often captured by them?

Indians brought back under Vande Bharat Mission

1353 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the total number of citizens who have been brought back to India from all over the world under Vande Bharat Mission which was run to bring back the citizens of India, stranded across the world during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) the expenditure incurred by Government for the said mission?

Foreign citizenship acquired by Indians

1354 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of Indian citizens having adopted foreign citizenship after relinquishing Indian citizenship since 2017, along with the names of the countries in this regard;
- (b) the reasons for giving up Indian citizenship by these people, the details of assets owned in India by the people who relinquished Indian citizenship; and
- (c) the number of tax payers among the people relinquishing citizenship of the country, during above period?

Indians stuck in Afghanistan

1355 **Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of Indians and Indian origin people still stuck in Afghanistan and the efforts being made to bring them out; and
- (b) the number of visas issued to distressed Afghans under E-visa Scheme?

Formal interaction with Members of the US Congress

1356 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government is likely to conduct a formal interaction between Members of Parliament in India and the Members of the US Congress, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any action plan has been formulated to enhance co-operation between India and US following the Congressional delegation (CODEL) visit in November 2019, if so, the details thereof?

Consular access to fishermen in foreign jails

1357 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total number of Indian fishermen who are lodged in foreign jails currently, country-wise;
- (b) the details and length of the time Indian fishermen spend as undertrials in jails abroad;
- (c) the details and length of the typical prison sentence Indian fishermen face in jails abroad;
- (d) the steps taken by Government for the quick release and return of these fishermen to India; and
- (e) whether India has been denied consular access to fishermen who have been detained abroad in the past three years, if so, the details thereof?

Migrant workers in Gulf countries

1358 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total number of Indian workers employed in the Gulf countries;
- (b) the total number of Indian workers that receive minimum wages, social security benefits and are not under exploitative work contracts;
- (c) the total number of Indian workers that are presently languishing in foreign jails over violation of labour contract rules;
- (d) whether Government has taken any measures to protect the rights and dignity of Indian workers in Gulf countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Dedicated channel for farmers

1359 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by Government towards educating the farmers through radio/television;
- (b) whether Government is operating any dedicated channel for the said purpose, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized so far for operating such dedicated channels?

Regulation of contents on OTT platforms

1360 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the streaming, hosting and displaying of unhealthy, obscene, adult, insensible, prohibited, violent, unlawful, vulgar, unethical & defamatory (individuals, families, societies & communities) contents on Over The Top (OTT) platforms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will frame any policy to regulate, control and censor the contents that are streamed, hosted and displayed on various OTT platforms in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the detail of steps taken in this regard?

Books on Broadcasting

1361 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether National Film Awards for cinematic achievements for Indian Cinema are held every year to encourage the furthering of Indian art, culture and literature;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether it is a fact that while selecting awards in different categories, the foremost and important part of broadcasting is ignored and there is no award for books on broadcasting; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure that vital part of broadcasting is also included besides cinema so as to resuscitate and kick-start interest in books on broadcasting?

National and International Film Festivals

1362 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) the total number of National and International Film Festivals approved by the Ministry, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has any empanelled vendors for assigning works related to approved film festivals, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has formulated any framework for the performance assessment of the film festivals, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Discontinuation of production of regional level programmes

1363 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to discontinue the production of programmes at the regional stations; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

App to listen radio news

1364 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) whether there is any app to listen radio news from anywhere in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of listeners who have downloaded this App; and
- (d) the other features of "News on Air" app?

MoU for Next Generation Broadcast Solutions

1365 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati has recently entered into a MoU with IIT Kanpur to develop Next Gen Broadcast solution/roadmap for Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether emerging technologies like 5G Broadcast will enable new applications such as Direct to Mobile Broadcasting to create new content opportunities through the use of Artificial Intelligence Algorithms; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which Government plans to utilize these technologies and the details thereof?

New Tariff Order 2.0

1366 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) the details of a dispute between Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation and TRAI on New Tariff Order 2.0;
- (b) whether Supreme Court has given its final verdict;
- (c) if so, the details of the verdict; and
- (d) the details of the New Tariff Order 2.0 norms and the manner in which the broadcasters are trying to tweak this?

Welfare schemes for unorganized sector workers

1367 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) State/Union Territory-wise details of the welfare schemes implemented for the unorganized sector workers, particularly the rural farming workers along with the welfare schemes likely to be implemented for the same, particularly in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) State/Union Territory-wise total number of beneficiaries, allocated funds and utilisation made under the said schemes, particularly in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years and current year;
- (c) whether Government has noticed any case of misappropriation and theft of funds earmarked for the welfare of workers in the unorganized sector in the country; and
- (d) if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof?

Social security of migrant labourers/workers

1368 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether a large number of migrant labourers/workers are earning their livelihood by living as labourers/workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of male and female migrant labourers/workers at present in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any scheme for providing social security to above labourers/workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems in the labour and employment sector

1369 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any data on the number of people in unorganized labour sector and steps being taken to regulate the unorganized labour sector in the country especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has collected data to find out the number of persons who lost jobs during pandemic from 2020-21 and whether measures have been undertaken on welfare, rehabilitation and compensation to unorganized sector labourers who lost their livelihood during the Pandemic;
- (c) whether Government has established any policies to revisit retrenchment laws for labourers and employees in light of pandemic; and
- (d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Forced migration of workers during COVID-19

1370 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a mass homeward migration of migrant workers took place in the country during the COVID-19 related lockdown;
- (b) if so, the number of migrant workers having been forced to return to their native States; and
- (c) whether Government has any data to show if they are being provided with jobs in their native States?

Job creation in construction sector

1371 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of job creation specially in the construction sector between FY 2017-18 and FY 2021-22;
- (b) whether job creation in these sectors fell between FY 2017-18 and FY 2021-22;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to create employment in this sector?

All India survey on migrant workers

1372 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether Labour Bureau has been entrusted with the task of All India survey on migrant workers for better help to them;
- (b) whether survey also looks into the socio-economic status of migrant workers and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether survey has been completed; and
- (d) if so, the highlights of the survey?

Welfare of contractual Labourers

1373 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a record of the total number of contractual labourers in public sectors;
- (b) the regulatory mechanism in place to give them dignity, stability and adequate salaries by various agencies employing them;
- (c) whether Government has a record of department/sector wise contractual labourers;
- (d) the numbers of contractual labourers who are women;
- (e) whether it has been ensured that there is no gender discrimination among contractual labourers; and
- (f) whether Government has a record of contractual labourers in private companies /corporates?

Registration of unorganised labourers at e-SHRAM portal

1374 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the main objective of the e-SHRAM portal launched by Ministry;
- (b) the number of labourers from the unorganised sector who have been registered through this portal till date; and
- (c) the details of camps organised in the State of Uttar Pradesh for registration of labourers from the unorganised sector?

Survey on migrant labourers during COVID-19 pandemic

1375 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of migrant labourers had moved from their work places to native places due to job loss during two strong waves of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details of migrant labourers shifted State-wise during the last two years;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to check the financial as well as social status of these shifted migrant labourers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefits Government has given to the migrant labourers during the pandemic and at present in providing jobs, the details thereof?

Data on job loss

1376 **Dr. Ameet Jain:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been no official analysis of job loss in the unorganised sector;
- (b) whether any Government assistance was provided to labourers in the unorganised sector who lost their jobs;
- (c) whether Government is working on a National Database for Unorganised Workers seeded with Aadhaar; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Availability of ESI hospital facilities to general public

1377 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that facilities in the ESI hospitals and dispensaries are being made

available to the general public other than ESI beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the facilities provided to general public in these ESI dispensaries and hospitals; and

(d) the number of hospitals and dispensaries that are extending such facilities to the general public, the details thereof?

Data for unorganised sector workers

1378 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

(a) the progress in collecting data for National Database of unorganised workers; and

(b) the quantum of unorganised sector workers out of the estimated total who have registered using the e-SHRAM portal, State-wise?

Survey of labourers, artisans in different sectors

1379 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

(a) whether Government has a list of labourers, artisans working in different sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any action-plan for carrying out such a survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment data

1380 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

(a) the number of educated unemployed at present, the State and Union Territory-wise data thereof; and

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

Global Pension Index Report

1381 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

(a) whether the Indian pension system ranks at the lowest, according to 2021 Global Pension Index report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) any efforts made to bring 90 per cent of the total workforce in the unorganized sector into the pension savings system; and

(d) measures taken to give the cover of social security to the workers in the unorganized sector, with details?

Low LFPR (Labour Force Participation Rate)

1382 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) policies to combat Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) as the data released by CMIE reports decrease in LFPR from 37.9 in September to 37.5 in October, 2021;
- (b) the State-wise LFPR;
- (c) State-wise data for woman Labour Force Participation Rate; and
- (d) policies to improve female labour participation post-pandemic?

Increasing employment share in agriculture sector

1383 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) in what manner Government looks at increasing employment share in farming sector to 40 per cent in 2020-21 from 38 per cent in 2019-20;
- (b) whether it can be considered as distress in labour market or people attracting towards agriculture;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the share of manufacturing has fallen from 9.4 per cent in 2019-20 to 7.3 per cent in 2020-21; and
- (d) the manner in which Government looks at this trend and address the issues, be it relating to manufacturing, agriculture, construction, etc?

Setting up of ESIC dispensaries/DCBOs

1384 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- a) whether Government had earlier decided on setting up Dispensary-cum-Branch Offices (DCBOs) in every district;
- (b) whether Government later decided not to proceed with above decision if there are any other existing ESI dispensaries in that area, but permitting to continue already operationalised DCBOs;
- (c) whether this change of criteria is a clear disparity and violation of equal treatment for DCBOs which were not operationalised due to administrative lapses/process delay/COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) whether Government has plans to proceed with the upgradation of Branch Office at Kannur District, Kerala as DCBO as initially decided, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cash assistance under Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Scheme, 2016

1385 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Shri Anand Sharma:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) the number of bonded labourers who have received full cash assistance under various categories of Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Scheme, 2016 Year and Category-wise details thereof from inception, till date;
- (b) the number of labourers who have received partial cash assistance of ₹ 20,000 under the above scheme, year-wise details thereof from inception, till date;
- (c) whether any measures are being implemented to ensure that both partial and full cash assistance under the said scheme are made available to released bonded labourers in time-bound manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployment rate in the educated population

1386 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) the State-wise unemployment rate among those who have earned any post-secondary qualification;
- (b) whether Government has collected data on the State-wise rate of underemployment among the educated population; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures in place to address unemployment among the educated population, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prohibition of private companies from converting permanent jobs to fixed term contracts

1387 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether Government has removed the provision prohibiting private companies in India from converting permanent jobs to fixed term contracts;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is no cap on renewal of the fixed term contracts;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether this will affect the retrenchment benefits of employees?

Registration of details at e-SHRAM portal

1388 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the number of workers getting registered on e-SHRAM portal during the last two years;
- (b) the number of female workers registered on e-SHRAM portal as compared to male workers; and
- (c) current status of the steps taken for the employment and welfare of workers so far after their registration on e-SHRAM portal?

Registration of unorganised workers on e-SHRAM portal

1389 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the targeted registration of unorganised worker on e-SHRAM portal and State-wise progress thereof;
- (b) whether there is any plan to ensure convergence of social security schemes of centre and State and help match them with employment opportunities;
- (c) schemes that have been linked with registration on the e-SHRAM portal; and
- (d) the manner in which the migrant workers will be identified for enrolment on e-SHRAM portal?

Measures adopted and schemes for unemployed youth

1390 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of measures adopted and schemes being run to provide adequate

employment opportunities to the unemployed youth in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce any new schemes, in this regard, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Year-wise details of employment opportunities provided as a result of implementation of these schemes being run to create employment opportunities in Rajasthan during last three years?

Support to States for rehabilitation of released bonded labourers

1391 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

(a) whether Government has maintained data on proposals received from States for reimbursement of funds towards bonded labour rehabilitation under the Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Scheme, 2016;

(b) if so, details of whether such data is publicly accessible, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) details of the amounts requested by States for reimbursement of bonded labour rehabilitation under the aforesaid scheme, with the corresponding details of reimbursement by the Central Government, by State, year-wise from 2016 till date?

National Floor Minimum Wages

1392 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

(a) Minimum Wages and National Floor Minimum Wages in the country, the details thereof;

(b) when were the above wages revised last;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted an Expert Group on the issue and given three years time to submit its Report;

(d) whether three year term is not an attempt to delay fixing Minimum Wages and National Floor Wages;

(e) whether Minimum Wages provided in the Labour Code on Wages passed two years ago have been implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loss of Jobs

1393 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2.5 crore people have lost their jobs and 7.5 crore people have reached the poverty line since the year 2020;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to correct the situation in the country?

Filling up of vacancies in High Courts

1394 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that as many as 17 High Court Judges posts are vacant in the State of Andhra Pradesh which severely affects the justice dispensation system and also leads to backlog of cases;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to fill up these vacancies and also vacancies that are there in other High Courts in a time bound manner;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inordinate delay in filing appeal in Supreme Court

1395 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court has pointed out the inordinate delay by Government authorities in filing appeals before it;
- (b) the number of appeals pending before the Supreme Court and the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to expedite the judicial process and prevent incurring heavy costs due to delays;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

e-Governance and e-Courts

1396 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:

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

- (a) the status of e-Courts in Jabalpur, Guwahati, Jodhpur and Raipur;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating the establishment of e-Courts in other States including Odisha;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Institutional support to increase female lawyers and judges

1397 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) whether Government is enhancing institutional support to increase the number of female lawyers and judges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of pending cases in various courts

1398 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that number of cases are still pending with various courts of the country;
- (b) if so, the measures taken to effectively dispose off the cases;
- (c) the existing ratio of judges in comparison to cases and whether Government is taking any measures to establish separate branches of High Courts in largely populated States of the country to reduce the burden of these pending cases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Regulation on erring advocates

1399 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether the lawyers/advocates issued false insurance claims affidavits in Uttar Pradesh and were thereby barred for practices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will take steps against erring advocates by bringing amendments in Bar Council of India Act;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Judicial appointments recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium

1400 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the number of judicial appointments recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium to Government since 2017;
- (b) number of appointments approved by Government;
- (c) the number of vacancies across High Courts and Supreme Court currently;
- (d) whether Government is aware that as per the Memorandum of Procedure and the SC's orders in M/s. PLR Projects Pvt. Ltd. v. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. & Ors, Government must approve the recommendations of the Collegium within 3-4 weeks, if the Collegium reiterates the recommendation; and
- (e) if so, the number of recommendations for judicial appointments that have been reiterated by the Collegium and still pending?

Graft cases under CBI probe

1401 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 683 graft cases are under CBI probe;
- (b) whether it is a fact that out of these 30 cases have been pending for over five years as on December 2020;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) initiative taken to complete investigation in these cases?

Tenure of Information Commissioner

1402 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has curtailed the tenure of Information Commissioner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure parity between Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners with the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners on terms and conditions of their services and tenure as earlier?

Promotion of Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

1403 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the measures implemented to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in the country;
- (b) the steps taken to minimise or bridge the gender gap in STEM and the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to prevent the brain drain of qualified STEM professionals to foreign countries and the details thereof?

Strengthening science and technology infrastructure

1404 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to strengthen and develop the science and technology infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism to encourage the scientists, technology experts and other specialized institutions in the country; and
- (d) whether Government is providing any assistance to youth of the country to attract them towards science and technology to make India Atmanirbhar in the field of S&T?

One Health Consortium

1405 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether the Department of Biotechnology has launched a One Health Consortium;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;
- (c) the number of organizations that will constitute Consortium;
- (d) the financial allocation for this One Health Consortium;
- (e) whether this Consortium will help in preventing and containing the COVID-19 disease and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken by Government for surveillance of important viral, bacterial & parasitic infections of zoonotic and transboundary pathogens in India?

Bio-technology Parks in the country

1406 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) Bio-technology Parks in the country and the achievements made therein, the details thereof;
- (b) funds allocated for the existing and proposed Bio-technology Parks during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise details thereof;
- (c) the revenue earned by bio-tech industry in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the earnings; and
- (e) the policy initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make India a bio-tech hub in the world?

Technology development programme

1407 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether instead of treating S&T as a fringe Ministry, it should be massively funded and

headed by top technology experts since technology is the biggest wealth creator and improves lives of millions of people;

(b) whether the Ministry shall quickly workout focused technology development programme and launch it;

(c) whether technology development in select six sectors namely defence, bulk drugs, electronic hardware, renewal energy, agriculture and Artificial Intelligence shall be given massive thrust; and

(d) if so, the steps and measures being undertaken by the Ministry towards focused technology development in the above select six sectors?

Proposals for scientific applications and technology solutions

1408 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

(a) whether Government recently received proposals for scientific applications and technological solutions from line ministries and departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government realises the need for integrated theme-based projects instead of a particular Ministry based or Department based projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment in R&D

1409 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

(a) whether Government is spending on Research and Development (R&D) in the country;

(b) whether Government has increased the funds for investment in R&D in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the comparative figures during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of scientists per million people in India is lower as compared to other Asian countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with steps being taken to encourage scientific research activities in the country; and

(e) the number of patent for new innovations granted to Indian scientists in last three years?

Cost of Gaganyaan programme

1410 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

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

(a) the current status and estimated cost of the Gaganyaan Programme;

(b) the estimated date of launch and cost of India's first manned space launch;

(c) whether there are any proposals to send a manned mission to the moon;

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

(e) the estimated date of launch and cost of India's first manned Lunar Landing?

Plan to develop reusable spacecraft

1411 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

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

(a) whether ISRO/ANTRIX have plans to develop reusable spacecraft similar to the ones used by SpaceX the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;

- (b) the steps taken by ISRO to remain competitive in low cost space launches;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to allow the private sector to develop spacecrafts and associated technologies; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to boost the participation of private players in the Space Industry and the details thereof?

Involvement of private sector in India's space programme

1412 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that private sector plays a key role in space technology globally;
- (b) Government's policy of involving private sector in India's space programme, the details thereof;
- (c) the investment of the private sector in space programmes during the last five years, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government would handed over some of the functions of ISRO to the private sector?

Current status of Mission Chandrayaan-3

1413 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the current status of Mission Chandrayaan-3;
- (b) by when Chandrayaan-3 will be launched;
- (c) whether all the required tests have been completed before the launch of Chandrayaan-3; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Siddharthnagar under PRASAD Scheme

1414 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the names of the temples in which the implementation work has been started by the Central Government in Uttar Pradesh under PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) Scheme, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the birth place of Lord Buddha in Kapilvastu (Siddharthnagar), has also been included in the said scheme, if so, the amount of funds allocated for the same?

Projects under PRASAD Scheme in Kerala

1415 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the progress on the request received from the State Government of Kerala for the Malayattur Spiritual Destination Development under PRASAD Scheme; and
- (b) the progress on the request received for setting up of different religious centres at Perumbavoor under PRASAD Scheme?

Progress of Kumarakom as Iconic Tourist destination

1416 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

the developmental progress that happened in Kumarakom, in the State of Kerala after it was declared as the Iconic Tourist destination by the Central Government?

Status of Swadesh Darshan Scheme projects in Kerala

1417 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) the progress achieved regarding the request sent by the State Government of Kerala for the inclusion of the Kannur Pilgrim Tourism Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (b) the progress achieved in process for the development of the suburbs of Malankara and Idukki Dams in Kerala under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (c) whether Government has canceled the development of Spiritual Circuit in the State of Kerala involving 133 pilgrim sites, under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of tourism by ITDC

1418 # Dr. Sonal Mansingh:

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

- (a) the work being undertaken by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) for successive development, promotion and expansion of tourism and spread of culture in the country; and
- (b) the steps taken by India Tourism Development Corporation to enter into the new sectors like full fledged money changers services and consultancy services related to engineering and other new services?

Shravanbelagola as Swachh Iconic place

1419 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Gommateshwara Statue at Shravanbelagola in Karnataka has been identified as Swachh Iconic place;
- (b) if so, the details of facilities that will be provided at the above site by Government; and
- (c) status of progress of the same and by when all the works at the statue and its surrounding places are likely to be completed?

PRASAD Scheme in Odisha

1420 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government of Odisha has submitted any proposal under the PRASAD Scheme during last three years;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details along with the action taken by Government so far in this regard and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the details of utilization of funds sanctioned to Puri district, Jagannath Dham for infrastructure development?

Initiatives under International Cooperation Division

1421 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

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

- (a) various initiatives undertaken by the Ministry during the last five years under the International Cooperation Division;
- (b) whether the Ministry has signed any bilateral tourism cooperation agreements during the last five years, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has sought any action to attract foreign tourists after the upliftment of COVID-19 lockdown through the International Cooperation Division, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of COVID-19 on tourism

1422 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the details of estimated loss to the tourism industry in the country due to COVID-19 including repercussions in terms of employment and foreign exchange;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to mitigate the loss to the tourism industry during COVID-19;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) to what extent these steps are successful in bringing tourism back in the country; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of tourism on Goa during the pandemic

1423 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that Tourism was allowed in Goa during Covid-19 pandemic despite resistance from the local population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry studied the impact of tourism during pandemic on the death toll in Goa, the details thereof; and (d) whether the Ministry has plans to balance tourism activities with the needs of the local people in mind, the details thereof?

Policy to boost tourism in coastal regions

1424 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Maharashtra Tourism has introduced 'Beach Shack Policy' to boost tourism in the coastal region of the State, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Ministry has such a policy in other coastal regions of the country to boost tourism, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes to promote tourism in the country

1425 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

the details of schemes currently being run by Government to promote tourism in the country?

Schemes to attract tourists in the country

1426 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether any new schemes are proposed to attract more domestic and foreign tourists in the country, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether important tourist spots in the State of Tamil Nadu would be renovated with more infrastructure facilities, with an emphasis on rural tourism and adventure tourism;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State Government would be helped through various schemes for the development of tourism in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of cruise tourism

1427 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing any schemes to promote cruise tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to launch any cruise tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of pilgrimage tourism centres in the country

1428 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up pilgrimage tourism centres in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of pilgrimage tourism centres in Uttar Pradesh at present?

Status of projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1429 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the projects undertaken under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the present status of work on these projects; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for time bound completion of work on the ongoing projects, particularly in the State of Punjab?

International sports events held in India

1430 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the international sports events held in India over the past five years in a State-wise and year-wise format; and
- (b) the details of the total expenditure incurred by the Ministry on account of these international sports events in an event-wise format?

Sports development in Jharkhand

1431 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the amount dedicated for sports development in the State of Jharkhand and the amount that has been utilized, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government plans to construct a stadium of international reputation in the State of Jharkhand in the coming years; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to make a Sports University in the State of Jharkhand in the coming years, if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for differently-abled sportspersons

1432 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the names of schemes which are being worked upon and the types of schemes which are under consideration of Government to encourage differently-abled sportspersons in sports;
- (b) the scheme which is under consideration to provide the modern facilities to the differently-abled sportspersons, in view of their increasing participation in the Olympic games and also their good performance in Tokyo Olympics, in order to increase their participation and for better performance in sports events like Olympics; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Release of funds for Maharashtra under NSDF

1433 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) the details of funds released from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) during the last five years, sports-wise;
- (b) the details of funds released from the NSDF for the State of Maharashtra for the said period, sport-wise; and
- (c) infrastructure created at the district level in Maharashtra utilizing the NSDF, the details thereof?

Leadership skills in Youth

1434 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has any policy/ scheme for the character development of the young students in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to devise campaigns targeted towards increasing leadership skills amongst the youth of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in NYKS under sports quota

1435 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) the number of vacancies under sports quota which have been filled up by Government in

the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS);

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the current status of the backlog vacancies of sports quota in NYKS;

(d) the sports recognized for appointment under sports quota;

(e) whether any new sports will be added under sports quota in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of sports among youth

1436 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

(a) whether Government has taken steps to promote sports among the youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the provision of equipment, training and other benefits;

(c) whether there is any impact analysis done for these steps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Hockey India in Commonwealth Games

1437 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

(a) whether it is fact that Hockey India has taken decision to pull out of Commonwealth Games in England next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to send Indian Hockey team to participate in Commonwealth Games?

Financial assistance to sportspersons

1438 Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:

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

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance from the Rashtriya Kalyan Kosh to sportspersons in North East Region (NER);

(b) if so, the assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the criteria fixed for providing assistance from the Kosh?

Rewards for Olympics and Paralympics participants

1439 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

(a) whether any monetary rewards have been announced for the participants of Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics other than the medal-winners;

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

(c) whether all such rewards announced during previous editions of Olympics and Paralympics have been disbursed completely; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, including the timeline by which it will be completed?

Participation of disabled persons in sports

1440 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether there are any Government schemes that encourage disabled persons to participate in sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries per State, the budget allocated and utilised;
- (c) whether such candidates are given any financial grants to encourage their participation in sports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the coverage in different States and the budget allocated for the same during the last five years;
- (e) whether the SAI Regional Centres or Centres of Excellence have facilities for physically disabled sportspersons; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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