

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

Obstacles in setting up of Atomic Power Plants

2081 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) atomic minerals mined/processed for the production of nuclear energy since the year 2017, location, State and year-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is facing any difficulties/obstacles in setting up atomic power plants in various parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/ being taken to remove such obstacles?

Nuclear power plants

2082 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether the country is pursuing the idea to set up nuclear power plants;
- (b) if so, the status of the proposed projects; and
- (c) whether the global community is not phasing out nuclear power plants?

Establishment of heavy water reactor

2083 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether Government during the last few years has decided to establish indigenous heavy water reactors in the country and whether an indigenous heavy water reactor is being constructed in the State of Uttarakhand as well;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the current status in this regard and by when these reactors will start producing clean energy?

Nuclear power plants in the country

2084 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether Government would like to share the information regarding the world's largest nuclear plant in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has identified the location for the proposed nuclear plant, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) details of the ongoing research in this regard?

Current nuclear power capacity of the country

2085 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the current nuclear power capacity and percentage of demand met through it, the details thereof;
- (b) the environmental benefits already achieved through utilisation of nuclear power, the details thereof;
- (c) the expected increase in capacity of nuclear power needed to meet the committed net zero targets, the details of achieving them with a tentative timeline; and
- (d) the details of the initiatives and incentives to increase investments in nuclear power capacity of the country?

Uses of atomic and nuclear energy

2086 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme to promote the use of atomic and nuclear energy in health services and agricultural programmes; and
- (b) whether atomic and nuclear energy can be the sources of green and clean energy in India, the details thereof?

Documentation of authentic textile assets of Tamil Nadu

2087 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) the schemes introduced towards research and documentation of the authentic textile, craft and architectural assets of the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the amount of fund allocated for the same;
- (c) whether there is research, video documentation and oral histories of authentic textile, craft and architectural assets of State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to protect the architectural assets of the State of Tamil Nadu?

Cultural development in Karnataka

2088 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for cultural development during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals;

- (c) the names of the proposals which have been given clearance;
- (d) the names of the proposals which have not been given approval as on date, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the amount of funds sanctioned/allocated for cultural development in the State of Karnataka during the last three years, the work-wise details thereof?

Sports activities in schools

2089 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the concrete steps taken to promote sports at school level, to increase competition and to provide technical education in sports during the last five years, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken to increase the interest of girls in sports at school level during the said period, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is proposed to begin the training for competitions like Olympic games at school level in view of global competition, if so, the details thereof?

Removal of names of martyrs of Malabar Rebellion

2090 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 387 martyrs of Malabar Rebellion were removed from the fifth volume of the Dictionary of Martyrs of India's Freedom Struggle published by Indian Council of Historical Research;
- (b) if so, the new shreds of evidence, contrary to that of the first edition published in 2018 that came to the notice of ICHR and led to the removal of these names;
- (c) the list of primary and secondary evidence that the research team has referred to come to the decision to exclude these names; and
- (d) the names of all the martyrs who have been removed from the list?

Working of National Mission for Manuscripts

2091 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) the present status of the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) and its time frame;
- (b) the quantum of expenditure made on NMM during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) total number of Manuscripts collected during the last five years; and
- (d) whether any such manuscripts have been collected from the States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, if so, the details thereof?

Excavation work in Uttarakhand

2092 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether some places of historical importance have been discovered during the excavation work in the State of Uttarakhand during the last three years; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to conduct a survey in the State of Uttarakhand to identify such sites/monuments and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken/being taken by Government for revival and conservation of such sites/monuments?

World heritage site tag for Bishnupur temples

2093 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether Government has suggested to UNESCO any monument from West Bengal, for “world heritage tag” during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has written to UNESCO to add Bishnupur temples to the world heritage list which is pending in tentative list since 1998; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Improper restoration by ASI

2094 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to improper restoration method by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), most prominent monuments in the State of Maharashtra like Trimbakeshwar Temple, Raigarh Fort, etc., are slowly going to lose their heritage status and have incurred damages;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra has been received for maintenance of above monuments; and
- (d) if so, the action thereon by the Central Government?

Protection of monuments in Puducherry

2095 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are seven protected monuments in the Union Territory of Puducherry that have been identified by the ASI;
- (b) if so, the details of each of the monuments;
- (c) in what manner is the ASI protecting these monuments; and
- (d) money allocated, released and spent on each of the above seven monuments during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and monument-wise?

Protecting Arikamedu

2096 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the ancient port city of Arikamedu in the Union Territory of Puducherry is in an utter state of neglect;
- (b) whether Government will take immediate steps to protect the area by erecting barricades and to eliminate encroachments and sand mining; and
- (c) whether Government will streamline the administration of the local unit office of culture by shifting the office in close proximity of Arikamedu and by appointing a full time conservation officer?

Promotion of religious tourism in Buxar

2097 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented by Government to promote religious tourism to operate the "Ramayana Circuit" and to develop sites linked therewith; and
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to implement any special scheme to develop Buxar where Vishwamitra taught the art of archery to Lord Rama and Laxman?

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

2098 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the various activities undertaken by the Ministry under the theme Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav;
- (b) budget sanctioned, released and expenditure incurred for these activities, State-wise and activity-wise;
- (c) the various activities undertaken by other ministries under the theme Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav; and
- (d) budget sanctioned and expenditure incurred for activities undertaken by other Ministries, State-wise and activity-wise;
- (e) funds and projects sanctioned under the Amrut Mahotsav by the Ministry to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and NGOs during the last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise; and
- (f) the details thereof, scheme-wise and project-wise?

Museum reforms in the country

2099 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) Government policy regarding improvement of museums in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) the areas where success has been achieved or likely to be achieved in the next couple of years and those areas where problems are encountered or appear insurmountable;
- (c) number of posts that have been abolished in the central museums during the last five years and the reasons therefor;
- (d) number of sanctioned posts that are vacant and for how many years; and
- (e) the critical tasks that are being neglected or suffering in these museums and the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav programme

2100 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) programmes that have been organised for the Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of Indian Independence;
- (b) the quantum of funds that have been allocated for the same;
- (c) the sources of these funds; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Creation of post of CEO for museum development

2101 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the rationale behind the creation of the post of CEO for museum development in 2019;
- (b) the rationale behind abolition of the post of CEO for museum development in 2021;
- (c) the number of persons who have occupied this post; and
- (d) rank, salaries and emoluments that were due to persons occupying this post?

Promotion of rural & local culture

2102 # Dr. Sonal Mansingh:

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

- (a) the details of steps being taken by Government to promote local and rural culture under Aatmanirbhar Bharat; and
- (b) the details of efforts being made with respect to the culture of the State of Assam and other States of North-East India?

ASI protected monuments in Odisha

2103 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

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

- (a) the monuments and heritage sites in the State of Odisha declared as ASI protected monuments, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons behind preservation of less number of monuments in the State of Odisha by ASI in comparison to other states; and
- (c) whether the ASI will consider other monuments of the State of Odisha to be declared as Centrally Protected Monuments, if so, the list of monuments and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of national and regional culture

2104 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated schemes to promote and develop national and regional cultures of various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allocated any financial assistance under the said schemes to States during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the total amount allocated and utilized during the last three years, State-wise?

Status of museums in the Country

2105 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) number of museums under the Ministry that have been initiated during the last five years, the details thereof;
- (b) number of museums that are in the pipeline; and
- (c) the total footfall in these museums?

Commemoration of India's unsung freedom fighters

2106 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme or program or plans for the commemoration of India's many unsung freedom heroes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to make such unsung stories a part of school curriculum;
- (d) whether Government plans to build museums, organize fairs/exhibitions displaying stories of freedom fighters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Spending by Ministries in North East

2107 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

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

Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme

2108 Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi:

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

- (a) details of allocation and expenditure of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme during each of the last five financial years;
- (b) State-wise details of allocation and expenditure of the NLCPR fund during each of the last five financial years; and
- (c) State-wise details of allocation and expenditure of Gross Budgetary Support during each of the financial years since 2017-18 till date?

List of projects sanctioned under NESIDS

2109 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned many projects under the North Eastern Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for the North-Eastern Region during the last 2 years;
- (b) if so, the sanctioned projects with cost, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has implemented a monitoring mechanism for NESIDS projects for timely completion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the eligibility criteria for each state for sanctioning projects under NESIDS?

Extraction of minerals from the Indian Ocean

2110 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether new mineral beds have been discovered in the Indian Ocean during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) measures that have been taken by Government for extraction of the same, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government plans to set up Marine Coastal Observatories in the coming years, if so, the details thereof, alongwith the budgetary allocation?

Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology

2111 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) various agreements or MoUs signed by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) for research initiatives during the last three years with institutes in the country as well as overseas, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of research papers published by IITM during the last three years, the details of publications thereof; and
- (c) whether IITM has conducted any national and international research conferences during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Samudrayaan Project

2112 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched the Samudrayaan Project for Deep Ocean Exploration for rare minerals and National Institute of Ocean Technology had developed a 'personnel sphere,' built of mild steel and tested it as an unmanned trial, using the Ocean Research Vessel Sagar Nidhi, in the Bay of Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the project?

Weather Stations in Andhra Pradesh

2113 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) details of Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs) and Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs), State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has second longest coastal area and is also prone to natural disasters;
- (c) whether the Ministry will consider setting up more AWSs and ARGs in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) range of AWS and ARG and details of technology being used and its comparison with technologies in other countries, particularly European; and
- (f) manner in which Artificial Intelligence is being used in weather forecasting in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Projects implemented in Tamil Nadu

2114 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) details of schemes and projects of the Ministry implemented or being implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has evaluated the performances of various schemes under implementation by the Ministry, if so, the details thereof and action being taken thereon; and
- (c) the total funds allocated for such schemes and programs?

Frequency of natural disasters in the country

2115 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether there has been an unexpected increase in natural disasters like cyclones and floods in the country during the last four years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to analyse the increase in natural disasters being caused due to climate change, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken to mitigate climate change disasters?

Afforestation in Jharkhand

2116 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) whether Government has released any funds to promote afforestation in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details of funds released, District-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the protection of forest wealth and well-being of the ecology across the country?

Vulnerability of Himalayan region

2117 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

- (a) the Government's response towards the apprehension being expressed that ecosystem of mountain region is not being taken seriously in development programmes as unprecedented natural calamities recently occurred in Himalayan mountain region;
- (b) whether the Government has any policy regarding the vulnerability of Himalayan States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Green India Mission

2118 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to implement the Green India Mission;
- (b) States that have not been able to meet their targets and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of fund utilization; and
- (d) whether the weather and soil conditions are being considered before afforestation as some trees can cause drought conditions?

Assessment of the impact of global warming

2119 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made assessment on the impact of global warming in the country as being forecasted by various experts and world bodies including the United Nations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto;
- (c) the strategy being finalized for combating the ill effect of the climate change; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in responding to the challenge?

Release of funds under Compensatory Afforestation Programme

2120 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of State Government of Odisha for release of Rs. 903.03 Crore under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Annual Plans of Operation (APO) 2021-22 has been received by the Ministry; and
- (b) if so, whether there is any valid reason for the delay in the approval of the balance funds of Rs.37.25 Crore and will it affect the afforestation and forest & wildlife management programmes in the State of Odisha during Financial Year 2021-22?

Delay in release of installment under GIM

2121 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

whether it is a fact that the release of 2nd installment of 2020-21 work programme i.e. Rs. 8.5 crore under approved Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of National Mission for Green India (GIM) Scheme is pending with Government till date?

Amendments to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

2122 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether consultations with experts and stakeholders were conducted on the proposed amendments to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has examined the impact of the proposed amendments on deforestation and opening up of forests for projects including mining;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has taken cognizance of public concerns about the harmful impacts of the proposed amendments and has taken remedial measures; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Industries using banned diesel

2123 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether some industries are still using unapproved fuel in NCR though the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has banned diesel generator sets, the details thereof;

and

(b) number of such cases that have been detected and action taken by Government in this regard, the details thereof?

Forest clearance for Varikapudisela Lift Irrigation Project

2124 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) status of approval of the Ministry on diversion of 19.13 hectares of forest land for Varikapudisela Lift Irrigation Project in Palnadu region of the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Ministry has agreed to handover the proposed forest land for the project;
- (c) further requirements of the Ministry to accord full and final clearance for the project's implementation;
- (d) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted Wildlife Mitigation Plan yet; and
- (e) whether the State Government has submitted the plan for approval or assessment of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife as yet?

Forest fires in the country

2125 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the number of forests fires in the country during the last five years;
- (b) steps Government has taken to deal with increased cases of forest fires in the country; and
- (c) the implementation status of Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention and Management (FPM) Scheme and the details thereof?

Carbon released by the forests

2126 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) number of forest fires reported in the country this year;
- (b) whether Government has data regarding the Carbon released into the atmosphere due to forest fires, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any recent report has shown that World Heritage Forests in India released more Carbon than it sequesters;
- (d) whether Government has conducted studies to assess the ecological damage caused by this;
- (e) if so, the measures adopted to tackle this, including budget allocation and the timeline for the targets; and
- (f) the reasons for India not signing Glasgow Declaration on Forests and Land Use?

Achieving Net-Zero emissions

2127 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether India is committed to achieve Net Zero Emission by 2070 in the recently concluded COP-26 Conference in Scotland;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the details with regard to funds required to achieve the target by adopting new technology; and
- (d) whether Government has assessed the possible complications that may cause obstruction in achieving the target?

Loss of life due to climate change

2128 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any assessment regarding the loss of life and property due to adverse impact of the climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) action proposed by Government to combat the adverse occurrence of climate conditions?

Awareness towards good green

2129 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) efforts being made by Government to provide public with knowledge in planting trees and other floral species which are native to particular region (good green) and which are non-native species (bad green);
- (b) any programme to popularise herbs and shrubs to be planted massively on national and local scale;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any policy which will lead to expansion of good green cover; and
- (d) strategy being adopted by Government to popularise plants which are natural air purifier and also educate people to plant them?

E-waste generation in the country

2130 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) estimated e-waste in the country during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) types of e-waste generated in the country;
- (c) global ranking of India in producing e-waste;
- (d) action Government is taking to effectively implement laws meant for managing e-waste; and
- (e) the impact due to management of e-waste by informal sectors?

Funds to Tamil Nadu under Green India Mission

2131 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has so far not provided any funds to the State Government of Tamil Nadu under the Green India Mission for protecting, restoring and enhancing forest cover during the last five years and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total cost of the project and the details of the funds allocated disbursed and spent so far under the said project; and
- (c) the effective measures taken by Government to provide financial and technical support to the State Government of Tamil Nadu to increase the green cover in the State of Tamil

Nadu?

Guidelines for trial of GM Crops

2132 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the policy of Government on GM crops and the guidelines issued on the trials of GM crops;
- (b) whether any expert committee has been constituted to conduct scientific study on GM crops and its impact on human health and environment including disappearance of Monarch Butterfly;
- (c) if so, the details and recommendations thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;
- (d) whether Government has lifted the ban imposed on field trial of some GM food crops; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Trees uprooted due to cyclone in Gir National Park

2133 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to get the Supreme Court's ban uplifted so that fallen/uprooted trees due to cyclone etc. could be cleared, auctioned and disposed off from national parks and wildlife sanctuaries;
- (b) whether Government is aware that trees in Gir uprooted due to recent Taute are hindering the free movement of Asiatic lion & other animals in the forest;
- (c) whether it is a fact that such a hindrance is also a cause for migration of lions to revenue areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the plan to deal with such situation, the details thereof?

Pay structure of trackers

2134 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the pay structure of trackers employed to track animals like lions, tigers, wild elephants etc.;
- (b) the other perquisites and facilities given to trackers like medical facilities, insurance cover, family welfare schemes etc.;
- (c) the type of standard kits provided to the trackers of wildlife; and
- (d) whether Government would ask the respective State Governments to prescribe a reasonable level of pay scales/perks etc. and other facilities for trackers keeping in view that they are the frontline protectors of our wildlife and always carry the risk of their own life?

Air pollution in metro cities

2135 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri P. Bhattacharya:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) the level of air pollution in all the metro cities of the country during the recent days;

- (b) the names of the metro cities which are following the basic guidelines to prevent further pollution of the air;
- (c) the details of steps being taken to contain various types of pollution in the cities; and
- (d) action that is being stipulated to contain pollution?

Beautification of beaches

2136 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan for pollution abatement and beautification of beaches particularly those which are close to important cities and places of tourists' interest in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) new initiatives taken by Government for proper implementation of the Beach Environment and Aesthetic Management System (BEAMS) programme?

Amendments to Indian Forest Act, 1927

2137 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether Government plans to bring synergy between amendments to Indian Forest Act (IFA) and existing State forest laws;
- (b) in what ways Government will ensure compliance report submission by hydro power and mining projects and ensure reduced deforestation of land, if the amendments include reduced compliance burden and expansion of forest land;
- (c) whether Government has excluded forest-dwelling communities and environmental groups from list of consultancy groups who can draft amendments to IFA; and
- (d) whether the objective of amending IFA does not include climate change, stopping biodiversity loss, conserving forests and protecting forest communities' rights?

Promotion of electric vehicles

2138 **Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

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

- (a) whether the problem of pollution can be reduced to a great extent by use of electric vehicles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has issued any guidelines to promote electric vehicles keeping in view the potential of electric mobility in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions

2139 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) whether under Paris Agreement, India has three quantifiable Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), including lowering emissions intensity of its GDP by 33-35 percent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels and increase in total cumulative electricity generation from fossil free energy sources to 40 percent by 2030 and create additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tons through additional forest and tree cover;
- (b) the status of implementation of NDCs of 2016;

- (c) the number of States that have implemented projects under NDCs of 2016; and
- (d) details of the targets of NDCs and their achievements as on date?

Projects under NAFCC

2140 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) details of projects accepted under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) for the years 2019-20 till present;
- (b) details of funds released under NAFCC during the years 2020-21 and 2021-22;
- (c) details of timeline of completion of projects under NAFCC;
- (d) list of all projects approved under NAFCC for the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise; and
- (e) total number of projects completed under NAFCC for the years 2019-20 till present?

Corridors for safe passage of elephants

2141 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that as many as 119 jumbos were electrocuted between 2009 and 2019;
- (b) if so, whether Government has planned to stop such incidents; and
- (c) number of elephant corridors that have been envisioned for their safe passage, the details thereof?

Request for cutting of trees

2142 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) number of requests received from the States for cutting the trees during financial year 2016-17 to 2020-21, the State-wise details alongwith the purpose thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received any plan from the States to compensate alongwith the request to cut the trees to balance the environmental damage occurred due to cutting of trees;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Social cost of Carbon emission

2143 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware and has studied the social cost of Carbon emissions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to estimate the social cost of Carbon;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has any proposal to set its own social cost of Carbon to achieve net zero emissions by 2070; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

International recognition for tiger reserves

2144 # **Shri Anil Baluni:**

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

- (a) the details of number of tiger reserves in the country;
- (b) the number of tiger reserves granted international recognition; and
- (c) the criteria adopted for this international recognition, the details thereof?

Roadmap for achieving NDCs

2145 **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) whether Government plans to prepare a year-wise roadmap for achieving targets of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has plans to integrate low carbon technologies and emission reduction measures in various Government schemes and programmes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has estimated the annual investments required to achieve 40 per cent of non fossil fuels installed capacity by 2030; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening ties with neighbouring Countries

2146 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) measures taken by Government towards its neighbouring countries to counter China's influence in the sub-continent;
- (b) whether China has supplied a good number of vaccines for COVID-19 to Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, which would strengthen their ties with China; and
- (c) if so, the number of vaccines supplied by the Indian Government to the above three countries?

Countries affected by Omicron variant

2147 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of countries affected by the Omicron variant of Coronavirus;
- (b) the details of total number of cases reported daily by affected countries during the last 10 days, country-wise;
- (c) the details of total number of travellers who came from affected countries in the month of November, country-wise;
- (d) whether Government would suggest a complete ban on travellers from affected countries; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Diversion of Brahmaputra by China

2148 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that China has diverted Brahmaputra river forcefully and have started constructing a series of dams on it in their area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

Firing on Indian fishermen by Pakistani coast guard

2149 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many Indian fishermen have died in the firing by Pakistani coast guards on their fishing boat when they went for fishing in the Arabian sea;
- (b) the details of the incidents occurred during the last three years;
- (c) the steps taken by Government after above incidents; and
- (d) whether any kind of financial assistance is being provided to the dependents of the people killed in such incidents?

Passport Power Index

2150 Smt. Mausam Noor:

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

- (a) whether according to a report of Passport Power Index, India ranks 70th position in 2021, as compared to its 2020 rank of 61st position;
- (b) the reasons for such a fall in ranking in global passport power ranking index; and
- (c) the manner in which exempting Canada and U.K from granting e-visa as a reciprocating move will help India's economy and improve its ranking globally in terms of Passport Power Index?

Passport Seva Kendras and E-Passport Seva

2151 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) the details regarding a comparative chart of Passport Seva Kendras/Passport Issue Centers in 2014 and 2021;
- (b) the response for E-Passport Seva; and
- (c) the Government plans to provide more ease of Passport issuance?

Enhancement of India's soft power

2152 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has any structured mechanism to enhance India's soft power across the globe;
- (b) the new initiatives of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) towards strengthening soft power; and
- (c) the areas in which ICCR has any plans to work apart from yoga and Indian classical dance and music?

New Quadrilateral Economic Forum

2153 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched a new Quadrilateral Economic Forum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other outcome of the meetings, the details thereof?

India-Israel cooperation

2154 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India-Israel cooperation during pandemic is very useful;
- (b) if so, the details of partnership and business transactions made between the two countries; and
- (c) the details of recent visit of diplomats to Israel?

Humanitarian aid to Afghanistan

2155 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap to provide humanitarian aid including wheat and lifesaving drugs to Afghanistan;
- (b) whether Government is providing humanitarian aid to other countries also; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of such countries?

BRICS Summit for emerging economies

2156 # Shri Ram Shakal:

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

- (a) whether BRICS Summit has become an influential voice for the emerging economies of the world; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths of migrant Indian workers abroad

2157 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

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

- (a) whether Government has the details of reported deaths of Indian migrant workers belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu in Gulf Countries, African nations and South East Asian countries during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken and assistance given during the last five years through Kshetriya Pravasi Sahayata Kendras (KPSK) to all the deceased migrant Indian worker's relatives abroad from the State of Tamil Nadu?

Viewership and audience of digital channels of Prasar Bharti

2158 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been done by Government to find the viewership/audience

- of digital channels of DD and Akashvani;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) whether the digital channels of Prasar Bharti is popular in other countries also and if so the details of the top five countries with viewership details for the last three years; and
- (d) further steps Government proposes to initiate to make Prasar Bharti digital channels more popular?

Fake and unverified news by news channels

2159 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing fake news and unverified news by various news channels in the country;
- (b) whether steps have been taken to monitor the content of news and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether cases have been initiated for prosecution against such media outlets for peddling fake news, if so, the details thereof?

Pending dues from TV channels

2160 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) the details of dues pending from various TV channels to Prasar Bharti, TV-channel-wise;
- (b) the details of dues pending for more than 10 years, 5 years and 3 years, TV-Channel-wise;
- (c) the details of commercial disputes between Prasar Bharti and accredited agencies pending before courts, arbitration, etc.;
- (d) the efforts Prasar Bharti Board is making to recover such dues and the success Prasar Bharti (PB) has achieved so far; and
- (e) the details of such cases before National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

Sharing of data by social media platforms

2161 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether Government has forced social media platforms to share the data on blockage of accounts and removal of posts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for Government to take this decision?

Categories of viewers of online curated content

2162 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

- (a) whether it is feasible or possible to enforce the well-intentioned measure mentioned in the Code of Ethics under the IT Rules of 2011 that viewership of online curated content be categorised according to five age-groups, namely, 'universal', 'adults', 'under 7 years', 'above 13 years' and 'above 16 years'; and
- (b) whether such a rule leaves producers and makers of such content vulnerable to harassment, prosecution and blackmailing?

Complaints regarding news promoting hatred

2163 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received complaints against broadcasting of news promoting hatred and peddling lies, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of complaints out of the total complaints received that were with regard to promoting hatred, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any action against such news promoting hatred and peddling lies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Satellite Launch Vehicles

2164 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to have another Satellite Launch Vehicle due to heavy workload on the existing ones;
- (b) if so, the expected timeline of completion of this new Satellite Launch Vehicle along with its expected cost;
- (c) whether private players will also have a part to play in development of this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Aam Admi Beema Yojana

2165 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

- (a) the target enrolment number under Aam Admi Beema Yojana for the last three years;
- (b) the achieved enrolment numbers during the last three years; and
- (c) the funds spent on advertisement and outreach to encourage enrolment during the last three years?

Maintenance of data on employment in unorganized sector

2166 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken initiative to compile data on employment under unorganized sector and their registration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the broad categories of workers included in the survey;
- (c) whether Government has any concrete plan to bring workers of unorganized sector under EPFO and ESI after preparation of data base; and
- (d) whether the workers of unorganized sectors would be eligible for more benefits after they are registered and if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment rate in the country

2167 **Shri K.T.S. Tulsi:**

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

- (a) present unemployment rate in the country in major industry sectors during the last three quarters; and

(b) steps taken by Government to boost employment in the aforesaid sectors, particularly on account of loss of jobs due to COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Framing of Labour Codes following Convention-144

2168 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is following Convention-144 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) while framing the four labour codes;
- (b) whether India would face consequences of condemnation or punishment and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to resolve the problem;
- (d) the process to ensure compliance with the labour code to be finalized by the Central and State Governments; and
- (e) whether Government has convened a consultation meeting to discuss the framing of rules of Labour Codes and if so, the details thereof?

Social Security cover to gig workforce

2169 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country has more than 1.5 crore gig workforce working with delivery Startups or working as driver-partners in Ola, Uber, e-Commerce companies, etc.;
- (b) whether Government is considering to cover the above work force under Social Security Schemes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any consultations have been held with States, stakeholders and gig working association/union in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ESIC Hospitals in Rajasthan

2170 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the number of hospitals being run by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) at divisional headquarters especially in the State of Rajasthan and the number of insured families getting benefitted from the same, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is mulling over a plan to establish a new ESIC hospital at divisional level to facilitate the treatment of lakhs of insured people and their families living in Jodhpur Division, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Economic Security of small shopkeepers

2171 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the economic security of small shopkeepers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether about three crore small traders/shopkeepers in the country are likely to be benefitted from the Pension Scheme for shopkeepers/retail traders and self-employed

persons and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of small shopkeepers and retail traders covered under the said Pension Scheme in Namakkal District of the State of Tamil Nadu?

Review of child labour in the country

2172 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any review with regard to child labour, if so, the details thereof and the number of child labour cases reported in the country during the last three years and the details of action taken thereof;

(b) whether there have been an increase in the cases of child labour in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to stop child labour?

e-Shram Portal

2173 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

(a) whether the provision of registering gig and platform workers on the e-Shram portal enables them to have the legal status of unorganized workers;

(b) the method of calculating minimum period of 90 days of working for making them eligible to register as a platform or gig workers under Rule 50(2)(d) of draft Rules on the Code of Social Security, 2020; and

(c) the manner in which the Motor Vehicles Aggregators Guidelines, 2020 and the draft Rules on the Code of Social Security, 2020 simultaneously apply to aggregator contributions?

National Career Services (NCS) Project

2174 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

(a) the details of budgetary allocation made by Government for National Career Services (NCS) Project along with the funds actually released and utilized hereunder for the year 2021-2022;

(b) number of people trained under the NCS Project in 2021, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) placement offered and successfully completed in respect of the people trained under the NCS Project in 2021, State and gender-wise details thereof?

Informal labour force in the country

2175 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has done an assessment and come up with an estimate of the size of informal labour force in the country;

(b) if so, the details of various estimates of the size of informal labour force and the methodologies adopted to estimate the size of the labour force;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has taken up any study to determine the average wage received by the informal workers;

- (e) if so, the State-wise details of minimum wages for informal labours; and
- (f) steps taken to ensure a minimum wage for informal labourers?

Increase in unemployment

2176 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) whether as per data from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, unemployment in October, 2021 rose to 7.75 per cent from a three-month low of 6.86 per cent in September, 2021;
- (b) whether rural unemployment jumped to 7.91 per cent from 6.06 per cent in the previous month; and
- (c) whether the unemployment rate touched a historic 45-year high before COVID-19 hit, and if so, the reasons therefor?

PM-Shram Yogi Maandhan Pension Scheme

2177 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only one per cent of nearly 400 million informal workforce has joined PM-Shram Yogi Maandhan Pension Scheme;
- (b) percentage of workforce paying premium regularly for more than one year;
- (c) impact of COVID-19 on the scheme;
- (d) whether Government will consider exemption for non-payment of premium during COVID-19 period (April, 2020 to September, 2021) and allow workers to keep their policy alive; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare pension scheme for agricultural workers

2178 Dr. V. Sivasadan:

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

- (a) whether there is any welfare pension scheme provided by Government to the Agricultural workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any States are giving welfare pension to the Agricultural Workers; and
- (d) if so, the details of the amount given by each State?

Unemployment rate

2179 Shri Shwait Malik:

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

- (a) the unemployment rate among people having completed school education between 2017 and 2021 in the State of Punjab, year and district-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the unemployment rate among people having completed college education between 2017 and 2021 in the State of Punjab, year and district-wise details thereof?

Portability of social security schemes for migrant labourers

2180 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether Government has adopted any measures to ensure the portability of social security schemes available for labourers;
- (b) if so, details of the percentage of internal migrant labourers registered under various social security schemes in different host States;
- (c) whether Government has adopted any measures to ensure the portability of health schemes available for labourers other than insurance cover under Ayushman Bharat; and
- (d) if so, the percentage of beneficiaries in different host States?

Increase in Unemployment rate in India

2181 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) whether coronavirus outbreak has forced many industries to shut down, thus increasing unemployment across the country;
- (b) data on employment rate in the country for the year 2019-20, 2020-2021 and 2021-22 till 30.11.2021, month-wise;
- (c) whether any specific survey is being conducted by Government on under-employment;
- (d) whether there are any welfare measures (a minimal financial support for a fixed period) for benefiting the youth who is searching for jobs, till he finds a job; and
- (e) steps that have been taken by Government to boost the job vacancies in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Floor Wages of Agricultural workers

2182 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) whether there is a minimum floor wage for agricultural workers in the country;
- (b) the minimum wage of agricultural workers in different States;
- (c) the difference of average wage rate between male and female agricultural workers in the country; and
- (d) the average number of working days available for an agricultural worker in the country?

Details of ESIC & ESIS dispensaries/hospitals

2183 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) the total number of hospitals and dispensaries run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) along with the number of beneficiaries, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the facilities of certain ESIC and ESIS hospitals are made available to common people by charging nominal user fee;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) steps taken to fill all the medical and para medical staff in ESIC hospitals to make them function more efficiently to cater to the workers' medical requirements, the details thereof?

Schemes to rescue child labourers

2184 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the increasing number of child labourers during Covid pandemic in the country, especially in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the number of child labour reported in the country during the last two years, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to address this issue;
- (d) whether there are any schemes to rehabilitate the rescued children, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Major sectors impacted by COVID-19

2185 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the numbers of labour force rendered jobless during the financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21 as an impact of COVID-19;
- (b) the major sectors impacted by COVID-19; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of such jobless labourers?

Free online career skills training under NCS

2186 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started offering free online career skills training through its National Career Service project (NCS) for job-seekers registered with it;
- (b) if so, the number of unemployed youths who have benefited indicating the employment-related services provided under NCS since its inception;
- (c) whether Government is providing financial and other assistance to upgrade and modernize employment exchanges in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the details of employment exchanges identified in the State of Maharashtra and amount released so far?

All India Survey on Domestic Workers

2187 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is conducting/planning to conduct All India Survey on Domestic Workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the action plan and the expected date of completion;
- (c) details of the data which Government is planning to collect under the survey on domestic workers; and
- (d) the data collected, State/UT/District-wise?

Steps for employment of women in North-East

2188 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by Government regarding employment of women in North-East to make them self-reliant; and
- (b) number of employment created, State-wise details thereof?

Pending cases of PF Payment

2189 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether several cases of Provident Fund (PF) payment are pending all over the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such pending cases as on 31.10.2021, State-wise, along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for expeditious payment of PF to the employees, especially when the data are digitized?

Linking monthly pension of workers with cost of living index

2190 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether there is an increasing demand for linking monthly pension of workers under Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) 1995 with cost of living index;
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereon;
- (c) whether any Monitoring Committee has been constituted for evaluation of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme;
- (d) if so, whether any recommendations have been given and if so, the highlights thereof; and
- (e) if not, by when the report would be presented?

Different rules for Aadhaar requirements under ESIC and EPFO

2191 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) have different rules for Aadhaar requirements;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that no benefit will be denied to workers for want of Aadhaar?

Employment Generation during COVID period

2192 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any long term/short term strategy for employment generation in post COVID-19 period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) new steps taken by Government to provide employment to a large number of people who lost their jobs due to COVID-19 pandemic?

Employment to Migrant Labourers

2193 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to COVID-19 pandemic, migrant labourers shifted to their respective States;
- (b) if so, whether any assistance has been provided to them by Government for their

livelihood; and

(c) action taken by Government to provide employment to them in their respective States since most of them have become unemployed?

Welfare schemes for Domestic Workers

2194 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) the number of domestic workers in the country, State/UT/District-wise;
- (b) if no database exists, the reasons therefor and whether Government plans to create one;
- (c) whether Government has announced any welfare/social security schemes exclusively for domestic workers, especially during the pandemic;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of laws/policies/schemes related to the rights and welfare of domestic workers, State/UT-wise;
- (f) whether domestic workers are under the purview of the Labour Codes; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of implementation of PM-SYM Scheme

2195 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) the status of the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana;
- (b) number of currently enrolled people under the scheme, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of institutions entrusted with the responsibility of the management of funds?

Addition of welfare schemes to e-Shram portal

2196 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to further add welfare schemes to the e-Shram portal;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the number of unorganised workers who have registered on the portal so far;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to expand it to State Government sector schemes also; and
- (e) if so, the present status in this regard?

Launch of Indian Space Association

2197 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched Indian Space Association (ISpA) and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (b) the details of reforms undertaken by Government in Space sector;
- (c) whether the launch of ISpA will boost private participation in Space Sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India accounts for only 2 percent of the Space economy in the global market front though having huge potential; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the global market share?

Fast Track Special Courts for rape and POSCO cases

2198 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set up Fast Track Special Courts for Rape and POSCO Act cases;
- (b) if so, whether there has been an improvement in the average time taken to resolve cases;
- (c) if so, the details of average time taken before and after establishment of FTSCs;
- (d) State-wise details of funds released for setting up of the FTSCs;
- (e) State-wise details of vacancies of judicial staff in such courts; and
- (f) steps that Government has taken to fill up these posts?

Cases of less serious nature pending in lower courts

2199 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number of judicial matters currently pending in lower courts in the country which have been registered at least three years before and which are of relatively less serious nature apart from murder or rape; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of these matters?

Legal services provided under Free Legal aid scheme

2200 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

details of the persons who got free legal services in civil and criminal matters for the conduct of a case or a legal proceeding in any Court, Tribunal or Authority by National Legal Service Authority during the last three years, State, Gender and Category-wise (to the members belonging to SC, ST community)?

Pendency in lower courts

2201 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of pending, civil and criminal cases at the level of lower judiciary in the country, State-wise as on date;
- (b) the details of pending civil and criminal cases at the level of lower judiciary in the country as on 1st December, 2021 and 1st January, 2020, State-wise;
- (c) the details of increase/decrease in pendency of criminal and civil cases, State-wise during the last two years; and
- (d) the details of efforts taken by Government for early disposal of cases in the country during the last two years?

Pendency before Courts in Bihar

2202 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the number of civil and criminal cases pending before the High Court, District Courts and other Subordinate Courts in Bihar;
- (b) the details of the number of cases pending across categories, pending for less than 5

years, 5 to 10 years, pending since 10 years and above;

(c) the number of vacant posts of judicial officers across district and subordinate courts in Bihar;

(d) whether Government has taken measures to address the backlog of past vacancies, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any measures have been adopted to speed up the process of disposal of cases?

Huge pendency of cases in High Courts and Supreme Court

2203 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the pendency rate of cases in High Courts and Supreme Courts are alarming and huge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal for setting up four regional appellate courts to reduce the pendency of cases in High Courts and also Supreme Court;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation policy in appointment of judges in higher judiciary

2204 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government is following reservation policy in appointment of Judges to Higher Level of Judiciary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

LLB entrance examinations in regional languages

2205 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that entrance examinations for admission in a few high ranked educational law institutions of the country are conducted only in English language;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to entrance examinations being conducted in English language, the students of deprived sections, who want to join judicial service, are deprived of their fundamental right to get education by creating linguistic discrimination; and

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to conduct entrance examinations in other regional languages including Hindi in the said educational institutions?

Guidelines of Supreme Court for infrastructure of courts

2206 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued any guidelines with regard to improving the infrastructure of courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has initiated any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in Judiciary

2207 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government is of the view that statutory reservation for SC/ST is not applicable in the selection of Judges in High Court and in the Supreme Court, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether steps will be taken by Government to comply with the reservation for SC/ST in the Judiciary; and
- (c) whether Government is willing to consult with the collegium of Supreme Court in the matter of reservation of SC/ST In Judiciary?

Issuance and renewal of Digital Notary Certificates

2208 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the steps undertaken by Government to strengthen digital infrastructural capacity of the department of Legal Affairs for streamlining issuance and renewal of certificate of Notaries;
- (b) whether online tracking of applications has been operationalized by Government to track the status of online applications; and
- (c) whether there are any plans to introduce digital signature facilities for notary attestations?

Additional pension to Super Special Pensioners

2209 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to Gauhati High Court Judgements delivered in 2014 and 2018 respectively which have favoured enhancement of old age pension for retired pensioners from 1st day of 80th year instead of completion of that year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken to apply the ruling to cover all eligible retired pensioners; and
- (c) the present rule or practice of computing quantum of additional pension to Super Special Pensioners of 80 years and above?

Public awareness initiatives

2210 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) whether the ministry and its departments have undertaken any initiatives during the last four years for public awareness towards the schemes aimed at pensioners' welfare, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the ministry has conducted any conferences or conclaves of pensioners during the last four years for promoting its schemes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has prepared any comprehensive document outlining the outcomes of its public awareness initiatives, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Training of IAS officers

2211 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether Government is satisfied with the training imparted to IAS trainee officers;
- (b) whether Government is of the view that a sense of commitment to the country and the citizen can be taught at the IAS Academy; and
- (c) the manner in which the Academy imparts a sense of financial integrity into the trainees?

Vacant posts for SCs/STs

2212 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether the posts reserved for SCs/STs in various categories in different Departments/Public Sector Undertakings are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) year-wise and category-wise details of appointments made during the last three years and the current year?

SSC CGL examinations

2213 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) number of candidates from different States, who appeared for competitive exams like Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level (SSC CGL) during last five years;
- (b) out of above, number of candidates who have been selected, State-wise;
- (c) whether it has been noticed that there is palpable disparity between candidates selected from different States, leading to widespread resentment among the unemployed youths from certain States of the country;
- (d) present position of investigation on the SSC Examination scam of 2018 and whether any responsibility has been fixed;
- (e) whether loopholes leading to such practices have been identified; and
- (f) steps taken to prevent recurrence of such scams?

Pendency of RTI appeals in SICs/CIC

2214 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether the pendency of RTI appeals in State Information Commissions (SICs) and Central Information Commission (CIC) have been rising during the past few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, and the steps undertaken by Government to clear backlog;
- (c) whether there is a lack of enabling infrastructure or any other reasons that cause a delay in disposal of appeals by SICs/CIC, if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken to create improved awareness about RTI Act among the disadvantaged communities?

Lateral entry into civil service

2215 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the number of candidates who have been selected through lateral entry into the Civil Services so far;
- (b) the measures adopted by Government to ensure transparency when private sector experts are recruited through lateral entry in higher posts of administration; and
- (c) whether there is any provision to ensure the representation of SCs, STs, OBCs and EWSs in the appointments done through lateral entry?

Reply to letters of MPs

2216 # Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

whether any guidelines have been issued to the departments of Government on giving reply to the letters of Members of Parliaments and if so, the details thereof?

Age relaxation for experienced aspirants

2217 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in most of the Government institutions, the upper age limit for job is 35 years for general category and 40 years for the reserved category;
- (b) whether any scheme related to Government jobs for the experienced youth above the upper age limit is under consideration of Government so that the experienced youth above the upper age limit also get adequate opportunities in Government sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

National Recruitment Agency

2218 Shri Kapil Sibal:

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

- (a) whether the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) and its entire architecture has been put in place, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) by when the NRA is likely to start conducting examinations and the manner in which the methodology is going to be different from other agencies; and
- (c) whether the NRA will eventually replace all other recruiting agencies, including the National Testing Agency, which also conducts recruitment tests, if not, the rationale for setting up one more recruiting agency?

Participation of women in the field of Science and Technology

2219 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken initiatives to ensure participation of women in the field of Science and Technology through implementation of suitable gender enabling programmes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the salient features of the Science and Technology schemes for Women;
- (c) the achievements of these schemes in providing new opportunities for gainful employment to women especially in rural areas; and
- (d) the status of implementation of these schemes in various States including the State of Karnataka?

S&T Infrastructure Facility Policy

2220 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) aims and objectives of S&T Infrastructure Facility Policy proposed by the Ministry;
- (b) whether this will help in sharing infrastructure of S&T between various institutions, researchers, colleges, etc.; and
- (c) by when will the Ministry launch this policy?

Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research

2221 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has set up the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the time by when the said academy will be set up; and
- (c) whether the academy has the authority to award degrees and if so, the details thereof?

Working of the JC Bose Fellows Selection Committee

2222 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the process through which the JC Bose Fellows are selected for each term and the reasons for rejection by the Secretary, Science and Engineer Research Board;
- (b) whether the rejected scientists were informed of the reason for the same;
- (c) the duration of each member of the Selection Committee; and
- (d) the frequency of changes in the JC Bose Selection Committee in the past and names of the previous members of the committee?

Private players in Space sector

2223 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government's policy decision to open up Space sector to private players would demand more land from areas of the State of Tamil Nadu to set up new facilities for research;
- (b) if so, what action has been taken till date and whether any tenders have been floated, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any coherent action plan to fund and promote education in aerospace and aeronautical engineering and set up further facilities for students interested in space research and exploration especially in the state of Tamil Nadu, details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Satellites launched by Indian Launch Vehicle

2224 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) number of foreign satellites launched via Indian Launch Vehicle, Country-wise;
- (b) types of satellites that have been launched through Indian Launch Vehicle; and
- (c) revenue generated by the country through these Indian Launch Vehicles during the last three years?

Single window clearance in space exploration

2225 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) steps that Government has taken and proposes to take for participation of start-ups and private companies in the space exploration;
- (b) steps that Government has taken to provide a single clearance window in case of overlapping jurisdiction of the Department of Space and the Department of Communications for satellite applications; and
- (c) the timeline by which Government proposes to implement the same and the details thereof?

Agreement with foreign countries to launch satellites

2226 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the number of countries with which the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has made agreements to launch their satellites into the space;
- (b) the revenue which is expected to be earned through this; and
- (c) the total number of satellites, indigenous and foreign, that have been put into the Earth's Orbit?

Implementation of Adopt a Heritage project

2227 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) number of heritage sites that have been adopted under the Adopt a Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan project, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of private investments that have been successfully roped in under this project, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of revenue obtained from these heritage sites since the start of the project, the details thereof; and
- (d) measures that are being taken by Government to expand the coverage of this project to more sites, the details thereof?

Marketing Development Assistance Scheme for tourism sector

2228 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) details of marketing activity performed by Government to promote tourism sector during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has provided any support to the State of Gujarat under its Marketing Development Assistance Scheme during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Capacity building for locals

2229 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) details of capacity building and skill development activities carried out by Government to increase employment opportunity of local people at heritage sites, monuments and tourist sites during the last three years;
- (b) whether the capacity building and skill development initiatives by Government has enabled local youth to get employment; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Sanction of funds under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

2230 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

whether the Ministry will consider sanctioning of funds for development of Rural Circuit & Spiritual Circuit under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Flow of Foreign tourists

2231 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the number of foreign tourists that arrived in the country during each of the last five years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) whether the flow of foreign tourists has registered a decline in the country during the last two years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to attract foreign tourists and to promote the related industries?

Revenue from monuments in Andhra Pradesh

2232 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) details of protected and unprotected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh, District-wise;
- (b) details of revenue earned through the above monuments during the last five years, year-wise and monument-wise;
- (c) amount spent on safety and security of above monuments during the last five years, year-wise and monument-wise; and
- (d) efforts being made to increase the earning of revenue from above monuments?

Promotion of tourism in the country

2233 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) steps Government has taken to promote tourism in the Country especially in the State of Tamil Nadu, including the funds allotted, identification of new tourist spots, advertisement of tourist spots etc from 2017 onwards;
- (b) whether Government intends to increase funding to enable accessible tourism to all citizens by not only increasing accessible facilities but also employing experts to aid people

with disabilities;

(c) whether Government has put into place a proper plan of action to reduce the phenomenon of over-tourism in certain tourist spots in the country; and

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

Promotion of tourism post COVID-19 pandemic

2234 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in the country post COVID-19 pandemic, the details thereof; and

(b) whether inflow of foreign tourists have picked up in the country, the details thereof, State-wise?

Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Rajasthan

2235 Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

(a) the details of projects undertaken under the Swadesh Drashan Scheme so far, State-wise;

(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 Rajasthan?

Integration of travel agents and guides

2236 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to integrate travel agents and guides all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no Central Government approval is given to travel and tour operators by any Government body;

(d) whether the apex body like International Air Transport Association (IATA) are working for Government as a nodal agency for various travel and tour operators in the country; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor?

Development of tourism in Odisha

2237 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

(a) details of development of tourism in States with specific reference to the State of Odisha; and

(b) whether the Central Government and the State Government of Odisha are working together towards the development of the tourism in the State of Odisha and in what ways?

Budget allocation under Khelo India Scheme

2238 Shri Vaiko:

Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the details of budget allocated to various States during the last three years, including the current year up to 31st October, 2021 after the launch of Khelo India scheme across the country, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for not giving budget grants to all the States ; (c) whether any sports upgradation infrastructure would be provided to the State of Tamil Nadu, in view of not getting budget in the earlier years and also in view of a large number of prospective sports persons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Fit India Movement

2239 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated the 'Fitness ka Dose Aadha Ghanta Roz' programme;
- (b) if so, the details and the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) whether Government has celebrated the first anniversary of 'Fit India Movement', if so, the details thereof and the names of famous personalities who participated in the same;
- (d) the shortcomings noticed and the achievement made by Government since the launch of 'Fit India Movement'; and
- (e) whether the objective of Fit India Movement has been achieved, if so, the details thereof?

Rural sports activities under Khelo India scheme

2240 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) the details of the Schemes by Government to encourage rural sports activities in various States under "Khelo India"; and
- (b) whether Government would lay emphasis on developing special facilities to encourage meritorious children and youth in rural areas so that they also get an opportunity to play in national/international competitions and represent the nation?

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