

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 : Civil Aviation; Coal; Defence; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Planning; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Steel)**

Total number of questions -- 160

**Development of airports in Bihar**

2401 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) the number of airports in Bihar proposed to be developed under the UDAN scheme by Government;
- (b) whether it is proposed to start air traffic from any other city other than Darbhanga; and
- (c) whether Government has got any feasibility study done regarding the inclusion of Samastipur in the UDAN scheme?

**Plan to privatise airports in Rajasthan**

2402 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to privatise Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur airports in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether crores of rupees have been allocated/spent for the expansion of airports at Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for handing over these airports to private companies despite the fact that approximately an amount of ₹ 1,000 crore has already been invested for expansion and modernisation of these airports?

**Allotment of VT code**

2403 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that during the British Rule, the aircraft of India had been given the VT code, by the International Air Transport Association which means "Viceroy Territory", if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any action for acquiring any code displaying nationalism (Indian sentiments) to replace "VT", the symbol of slavery; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Overall development of civil aviation sector**

2404 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering overall development of civil aviation sector of India including proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the domestic airlines including public sector Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken by Government to improve the already existing airports of the country by developing them with modern technologies; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### **Non-active routes under UDAN scheme**

2405 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether most of the routes awarded under UDAN for regional connectivity are not active at present, specially in Rajasthan; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

### **Basic facilities at Airports**

2406 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that some of the airports run by AAI do not have basic facilities;
- (b) whether Government will direct AAI to ensure that basic facilities are created and maintained up to global standards; and
- (c) whether Government will privatise these airports if AAI does not have the resources to do so?

### **Rehabilitation of families affected by Jewar Airport project**

2407 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many villagers who have lost their land and houses for the Jewar airport project have not been rehabilitated yet;
- (b) if so, the reason for delay in rehabilitation of these families;
- (c) whether Government will direct the concerned authority to expedite the rehabilitation process in a timely manner; and
- (d) the entire details of land and money spent on each families for their rehabilitation?

### **UDAN Services in Andhra Pradesh**

2408 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) what are the routes/ sectors that have been approved under UDAN scheme to or from airports in Andhra Pradesh, Phase-wise;
- (b) which of the above services have commenced operations;

- (c) the reasons for non-commencement of some routes;
- (d) which of the routes are currently operational;
- (e) the reasons for non-operation of some routes; and
- (f) the total subsidy paid for the operation of the UDAN routes out of the Route-wise?

#### **Operation of Alliance Air**

2409 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Alliance Air is the largest domestic airline operating flights on various routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how did the airline perform, revenue-wise, during 2019-20 since it was a loss-making unit of Air India since its inception in 1996; and
- (d) whether some effective measures have been taken to reduce the operating cost to make the airline profitable?

#### **Establishment of Sri Jagannath International Airport at Puri, Odisha**

2410 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) whether Government is going to establish Sri Jagannath International Airport at Puri, Odisha; and
- (b) whether this Airport will be a supplementary Airport to BPI Airport, Bhubaneswar?

#### **Upgradation of small airports**

2411 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to upgrade small airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the list of small airports selected to be upgraded, State-wise;
- (d) the cost involved in the likely upgradation;
- (e) whether some of the State Governments have agreed to enter into an agreement with the Central Government for upgradation of the airports in their States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Connecting tier-2 and tier-3 cities**

2412 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the details of number of tier-2 and tier-3 cities connected via UDAN-RCS scheme;
- (b) the financial outlay of these projects, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government plans to revise the target of 100 airports by 2024 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government is aware about the fact that only 40 per cent of routes awarded so far are active as airlines are wary of adequate infrastructure and low demand; and
- (e) if so, the reasons thereof along with necessary steps taken to address this issue?

### Allocation of funds to Bihar

**2413 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged Bihar Government in matter related to land allocation and funding to boost aviation infrastructure for five airports in Bihar;
- (b) how much land is required for development for Raxaul, Purnia, Patna and Muzaffarpur and status thereof;
- (c) how many flights are operating under UDAN in Bihar and how much fund has been given for UDAN in Bihar and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any plan to include any other airport under UDAN in Bihar?

### Pensionary benefits provided by Air India

**2414 Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether there will be any changes in employees' and/or pensioners' benefits provided by Air India and its subsidiaries to its employees/pensioners, as case may be, upon sale of the same to M/s Talace Pvt Ltd and, if so, details thereof;
- (b) once the sale is completed, whether Government will bear and provide pensioners' benefits like medical benefits, etc. to old aged pensioners and, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether pensionary benefits of the currently serving employees of Air India and its subsidiaries be taken over by Government, for the period of service that they rendered before sale and, if not, reasons therefor?

### Expansion/upgradation of airports

**2415 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the measures taken by Government to expand/upgrade the existing Airports, where there is inadequate infrastructure in the form of terminal building, hanger space, etc;
- (b) the measures being taken by Government to bring DGCA rules and regulations at par with international standards and to keep pace with the technological developments; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated by Government for the development of new airports under PPP Mode?

### Development and expansion of airports

**2416 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has embarked upon development and expansion of airports in the country and, if so, the amount allocated and utilized for the purpose; and
- (b) the other steps taken by Government to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country by making air travel affordable to the masses?

### Aviation infrastructure under RCS-UDAN

**2417 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government has written to State Governments for expediting aviation

infrastructure under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN and, if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;

(b) the achievement made by UDAN since its inception;

(c) the challenges faced by Government while implementing UDAN Scheme; and

(d) the contribution of UDAN scheme in the overall development of Civil Aviation Sector?

### **Functions and operations of Keshod airport**

**2418 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

(a) by when Keshod airport will be fully functional and operational and the details thereof;

(b) whether the runway at Keshod airport has sufficient length and strength to handle larger air-crafts and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government mulls to increase the length of runway at Keshod airport by another 300 mtrs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when Keshod airport will have full time ATC in place rather than a makeshift ATC shared/deployed from Rajkot when needed and the details thereof?

### **Development fee at DIAL**

**2419 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

(a) the total collection of the development fees by passengers at the IGI Airport;

(b) whether Government has taken any action on the CAG report on the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) over the collection of the development fees;

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

(d) whether Government has further investigated this extension of post-contractual benefit and has taken any action to refund development fee; and

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

### **Coal import**

**2420 Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

(a) whether India is a net importer of coal for its thermal plants, steel and cement industries;

(b) whether Indonesia which is one of the largest exporter of coal to India has taxed its exports, if so, plans made by Government to address this issue;

(c) the plans for augmenting coal supplies to Southern India particularly to Tamil Nadu thermal power stations; and

(d) the status of erecting coal washeries for various public sector coal mines which will improve the quality of coal?

### **Illegal coal mining in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh**

**2421 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

(a) the details of the illegal coal mining, in Gare Palma coal mines in Tamnar block of Raigad district, done by Maharashtra Generation Company;

(b) whether it is a fact that local people are opposing the said project, if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on the ecology;

- (c) its impact on ecology of the State; and
- (d) the steps taken to curb illegal mining in the State of Chhattisgarh?

### **Sharing of Clean Energy Cess with Odisha**

**2422 Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2020-21, Odisha produced 153.85 million tonnes of coal contributing to about 25 percent of country's production and Government collects Clean Energy Cess at the rate of 400 rupees per tonne which amounts to more than ₹ 50 thousand crore;
- (b) if so, whether Government will consider Odisha's demand to provide at least 60 per cent share of the Clean Energy Cess collected from the State for economic development of coal mining areas and the affected people; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Contractual employees in NLC India Limited**

**2423 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) the total number of permanent and contractual employees including labour category working at present in NLC India Limited;
- (b) the rank wise and category-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will revise the present salary of contractual and daily labourers working in NLC India Limited; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Reforms in coal sector**

**2424 # Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to bring reforms in coal sector as it will continue to play an important role in power sector in the near future;
- (a) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in order to strengthen Coal India Limited?

### **Diversification of CIL into non-coal mining sectors**

**2425 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has decided to diversify into non-coal mining areas also to make the transition away from fossil fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether CIL has earmarked separate funds for the diversification and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Transfer of funds by M/s HINDALCO**

**2426 Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) whether any arrangement has been made for transfer of funds of about ₹ 560 crore

paid by M/s HINDALCO on account of Talabira-I coal block to the States; and  
 (b) if not, whether a suitable advisory will be issued by the Ministry for release of the claims of the State Governments at the earliest?

### **Coal mining and extraction projects**

**2427 Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the details of the coal extraction and the mining projects in the country as of now, State-wise and district-wise; and
- (b) the quantum of the projects under the private sector?

### **Accidents in coal mines/fields**

**2428 Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the details of number of accidents reported in coal fields/mines, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that such accidents do not take place in future; and
- (c) whether Government provided relief/compensation to the families of those injured or bereaved and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Ecological implications of open coal mining**

**2429 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether the open coal mines that are listed to be leased under the NMP pose potential environmental and health hazards;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken these aspects into account while listing the open coal mines for lease;
- (c) if so, the details of the measure undertaken, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there are any policy measures that Government is undertaking to keep a check as owing to lower costs of mining, open coal mines can keep on increasing, thereby further proving to be detrimental for the environment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Conservation, Safety and Infrastructural Development in coal mines**

**2430 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the State-wise data on number of mines where protective works taken up under Conservation, Safety and Infrastructural Development (CSID) in coal mines in 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022;
- (b) the State-wise data on length of road constructed (in Km) under CSID in coal mines in 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022;
- (c) the State-wise data on length of rail line constructed (in Km) under CSID in 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022; and
- (d) the State-wise data on number of miners benefitted under CSID in 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022?

### Underground mines allotted to Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

2431 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the underground mines allotted to Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for mining and number of them which are already closed after completion of mining;
- (b) the number of empty mines, where sand stowing work has been completed and the mines which are still vacant causing serious environmental and other problems; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Handidhwa mine and the Deulabera mine closed since long, are yet to be filled with sand stowing?

### SHAKTI scheme

2432 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India (SHAKTI) scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;
- (b) the list of States/UTs that are currently eligible under the scheme; and
- (c) the States which are currently eligible under the scheme and the details of the sanctioned/ongoing projects that are being undertaken as well as the funds transferred under the scheme?

### Coal crisis

2433 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether there is any coal crisis in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the plan of Government to deal with this situation;
- (c) the current status of coal reserves available in the country; and
- (d) the quantum of coal currently available in the country for power generation and the details thereof?

### Gap between demand and supply of coal

2434 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the gap between demand and supply of coal has been increasing day-by-day, particularly in the coal-based projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of Government thereto;
- (d) whether Government has chalked out any scheme to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal to save the coal based projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Defence agreement with Russia on assault rifles

2435 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

**Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government concluded any Defence agreement with Russia for production of assault rifles and other weapons;



- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these will be produced in India in the Ordnance Factories under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Upgradation of Army hospitals**

2436 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to upgrade Army hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the hospital-wise funds sanctioned/released during the last three years and current year;
- (c) the details of sanctioned new hospitals during the said period and the funds which have been sanctioned/released for the said purpose so far; and
- (d) by when the work of upgradation of the hospitals is likely to be completed?

### **Tenders for procurement of defence equipments**

2437 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) the number of tenders invited for procurement of defence equipments for armed forces during the last three years; and
- (b) the number of contracts signed and works completed out of these tenders and the details thereof?

### **New armament production units**

2438 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number of new units for production of armaments and other military equipments like automatic weapons, canons, etc., for the Army set up in the country on Government as well as PPP model during last five years;
- (b) the amount of forex reserve saved by the country on account of setting up of these units and the action plan to enhance the capacity of these units in future?

### **Bio-toilet developed by DRDO**

2439 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the main features of the bio-toilet developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the details thereof;
- (b) whether cow dung is being used in the bio-toilets developed by DRDO, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of bio-toilets manufactured in the country and number of beneficiaries, State-wise details thereof?

### **Violation of LoC by Pakistan**

2440 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) the number of times Pakistan has violated the Line of Control (LoC) during the last two

years; and

(b) the details of action taken in retaliation to the action of Pakistan and the number of Pakistani posts destroyed by the Indian Army?

### **Production of AK 203 rifles**

**2441 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

(a) whether the manufacturing unit for AK-203 rifles under Indo-Russia joint venture has started production;

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

(c) the time by which the first set of rifles are expected to be available to the defence forces?

### **Ordnance Factory Board**

**2442 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to corporatize Ordnance Factory Board(OFB);

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost efficiency and competitiveness in OFB?

### **Welfare measures for defence personnel**

**2443 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan of working on a mission mode to resolve problems related to serving and retired defence personnel; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government for the welfare of defence personnel in the last two years?

### **Girls Appearing in NDA Exam**

**2444 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any final decision regarding allowing the girls to appear for National Defence Academy (NDA) examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Compulsory military training for youth**

**2445 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to propose compulsory military training to the youth of the country;

(b) if so, the budgetary estimation of the total cost for this exercise; and

(c) whether there are any voluntary ways in which an individual can take up military training and work with the forces for a said period of time?

### Corporatization of the OFB

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

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

- (a) the total number of ordnance factories in the country;
- (b) whether Government has dissolved the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and transferred its assets, employees and management to companies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the corporatization of the OFB; and
- (d) whether the assurances given to the employees in this context have not been fulfilled, if so, the details thereof and the stand of Government thereon?

### Accidents involving Air Force planes

2447 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the number of aircrafts of the Air Force which have crashed during the last two years in the country including the recent crash of Mirage-2000;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any investigation regarding these aircraft accidents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard; and
- (d) the quantum of loss incurred due to such crashes?

### MIG-21 aircrafts

2448 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the number of ageing MIG-21 fighter aircrafts which have been replaced with the new Tejas fighter aircrafts so far;
- (b) the amount spent so far on the manufacturing of Tejas fighters;
- (c) the number of Tejas fighter aircrafts proposed to be manufactured in future; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### Status of PMAY (Urban)

2449 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the current status of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-(Urban) at national level;
- (b) the district-wise number of families already covered under this scheme in Uttar Pradesh, so far;
- (c) the number of families targeted to be included in Meerut, Hapur, Ghaziabad and Bijnor districts of Uttar Pradesh under the said scheme; and
- (d) the number of houses which have been constructed in the above mentioned districts so far?

### Improvement of infrastructures in metropolitan and major cities

2450 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) funds disbursed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural and Urban), State- wise including Tamil Nadu for the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any measure/plans for financial assistance for

metropolitan cities and major cities for development of infrastructure, proper colonization/urbanization including having a restructured drainage and sewerage system in major cities like Chennai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli etc.;

(c) whether Government has any new model plans for a new urbanization and colonization for the States; and

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

### **Achievement of PMAY (Urban)**

**2451 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

(a) the percentage of homeless urban poor rehabilitated under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) (Urban) in different States since its inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that many intended beneficiaries could not avail the benefits of the scheme because they did not own land;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government is behind achieving its target of 2 crore houses by 2022;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the beneficiaries will be entitled to financial assistance for the houses maintenance and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Smart Cities Mission in Himachal Pradesh**

**2452 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

(a) whether the period of the Smart Cities Mission run by Government has been extended;

(b) if so, the duration of time by which it has been extended;

(c) the cities in Himachal Pradesh selected under Smart Cities Mission;

(d) whether the cost of this project is jointly borne by Central and State Governments both; and

(e) if so, the ratio in which expenditure is borne by Central and State Governments and the details thereof?

### **Pending cases of builders**

**2453 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

(a) the number of cases pending against builders in Delhi NCR under RERA Act for not providing homes to their customers as per the terms and conditions at present; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to expedite the disposal of the said cases so that the exploited customers could either get their houses timely or get back their investment amount?

### **PMAY in Puducherry**

**2454 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

(a) the total number of applications received so far in Puducherry, under Prime Minister Awas Yojana (PMAY), the scheme for housing for all by 2022;

(b) the number of people benefited under the scheme; and

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Government of Puducherry under Demonstration Housing Project and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Allotment of houses to urban poor**

**2455 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to allot houses constructed under housing schemes like Basic Services for Urban Poor and Rajiv Awas Yojana to the urban migrant workers under the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U);
- (b) if so, number of such houses which have been identified to be allotted under the scheme and the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of houses allocated to migrant workers under the ARHC scheme and the details thereof?

### **PMAY (Urban)**

**2456 # Shri Kailash Soni:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) launched by Government, an amount of ₹1.50 lakh per house is provided and the said amount is received in three installment in a ratio of 40:40:20 for which it is the policy of Government to provide the amount of every third installments only after the completion of project, however the third installment for not even a single house in Madhya Pradesh has been released by Government, the status thereof;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when the payment would be made?

### **Shelter for Urban homeless**

**2457 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) number of shelter for urban homeless operational during lockdowns in various States, State/UT-wise;
- (b) State/UT/city-wise number of functional Shelter for urban homeless;
- (c) details of the following urban homeless, State/UT-wise the deaths thereof;
- (d) urban homeless beneficiaries who availed basic entitlements such as PDS;
- (e) urban homeless beneficiaries of skill development schemes;
- (f) if Government does not have such details, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) details of schemes, policies and legislations in place for the urban homeless and steps taken to ensure their access to these benefits in case they have no ID proof?

### **Minority families benefited by PMAY**

**2458 # Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether any target is set for the minority families under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; and
- (b) the number of people belonging to minority communities who benefited in Gujarat during the last three years?

### Open sewers

2459 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the menace of dirty open sewers (naalas) in cities and villages alike;
- (b) whether Government is also aware that they pose serious health and safety hazard;
- (c) if so, whether any large scale scheme or policy has been designed to clean up the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Status of implementation of SVANidhi scheme

2460 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the amount of loan which has been sanctioned and disbursed by Government under the PM SVANidhi scheme since inception, the details thereof, especially for Jharkhand, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who have benefitted from the scheme, the details thereof, gender-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the number of applications which have been returned by the banks, and under what reasons and, the details thereof?

### Pey Jal Survekshan

2461 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether Government will also conduct Pey Jal Survekshan in cities under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the performance of AMRUT phase-I and, if so, the outcome of the assessment and achievements made under these; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to ensure that every household has access to a tap with the assured supply of water and a sewerage connection?

### Funds transferred to ULBs

2462 **Shri Vaiko:**

**Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the details of funds transferred to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh for improvement of city infrastructure under AMRUT and Smart City Mission during the last five years;
- (b) whether the quality of infrastructure created utilising Central Government funds is very poor;
- (c) whether Government is monitoring the quality of work; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken to improve the quality?

### Identification of cities under AMRUT

2463 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 33 cities have been identified under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of cities identified, district-wise;
- (c) the details of physical targets set and achieved since the identification of cities, city-wise; and
- (d) whether there are any slippages and, if so, the details thereof?

### Status of Swach Bharat Mission

2464 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the status of Swach Bharat Mission; and
- (b) the fund allocated to the States in the scheme during the past three years, year-wise and State-wise details thereof?

### Groundwater over exploitation

2465 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether groundwater crisis has been intensifying in the country at present, if so, the efforts being done to deal with it;
- (b) whether excessive groundwater extraction for irrigation by the farmers is also one of the reasons for groundwater crisis; and
- (c) if so, the efforts being done to deal with this problem?

### Use of groundwater

2466 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes any scheme to regulate the use of groundwater to increase agricultural production, ensure the welfare of the farmers, protect the interests of farmers and common people who are dependent on groundwater; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Climate change and water resources in Tamil Nadu

2467 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has considered the imbalance between the population in Tamil Nadu and the available water resources, especially groundwater, as submitted by the State Government to the Central Government;
- (b) whether a cognizable action plan has been discussed to ensure such water resources to the population of the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the State action plan regarding climate change as finalized by the Tamil Nadu Government has been considered by Government and whether any coherent steps have been taken to ensure funding for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Allocation of funds under JJM to Chhattisgarh

2468 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds allocated to Chhattisgarh State under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the financial year 2021-22 and amount spent alongwith the details of work done and amount remains to be spent;
- (b) details of current status of tap water supply in the rural areas of Chhattisgarh including district Balrampur-Ramanujanj, district-wise;
- (c) the total number of households, which have been provided tap water connection since the inception of the scheme till date in Chhattisgarh, district-wise details including Balrampur-Ramanujanj; and
- (d) whether Government has received complaints regarding any kind of irregularity in the implementation on this scheme in Chhattisgarh?

### Implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana

2469 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of the Atal Bhujal Yojana;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for simplification and speedy implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal of increasing the number of States under the scheme for providing groundwater management in other States as well and if so, the details thereof?

### Project under Flood Management Programme

2470 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that one project has been undertaken under Flood Management Programme (FMP) in Puducherry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any works have been undertaken under the FMP in this Plan period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when the project is likely to be completed?

### Traditional modes of water conservation

2471 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has collected or is collecting different modes of water conservation in rural and tribal areas across the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any common portal launched by Government to disseminate such information to the people;
- (c) number of traditional conservation of water modes or methods selected for applying in different parts of the country;
- (d) whether Government has provided assistance to those who are engaged in water conservation; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to protect and conserve water in the North Eastern States which gain thirty three per cent of total rain water?



### Establishment of water testing laboratories

**2472 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to put up water quality testing infrastructure and the same is being made available to every village to improve the water services;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of water testing laboratories established during the last two years in the country?

### Rejuvenation of National Ganga river

**2473 Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether "Namami Gange Project" achieved its twin objective of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of National Ganga river; and
- (b) if so, the details of the expenditure held on this project and task completed since 2014 year-wise?

### Implementation of PMKSY

**2474 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets, achievements, allocations and releases under various components or schemes under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) since launch of the programme, State-wise and Year-wise;
- (b) the assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh under different programme components by district since the launch of the programme; and
- (c) a list of projects and number of beneficiaries in Guntur district, by taluka or mandal?

### Funds for cleaning of Yamuna river

**2475 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fund sanctioned by Government for cleaning of river Yamuna;
- (b) the total amount of money spent till date;
- (c) the details of the jobs under-taken by State Governments and the Central Government separately under the scheme;
- (d) whether the Supreme Court has issued some guidelines and, if so, details of the guidelines issued; and
- (e) the plans chalked out by Government to implement the Supreme Court's direction?

### Steps to remove pollution from rivers

**2476 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) steps that have been taken to make the rivers pollution free in the States of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of action taken, State-wise; and
- (c) the fund allocated for it, State-wise?

### People displaced due to rainfall/flood

2477 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that millions of people were displaced, and hundreds were killed due to extreme rainfall/flooding in several parts of the country during the last three months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to avoid such damages and protect the livelihood in the future?

### Flood prevention in the country

2478 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that India is witnessing devastating floods year after year;
- (b) whether Government has identified flood prone regions in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and used towards flood prevention in these areas for the past three years?

### National Aquifer Mapping project

2479 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

**Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of High-Resolution Aquifer Mapping and Management Project in Arid Regions of North Western area using Heli-borne survey to target key water challenges in Rajasthan, Gujarat Haryana and Punjab; and
- (b) whether Government is aware that Rayalaseema in the State of Andhra Pradesh is one of the most arid and drought prone region and why it is not selected for such survey?

### Pollution in Goa due to off-shore casinos

2480 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has studied the impact of off-shore casinos on river Mandovi in Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether Government plans to take steps to curb pollution in river Mandovi in Goa; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Status of NAL SE JAL scheme across India

2481 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of connections provided under the NAL SE JAL scheme;
- (b) the plan for the next three years; and
- (c) the benefits accrued to the beneficiaries?

### **Impact of National Inter-Linking of Rivers programme**

**2482 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has evaluated the impact of the National Inter-Linking of Rivers Programme (ILP) on the rainfall patterns of the country and climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of Karnataka's share in the diverted/transferred water by the National Inter-Linking of Rivers Programme (ILP) under Peninsular Rivers Component of the programme over the past twenty years?

### **Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project**

**2483 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) for Tamil Nadu State at the cost of ₹ 745 crore with the financial contribution of eighty per cent from World Bank and twenty per cent from the Central Water Commission of Tamil Nadu Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of funds disbursed and utilized till 31st March 2021 for the said project; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Water Resources Department and the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board are the Nodal Departments in the said DRIP project and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of JSA**

**2484 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of districts identified in Andhra Pradesh for implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA);
- (b) the details of water conservation and water resource management efforts being taken up by Government, experts and scientists to achieve the targeted interventions; and
- (c) the details of outcome of above interventions, with a particular reference to identified districts in Andhra Pradesh?

### **Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu**

**2485 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of allocation/financial assistance/subsidies given to Tamil Nadu under the provision of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) during the last three years;
- (b) the number of toilets constructed thereunder in Tamil Nadu so far; and
- (c) whether Government has provided any subsidy or financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for construction of Community Sanitary Complex and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Desiltation of rivers**

**2486 Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps Government has taken for desiltation of rivers in the country;
- (b) whether Government is planning for desiltation of rivers Damodar and Ganga/Hooghly

or not;

(c) the steps Government has taken for desiltation of the flood prone West Bengal; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to forecast floods and rehabilitation post floods in the State of West Bengal?

### **Rainwater Harvesting**

2487 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bulk of the rainwater is allowed to flow down wastefully to the seas, eroding precious soil in its wake; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard keeping Rainwater Harvesting on a watershed basis as the mantra for efficient water management?

### **Funds for JSA**

2488 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of ***Jal Shakti*** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilized under Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain (JSA:CTR), State-wise;

(b) the detail of the work done under JSA:CTR in West Bengal and Assam, district-wise; and

(c) the detail of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilized under JSA:CTR in West Bengal and Assam, district-wise?

### **MSME Samadhaan- Delayed Payment Monitoring System**

2489 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) number of delayed payment pending cases before MSME Samadhaan- Delayed Payment Monitoring System, number of cases transferred to the council, and number and percentage of the disposed off case and the resolutions achieved for them;

(b) whether Government has considered setting up a fund to facilitate temporary working capital for the cash-starved MSME sector or any other measures considered or undertaken to resolve the crisis thereof; and

(c) whether council for the MSME Samadhaan is independent of other additional responsibilities, and whether the facilitation councils have an online hearing system to process the cases?

### **Funds for new technology centres**

2490 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish new technology centres across the country, if so, the details of the estimated funds therefor; and

(b) whether Government proposes to establish such centres in Uttar Pradesh also, if so, the details thereof?

### Promoting innovation and upscaling in MSME

2491 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to promote innovation and upscale Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to withstand global competitions;
- (b) whether Government has taken measures to provide Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) at an affordable cost to facilitate international competition for MSMEs, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) how measures have been taken by Government to incentive and promote corporatization among the MSMEs?

### Persons applied under PMEGP

2492 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people having applied under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) during the last three years, State/year-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of persons having been benefited from this scheme during the said period;
- (c) the number of persons having been benefited from this scheme in Rajasthan, during the last three years, district/year-wise;
- (d) the self help groups, production cooperative societies and charitable trusts benefited from above schemes during the last three years, the details thereof, State/year-wise; and
- (e) the self-help group, production cooperative societies and charitable trusts benefited in Rajasthan during the last three years?

### Setting up agro-based industries

2493 # **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the agro-based industries set up in the country including Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the contribution of small and cottage industries in the economic development of the country;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the capacity/contribution of cottage industries in creating employment opportunities in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Post lockdown action plan

2494 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has achieved its set objectives of post lockdown action plan, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries of credit support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), total moratorium granted on debt; and
- (c) whether any relaxation was allowed in statutory compliances for filing of GST returns in time, measures undertaken for timely refunds of GST payments, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Safe Trade Policy

**2495 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Safe Trade Policy is devised by Government for various sectors dependent on Chinese imports, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the exclusion of benefits of merchant trade exports from benefits are specified for MSMEs and whether deprivation of these benefits to them has benefited any entity;
- (c) if so, the rationale for the exclusion; and
- (d) whether Government has devised any plans to incentivize sustainable business models, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Job lost due to Corona Pandemic

**2496 Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total contribution of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector to India's GDP;
- (b) the total number of people employed in the MSMEs sector, during the last three years;
- (c) the details of employment lost in MSMEs during Corona Pandemic (February-October 2021) month-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to increase employment opportunities in MSMEs?

### Establishment of Khadi Natural Gifts Units

**2497 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to establish Khadi Natural Gift Units in every parts of the country with a view to promote rural potential;
- (b) if so, the number of units established under the plan so far, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the schemes being run by Government to promote khadi industries in the country?

### RBI guidelines to all sick MSMEs

**2498 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past RBI had issued detailed guidelines to all the Banks on detection of sickness in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) at an early stage and taking remedial measures and for rehabilitation of sick MSMEs identified as potentially viable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of sick enterprises detected and rehabilitated by each of the commercial Banks particularly by the public sector banks after the issuance of guidelines, State-wise?

### Registration of higher growth rate industrial sector

**2499 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has been

consistently registering higher growth rate than the overall growth of the industrial sector in the country during the last Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage growth rate in production, establishment of new units and employment generated during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the growth registered by the MSMEs sector is lagging behind the target fixed during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to achieve the higher growth rate of MSME sector?

### **Status implementation of PMEGP**

**2500 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) the number of self employment ventures/projects and micro enterprises established and supported under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in the last three years, if so, the details thereof, especially Jharkhand;

(b) what has been the budgetary allocation for this scheme and amount utilized for this financial year, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of SC, ST, OBC, women and, physically handicapped supported under this scheme and the details thereof?

### **Growth of khadi sector**

**2501 Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth of khadi sector during the last five years;

(b) the details of growth in production, sales and weavers benefitted;

(c) what are the new products introduced and made available in the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) outlets; and

(d) what is the response to the online sales of KVIC?

### **Process of sanctioning of loans under PMEGP**

**2502 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps in order to avoid delay in the process of sanctioning of loans at different stages under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Social security of MSMEs workers**

**2503 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the data on the number of individuals working in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof from 2014-2021, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has the data with respect to the social security and work security of the labourers utilised within the MSMEs sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Development of cottage industries

2504 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cottage industries in villages are gradually disappearing due to liberalization and, if so, the details thereof and the criteria set for defining and reckoning cottage industries in villages;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to provide market to cottage industries and to save them from liberal market forces along with the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated by Government for the development of cottage industries during the year 2014-21, State-wise?

### Setting up CFC of in Rice Milling Cluster

2505 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of Common Facility Centre (CFC) in Rice Milling Cluster at Bargarh and Balasore in Odisha under Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Program (MSE-CDP); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### PMEGP in Andhra Pradesh

2506 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of agro-based and food processing industries in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that number of units which were provided assistance in Andhra Pradesh for setting up of agro-based and food processing units has come down from 314 since 2018-19 to 150 in 2020-21;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what would be the assistance that Government proposed for Andhra Pradesh in 2021-22?

### Revival of MSMEs

2507 **Shri Arun Singh:**

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an online portal "Champions" for grievance redressal, through which we can get information about Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sectors which are most stressed was launched among the plethora of steps taken for revival of MSMEs due to COVID-19; and
- (b) if so, what are the sector specific measures taken for reviving MSMEs from adverse affect of pandemic?

### Displaced people due to mining projects in Chhattisgarh

2508 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the problems of the people displaced due to various



mining projects in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the names of projects and districts in which they are located along with number of people displaced, district-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to solve their problems, if so, the details thereof?

### **Fatality rate in the mining areas**

**2509 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

(a) the average fatality rate of last three years in the mining areas, State wise;

(b) whether Government has taken appropriate measures to reduce the current fatality rate in the mining areas; and

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

### **Upgraded SOPs for mining activities**

**2510 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

(a) the details of upgradation adopted by Government in the last three years in 'Standard Operating Procedures' (SOPs) for mining workers to safeguard them;

(b) whether Government organizes awareness and training programmes from time to time to educate mining workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Mining lease**

**2511 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

(a) whether there is any provision to renew the lease of mines before expiry date to reduce the loss that occurs due to time lag;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Educational institutions run by Parsis**

**2512 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) what is total number of educational institutions run by Parsis in the country;

(b) how many of them are classified as minority institutions and how many of them get Government assistance or aid;

(c) what is proportional difference between Parsis' total minority institutions and those of the Muslims and Christians;

(d) the number of Parsi students who took minority scholarships in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the declining trend of Parsi population remains unabated since 1931?

### Budget spent on Nai Roshni scheme

2513 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the details of budgetary allocation and expenditure incurred on the Nai Roshni scheme leadership development of minority women during the last the five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Nai Roshni empowered the minority women;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to empower the women of minority community?

### Coaching to Minority students

2514 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the details of coaching institutions providing free coaching to minority students in the country, including Tamil Nadu and the criteria to select coaching centres and the teachers;
- (b) the details of the students who have benefited under scholarship, free coaching and allied schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years including Tamil Nadu, State-wise?

### Nai Manzil scheme

2515 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the data on Grants-in-Aid awarded to the selected NGO's to perform training programme for leadership development under Nai Roshini scheme since inception of the scheme till date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of non-residential programme of 9-12 months duration involving a Basic Bridge Programme for their education under Nai Manzil scheme since inception of the scheme till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries on placement and post placement support provided to eligible youth under Nai Manzil scheme since inception of the Scheme till date, State-wise?

### Pre matric and post matric scholarship for minority communities

2516 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) the total amount allocated, released and utilised by Government under pre-matric and post matric scholarship for minority communities by Government during the last three years; and
- (b) the number of students who applied for the scholarship and number of beneficiaries who received pre and post matric scholarship for minorities?

### Status of Bio-Refinery of NRL

2517 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) the present status of Bio-Refinery of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) and the anticipated date of completion of the Bio-Refinery;

- (b) the initial cost of the Bio-refinery and anticipated/projected cost of it at the time of completion;
- (c) the internal rate of return (IRR) with the anticipated/projected cost of Bio-refinery at the time of completion and the IRR calculation with the initial cost and anticipated/projected cost;
- (d) the basis of the selection of technology for Bio-refinery; and
- (e) the investment share of the foreign entity and NRL in the revised anticipated/projected cost of the Bio-Refinery?

### **Price hike of petroleum products**

**2518 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the price hike of petroleum products is increasing every day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by Government for its control;
- (c) the details of the mechanism adopted by Government to examine the prices of petrol and diesel fixed by various petroleum companies; and
- (d) the impact of rising prices on petroleum products on the people?

### **Shares of Government in Oil India Ltd.**

**2519 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) the share of Oil India Limited presently held by Government;
- (b) whether there is any plan to disinvest Oil India Ltd; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the information about the stage of such disinvestment?

### **Crude oil production by ONGC**

**2520 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has seen almost flat growth in crude oil production during the last financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the crude oil production stood at 22.31 million tonnes in 2017-18;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the gas production has also seen an increase during this period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Cost of petrol and diesel**

**2521 Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) the final cost of petrol in rupees per litre after paying for crude oil, transportation, refining, etc. and delivery to the retail outlet;
- (b) the final cost of diesel in rupees per litre after paying for crude oil, transportation, refining, etc and delivery to the retail outlet;
- (c) the central tax on petrol at present; and
- (d) the central tax on diesel at present?

### Imposition of special tax on petrol and diesel

2522 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has imposed a special tax on petrol and diesel due to Corona Pandemic, if so, the amount of said tax being recovered per litre of petrol and per litre of diesel; and
- (b) whether Government would consider removal of the Corona tax under the phased relaxation of the provisions of the National Disaster Management Authority so that consumers can get petrol and diesel at a lower rate?

### Sale of LPG cylinders in ration shops

2523 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the decision of selling of LPG cylinders in ration shops; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Revision of MPLADS guidelines

2524 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to revise the MPLADS guidelines to suit to the post COVID-19 needs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the additions being made to the existing guidelines to cater to the needs of the present situation of the country; and
- (d) the suggestions made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on MPLADS in this regard?

### Special policy for supply of IGL

2525 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any special policy to provide Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) supplies to major metropolitan cities of the country;
- (b) if so, the names of metro cities and especially the cities in Uttar Pradesh which are being supplied by IGL at present;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide IGL supplies in the rural areas too along with metro cities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Privatisation of oil fields

2526 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to privatise its oil fields;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, including the timeline by which it is proposed to be conducted and the sites identified for privatisation;

- (c) whether Government has conducted any studies to show that privatising oil fields will lead to higher domestic production as claimed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the effect privatisation will have on India's climate goals?

#### **New oil terminal in Rajasthan**

**2527 Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government plans to install a new oil terminal/depot of various oil producing companies at certain places in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Rajasthan;
- (c) the time by when the said projects are likely to start and when they are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by Government to improve the availability of all the petroleum products across the country?

#### **Accidents at refineries and plants**

**2528 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the total number of accidents location-wise, loss of life and serious injuries occurred at refineries, filling plants and other units operated by state owned corporations in the preceding three years;
- (b) whether Government has determined the reasons for frequent accidents, if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the steps and policy changes Government proposes to provide safety to workers engaging in oil refineries and refilling plants and details thereof?

#### **Inability to procure ethanol**

**2529 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are not able to collect 325 crores of litres of ethanol allotted to them during the year 2020-21 and asking the suppliers to transfer their supply away from depot;
- (b) whether the OMCs have not built enough tankage and therefore they are refusing to procure ethanol;
- (c) whether Government is ready to increase the limit of mixing ethanol in the States which have already reached up to an average mixing limit of 9-10 per cent; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not increasing the limit of mixing percentage?

#### **Kerosene consumers from below poverty line**

**2530 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the details of market prices for Kerosene in rural and urban markets, along with the subsidy provided, in all States and Union-Territories; and
- (b) the details of percentage of consumers falling below poverty line and percentage of consumers falling above poverty line who still buy Kerosene from ration/fair price shops?

### City Gas Distribution in Jharkhand

2531 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) the current status of the ongoing works of City Gas Distribution (CGD) in various States of the country, including the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) whether Government proposes to extend CGD network in the districts of Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Subsidy on domestic gas

2532 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that subsidy for domestic gas is pending since April, 2020, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to restore the subsidy scheme and distribute the arrear of subsidy from April, 2020 onwards, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Collection of taxes and cess on petrol and diesel

2533 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the total taxes collected by Government from petrol and diesel over the past five years, year-wise;
- (b) the total cess collected by Government from petrol and diesel over the past five years, year-wise; and
- (c) the total taxes collected by the States from petrol and diesel over the past five years, State-wise and year-wise?

### Merger of Vizag Steel Plant with RINL

2534 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal or representation for the merger of Vizag Steel Plant with RINL to make a huge steel conglomerate and to be the leader in the sector;
- (b) if so, the response of Government;
- (c) whether it is a fact that by merger of these steel plants, all will become viable and profit-making and privatization of Vizag Steel Plant can be avoided;
- (d) if so, whether Government will seriously consider the proposal and would set up a task force to work out the details of merger; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### National Biomass Repository

2535 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether the National Biomass Repository proposed under the National Policy on Bio Fuels 2018 has been operationalised;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any second-generation (2G) ethanol technologies and bio refineries have been developed as proposed under the National Policy on Bio Fuels;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the volume of ethanol and biodiesel domestically produced, by year, from 2014 till date?

#### **LPG connections to BPL households**

**2536 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the data on LPG connections provided in the States and UTs particularly in Karnataka to BPL households in the last three years;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries and cylinders distributed during PM Ujjwala Yojana 1.0;
- (c) the details of number of migrant labour families beneficiaries under the said scheme; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to make any changes therein or expand the said scheme and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Subsidy payment for cooking LPG gas**

**2537 Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of the increase in the price of cooking LPG in the last two years;
- (b) the details of subsidy payment made for cooking LPG;
- (c) whether Government is considering to restart subsidy payment for cooking LPG;
- (d) whether Government is considering to further reduce the price of diesel in immediate future; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Average LPG refill consumption of PMUY beneficiaries**

**2538 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether average LPG refill consumption of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries has been falling, the State-wise details of the last three years and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether measures have been taken by Ministry to encourage refill, the quantum of subsidies given through the PMUY scheme, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the fraction of total PMUY beneficiaries currently availing of 5kg cylinders, steps taken to increase the coverage of these small cylinders; and
- (d) whether Ministry is implementing the proposal by Consumer Affairs Ministry to distribute 5Kg cylinders through fair price shops using ePoS, details of the implementation status?

#### **Monetisation of oil-fields**

**2539 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of oil and gas fields (within and outside India) of companies under Government incurring losses, gas and oil field-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government is incurring losses from underdeveloped, low recovery and fields with falling output due to maximum exploitation of oil and gas fields;

- (c) whether holding of such fields is a burden on the Government and whether Government is considering monetising such fields; and
- (d) the efforts being made by Government to monetize such fields?

### **Import of petroleum products**

**2540 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is fact that around 80 per cent of the petroleum products have to be imported besides there is no investment in the petroleum sector for last two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has plans to give 60 per cent stake plus operating control of largest oil and gas producing fields of ONGC; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Fluctuation in rates of crude oil**

**2541 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) the details of the fluctuation of rates of crude oil in international market during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has not extended the benefit of price cut in crude oil in the international market to the consumers during the last five years by means of increasing taxes on petrol and diesel; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Completion of Kakinada-Vizag-Srikakulam pipeline**

**2542 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) when Kakinada-Vizag-Srikakulam natural gas pipeline has conceived;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the pipeline was to be completed by June, 2021;
- (c) if so, the reasons for delay in completing the pipeline; and
- (d) by when it is going to be completed?

### **Conversion of diesel and petrol vehicles to CNG and LNG**

**2543 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) whether there is any support steps provided to the States by Government in converting diesel and petrol vehicles to CNG and LNG vehicles;
- (b) if so, State-wise details of fund allocation for the purpose; and
- (c) which are the States currently under consideration for fund allocation on the same?

### **Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital Initiative**

**2544 Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog suggested measures as part of Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital Initiative, to improve school education system for effective



implementation of New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in how many States this model is being adopted and the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether there is any scope to extend it to other States to make improvement in the education system and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Population below poverty line**

**2545 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

(a) the rate of population below poverty line in the country, State-wise and year-wise, for last three years till 30-11-2021;

(b) whether the rate of persons below poverty line has increased due to COVID pandemic;

(c) if so, the increased number of persons below poverty, State-wise; and

(d) whether it is fact that "The number of poor in the country (with income of \$2 per day or less in purchasing power parity) more than doubled from 60 million to 134 million in just a year because of the Pandemic-induced recession" as stated by the Pew Research Center's study?

### **Government action on stalled projects**

**2546 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

(a) the steps being taken by Government to complete those projects that are stalled for years in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the stalled projects are those which are pending for the last five years; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Poverty alleviation**

**2547 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an additional 90 to 115 million people were pushed into extreme poverty and around 44 per cent of the children are underweight who live under extreme poverty due to COVID-19 pandemic in the country;

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

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

### **Release of GII, 2021**

**2548 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) the details of Global Innovation Index (GI), 2021 released recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has considerably improved its position this year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the efforts being made by Government to open more science and technology clusters in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities; and

(e) the manner in which Government looks at India becoming the 2nd most innovative country in the lower middle-income group?

### People living below poverty line

2549 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

**Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether a large number of people are living below poverty line in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and as on date, State/UT- wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that India has been able to reduce the number of people living below the poverty line considerably during the last few years;
- (d) if so, to what extent; and
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to uplift the BPL people?

### NMP target and achievement

2550 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) whether the infrastucture offered under the new National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) is really to strengthen existing monopolies and oligopolies with massive own and bank funds to bid for airports, ports, coal mines, gas pipelines and power generation;
- (b) if not, what steps are being taken to ensure that this does not happen and whether Government will guarantee it;
- (c) the sectoral targets for this financial year and how much has been achieved so far; and
- (d) what guarantee is there to ensure that public assets are not squeezed dry or damaged during lease periods?

### Release of MPLADS funds

2551 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

Will the Minister of *Statistics and Programme Implementation* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for the last two years Government has not released the required funds for the MPs under the MPLADS scheme for development;
- (b) if so, the steps to be taken by Government to release all the total funds to the MP as required as per his tenure; and
- (c) the exact details thereof?

### Poverty among tribals

2552 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

Will the Minister of *Statistics and Programme Implementation* be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of people below poverty line in India as per latest survey report;
- (b) the percentage of tribals below poverty level; and
- (c) whether Government policies have been effective in reducing the level of poverty among tribals over the past five years?

### Wealth and income inequality data

2553 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of *Statistics and Programme Implementation* be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons why the most recent data for wealth inequality has not been updated for the past five years, and is available only in NSSO data from 2011 and 2012, and NFHS-4 data from 2015-16;

- (b) whether Government plans to update this data with more recent surveys dedicated to determining wealth inequality indicators under Sustainable Development Goal 10;
- (c) if so, the details and timeline thereof, and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government plans to regularly compile evidence on wealth and income inequality in India, and if so, details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Total area of SSP**

**2554 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether Government will disclose the total area of the Salem Steel Plant (SSP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to disinvest or sell the SSP in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Accidents at Bokaro Steel Plant**

**2555 # Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) the number of fatal accidents which occurred in Bokaro Steel Plant which functions under the public sector enterprise Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the action taken against the culprits of accidents;
- (b) the cause of the accidents and whether an inquiry committee was constituted to find out the causes of such accidents, if so, whether the recommendations by said committee were implemented upon; and
- (c) whether punishment/penalty has been imposed on any of the culprits on the recommendations of the said committee?

#### **Disinvestment/privatization of Vizag Steel Plant**

**2556 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there were/are protest by people from all walks of life regarding Government's proposal to disinvest/privatization of Vizag Steel Plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any decision not to pursue the decision of the privatization after taking stock of the situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Silica supply to IISCO Steel Plant**

**2557 # Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government found quality related short commings in the silica supplied by Ajay Chemical Industries Bokaro to IISCO Steel Plant, Burnpur; and
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereto and steps being taken/taken in this regard?

#### **Consumption of refined steel**

**2558 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) the details of the total consumption of refined steel in the country during the financial year 2020-21;
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to increase the production capacity of steel at domestic level; and
- (c) the manner in which "Make in India" and "PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan" are playing an important role in accelerating the pace of growth in the steel sector?

**Reduction of carbon emissions from steel plants**

2559 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government has plans to reduce carbon emissions from the steel plants; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**New market to maximise the sales of steel**

2560 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are focusing on opening new market, to maximize sales and high standards of customer services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the total production capacity, actual production, consumption and export of both iron ore and finished steel of all steel plants the country during each of the last three years, plant-wise?

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