

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, July 25, 2018/Shravana 3, 1940 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Civil Aviation; Commerce and Industry; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Non-availability of waiting rooms at various airports**

†801. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the non-availability of waiting rooms at various airports of the country, passengers are forced to wander hither and thither in case of delay of flights;

(b) whether the Ministry will consider constructing waiting rooms on the lines of Railways where passengers could relax in case of delay of flights; and

(c) the details thereof?

#### **Expansion of Airports**

802. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of parking bays required at airports in the country to accommodate aircraft induction;

(b) the capital expenditure earmarked and the initiatives taken by Government for infrastructure expansion for airports across the country; and

(c) the number of unserved and underserved airports and airstrips in the country and the initiatives taken by Government to ensure their functioning?

#### **Losses of Air India**

803. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:  
DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India loses ₹15 crore on operations every day and the details thereof;

(b) whether the employee to aircraft ratio of the national carrier is above or below the industry standards and the details thereof;

(c) the initiatives taken by Government

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for route rationalisation and to effectively utilise human resources for Air India;

(d) the current share of Air India in the domestic and international aviation market; and

(e) the initiatives taken by the Government to increase Air India's market share?

**Theft from passengers' baggage at airports**

804. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether theft of expensive goods from passengers' baggage at various airports in the country have been reported;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the last three years and the current year, airport-wise and year-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government on each of the complaint along with the compensation given against stolen goods;

(d) whether the involvement of security personnel and staff of airports have been detected;

(e) if so, the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent such thefts in future?

**Air connectivity for small cities in the country**

†805. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan of Government to provide air connectivity to small cities of the country;

(b) whether the airports at those cities have been revamped; and

(c) if so, by when the air service would commence to these small cities?

**Mandatory training for joining civil aviation sector**

806. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mandatory training to be done by everyone joining civil aviation sector as per Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Civil Aviation Requirements (CARs) and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS); and

(b) the number and details of persons who have already trained in above mandatory training in last one year, company-wise?

**Construction of new domestic airport in Jharkhand**

807. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan to construct some new domestic airports across the country especially in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount earmarked therefor and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken thereon for the early starting of those airports, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the airports which are proposed to be expanded, renovated and upgraded to the international standard across the country along with the present status thereof, State-wise particularly in Jharkhand?

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#### **Air services at Hosur airport**

808. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to bring any policy to get No Objection Certificate (NOC) from nearest airport for starting new airport services in the country;

(b) if so, whether permission for Hosur airport has not been provided by Bengaluru airport;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken to start air services at Hosur airport in Tamil Nadu?

#### **Debt of Air India**

809. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has not received any bid for its disinvestment procedure;

(b) what is the current estimate of debt on Air India;

(c) whether Government has devised any other plan to solve the issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of pilots in the country**

810. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is engaging foreign pilots to overcome the shortage of type rated pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to overcome the shortage of pilots; and

(d) the details of the retired pilots, who have been re-employed for short duration by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?

#### **Air India employees**

811. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the end of December, 2017, Air India had 11,214 permanent employees, including 2056 on deputation to other companies and agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it also had 2913 employees on contract and 2661 on deputation from other group companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that keeping operational requirement in view, a special recruitment drive is on and the airline is in the process of filling up the existing backlog of vacancies of pilots; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Growth in domestic air traffic**

812. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic air traffic grew at a robust rate of 26 per cent in April this year with various airlines together ferrying 11.5 million passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this was much higher than the domestic air traffic growth witnessed during the last few years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Navy restrictions on movement of flights at Visakhapatnam airport**

813. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Naval Academy has imposed restrictions on the movement of flights in the Visakhapatnam airport, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has received any representations seeking withdrawal of such restrictions by Indian Navy as this act is posing a serious problem on the administration of flights at Visakhapatnam airport; and

(d) whether Government has taken any remedial measures on this matter, if so, the details thereof?

**Upgradation of airports in Chhattisgarh**

†814. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports under Airport Authority of India (AAI) in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Chhattisgarh for upgradation of the airports of the State to international standard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Misconduct and manhandling of passengers by staff of private airlines**

†815. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to curb the dictatorial attitude of private airlines and recurring incidents of misconduct and manhandling of passengers by their staff;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of complaints received against private airlines for misconduct and manhandling during last three years and the action taken against them by Government?

**Airports and helipads connected to RCS**

816. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a total of 25 airports had so far been connected under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been two rounds of bidding for these routes; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that a total of 70 airports and 31 helipads were to be connected under the scheme?

**Enhancing passenger handling capacity at all airports**

817. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India needs to invest up to 45 billion US dollars on additional capacity to handle 500-600 million air passengers by 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the

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Airports Authority of India (AAI) is conducting a study to enhance the passenger handling capacity at all airports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bringing ATF under GST**

818. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that higher jet fuel prices are impacting airlines and in turn passengers through rising fares;

(b) whether Government proposes to include Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) and jet fuel in Goods and Services Tax (GST);

(c) if so, what will be the annual relief by input tax credit if ATF is included in GST along with details thereof; and

(d) the details of other steps taken by Government to check the prices of jet fuel and to reduce burden on passengers?

#### **Work on Jharsuguda airport in Odisha**

819. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction work of Jharsuguda airport in Odisha will be completed and by when it is going to be commissioned;

(b) the total amount being spent for this new airport and what is the share of the State Government of Odisha; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation is considering to name this airport after Veer Surendra Sai, the great freedom fighter as proposed by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha?

#### **Discussions for sale of Air India's iconic building in Mumbai to JNPT**

820. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has started discussions for the sale of Air India's iconic building in Mumbai to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a section of Air India is vehemently opposing any such move;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Air India is considering to liquidate its other properties in many parts of the country as well; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Plans for development of airports**

821. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans for massive infrastructure development of airports in the country in the coming years with targets of thousands of crores expenditure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the AAI identified a few select airports for such infrastructure development in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria in selecting these airports?

#### **Action on pilots for flying low after take off**

822. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has grounded pilots for flying too low after taking off from an international airport very recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that low flying seriously compromised flights safety and passengers had a close shave;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this action was taken on the basis of complaint by the people living near the said international airport to local authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Monetization of Air India's bilateral rights and slots at airports**

823. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken a forensic audit of the assets and liabilities of Air India including monetization of bilateral rights and slots at airports across the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries and destination airports for which India has bilateral rights for its national carrier to fly; and

(d) whether any of the bilateral rights and slots have been surrendered, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Disbursement of salary to employees of Air India**

†824. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is facing difficulty in disbursement of salary to its employees; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Upliftment of Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International airport, Amritsar**

825. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of the proposed projects, sanctioned projects and on-going projects for the upliftment of Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International airport, Amritsar?

#### **Waiving of cancellation charges of flight tickets**

826. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on bringing a proposal to waive off the cancellation charges of a booked flight ticket and paperless boarding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by which time the decision is coming into effect; and

(d) the details of the other related proposals being brought for implementation?

#### **Policy for drones**

827. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy for drones;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to regulate acquisition and use of drones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**AAI to assess capacity at 48 airports**

828. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the rise in demand for air travel in the country expected to choke several key airports over the next few years, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is set to embark on a study to assess the capacity at 48 of its airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the AAI is in the process of selecting a consultant to conduct the survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of airports**

829. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of airport projects taken up for construction and development during each of the last three years State/UT-wise including their present status and expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether Government proposes to construct and develop more airports in various States including those under Public Private Partnership (PPP) and in co-operation with States;

(c) if so, details thereof State-wise along with expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and time-frame fixed in this regard; and

(d) details of delayed airport projects, State-wise along with reasons therefor and time and cost escalations therein along with time by which they are likely to be completed?

**New flight services from Birsa Munda airport, Ranchi**

†830. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of air passengers travelling to various cities of the country from Birsa Munda airport of Ranchi is increasing constantly;

(b) whether it is also a fact that direct flight services from Birsa Munda airport to Raipur, Visakhapatnam, Nagpur, etc. cities are not available; and

(c) if the answers to both parts is in affirmative, whether Government would consider to start new flight services from Birsa Munda airport as per the demand of the passengers, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Expansion of Guwahati international airport**

831. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation stone for new integrated terminal building of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) airport in Guwahati has recently been laid;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and infrastructure facilities that will be available after completion of the project and target date of completion;

(c) whether Government has taken a decision to operate the LGBI airport 24x7 with some additional infrastructure facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Implementation of civil aviation projects in Karnataka**

832. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of various ongoing projects of the Union Government for better civil aviation facilities and greater air connectivity in Karnataka;

(b) the details thereof district-wise and the reasons for inadequate pace of implementation in certain districts of the State;

(c) the estimate of livelihood opportunities made available through new civil aviation infrastructure projects implemented in the State after June, 2014; and

(d) the comparative figures of amount spent on civil aviation related projects implemented in Karnataka between year 2009 to 2014 and 2014 to 2018?

**Action plan for expansion of airports in Madhya Pradesh**

†833. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports under Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the State of Madhya Pradesh along with details of their current capacity and action plan towards expansion thereof; and

(b) since when the airline services are going to be operational under a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Union Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India, including the names of places going to be connected?

**BPI airport Bhubaneswar as embarkation point for Haj pilgrims in Odisha**

834. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government of India will declare Biju Patnaik International (BPI) airport, Bhubaneswar as embarkation point for the benefit of Minority communities as BPI airport Bhubaneswar has not been declared as embarkment point for Haj pilgrims in Odisha?

**Vehicle parking fees at Pune airport**

835. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any reasons for not charging the vehicle parking fees on hourly basis at Pune airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Minimising impact of trade deficit**

836. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of exports and imports including contribution of small and medium export houses during the last four years, country-wise, commodity/sector-wise along with the country's share in world trade including share of various States therein;

(b) whether there is an increase in trade deficit, causing negative impact on the economic condition of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government

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to boost exports to minimise the impact of trade deficit and to enhance the benefits provided to the exporters under various export promotion schemes?

#### **Progress of development of DMIC**

837. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of development of mega infrastructure project, Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);

(b) what are the focus areas in DMIC and what are the units proposed to be set up in various manufacturing sectors;

(c) whether foreign companies have shown interest in DMIC project, including defence equipment, water supply, textile, etc;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of estimated employment likely to be generated in the years to come, area-wise and year-wise?

#### **Issues discussed in WTO meeting at Buenos Aires**

838. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the main issues discussed in the recent meeting of the WTO held in Buenos Aires;

(b) whether the complex issues between the developed and the developing countries on the subject of agricultural subsidy, e-trade and e-commerce were discussed and any solution found; and

(c) the details of concerns expressed by

India and the response of the member-countries, in the meeting with regard to trade in agricultural products and subsidy?

#### **Extending industrial incentives to Himachal Pradesh**

839. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers to extend the scheme of package of industrial incentives for promoting industrialisation in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

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

(c) the funds allocated/utilised during the last three years;

(d) whether the package to Special Category States, has led to industrialisation of such States but Himachal Pradesh is still far behind other neighbouring States; and

(e) if so, the other steps taken by Government to enhance industrialisation in Himachal Pradesh?

#### **Production of natural rubber**

840. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of natural rubber in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the increase in rubber imports has caused a decrease in the rates of natural rubber produced domestically causing economic hardship for small and medium rubber growers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will address

the problem by reducing the quantum of rubber imports or through moratorium on imports to address the crisis in domestic market and if so, the details thereof?

**India-China joint proposal in the WTO on food subsidies**

841. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has recently taken on India, with support from EU and Australia on reporting of MSP for wheat and rice alleging that India is under-reporting subsidies which India refuted promptly;

(b) whether by roping in China, India has now moved WTO to prevail upon rich nations to eliminate their farm subsidies which are permitted by WTO beyond ceiling levels; and

(c) whether India-China joint proposal moved in WTO revealed that WTO rules provided flexibilities to handful of rich countries including US and the EU allowing them to increase harmful subsidies beyond de minimis levels to detriment of poorer nations?

**Impact of scrapping of zonal marketing scheme in salt industry**

842. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the zonal marketing scheme for commodity in salt industry has been scrapped;

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

(c) whether Tamil Nadu salt manufacturers under small and medium

industries are suffering due to having one national market in salt industry;

(d) if so, whether any scheme/proposal to safeguard small and medium salt manufacturers of Tamil Nadu has been made; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal from WIPO to strengthen national and regional patent process**

843. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to strengthen the national and regional patent process particularly for medicine;

(b) if so, whether India has international compliance on patent examination process and criteria thereof; and

(c) the proposal of Government on WIPOs plan for more stringent Intellectual Property Protection (IPP) patenting rights and access therein?

**Resolving trade disputes with foreign countries**

844. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various steps Government has taken so far in order to resolve trade disputes with many countries;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that resolving of disputes would create more economic opportunities; and

(c) if so, how Government is planning to boost small and medium enterprises?

**Investments made under 'Make in India' initiative**

845. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign collaboration in different sectors since 2014 till date under the 'Make in India' initiative of Government;

(b) whether foreign companies are providing assistance in production/ technological knowhow/raw material/ strategy under 'Make in India' programme, if so, the details in respect of different services provided by these foreign companies;

(c) whether Government has estimated total investments under 'Make in India' over five years, since 2014 till 2019, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the media-wise details of promotional expenditure on 'Make in India' initiative since its commencement till date?

**Low growth of exports**

846. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports have registered low growth during the recent years, if so, the details of the export of various commodities for the last three years, year-wise, commodity-wise;

(b) whether Government has examined the reasons for decline in the exports in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has made any provisions for promotion of exports, if so, the details thereof?

**Decline in import of gold**

847. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of gold and other commodities are declining in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details of the import of gold and other commodities during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has introduced various measures to restrict the import of gold, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the said measures are yielding desired results, if so, the details thereof?

**FDI inflows**

848. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has moved to top ten FDI hosting countries in 2017;

(b) if so, the details of projects, MoUs signed during the last three years and the factual progress therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the last three years the average FDI inflows in the country is less than the targeted investments thereof; and

(d) the State and Department-wise FDI projects with investments during the last three years period thereof?

**Operational/non-operational SEZs**

849. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land

acquired for many Special Economic Zones (SEZs) has remained unutilised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of unutilised land in SEZs in various States; and

(c) the total number of operational and non-operational SEZs in the country and the number of people presently employed in SEZs?

#### **Planning of Dholera as modern industrial hub under DMIC**

850. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government is planning Dholera of Gujarat as modern industrial hub as part of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);

(b) what will be the Central Government's investment in the proposed project across various Ministries; and

(c) what are investment options available in the proposed project?

#### **Finalisation of National Artificial Intelligence Mission**

851. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised the National Artificial Intelligence Mission as per Task Force recommendation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified the domains to examine how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used to bring economic change in the current scenario; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which it is likely to function?

#### **Steps to continue providing direct export subsidies**

852. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to continue providing direct export subsidies such as Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) after it is supposed to end in 2019 under the WTO rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has done any study on the impact of ending direct export subsidies on price rise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in import of agricultural products**

853. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has to import a lot of agriculture and allied products from other countries;

(b) whether the share of import of agriculture and allied products in the total import bill of the country has increased in the last four years, if so, to what extent; and

(c) the details of major agriculture commodities which are imported in the country like vegetables, oil, pulses, fresh fruits, spices and sugar?

#### **CAG's report on performance of SEZs**

854. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in Report No. 21 of 2014 has observed that there were gaps in the projection about employment and investment from Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had undertaken any remedial measures since then to revamp SEZs so that Government can generate employment, production, FDI, export performance and foreign exchange earnings through SEZs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Promotion of use of labour intensive technology under NMP**

855. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) has been declared by Government;

(b) if so, whether under this policy, provision has been made to promote the use of labour intensive technology;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) as a result of promoting the use of labour intensive technology, how many additional workers will be targeted for employment and by when?

**Cases of theft in Delhi**

856. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of theft reported during year 2018, till date in Delhi, month-wise;

(b) the details of cases of theft reported in Delhi wherein Delhi Police has made recovery, month-wise during year 2018, till date;

(c) whether recovery has been made in cases of FIRs registered during 2018 in Barakhamba Road Police Station regarding theft;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for failure of Delhi Police?

**Trafficking of women and children**

857. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of human trafficking and forced labour including trafficking of women and children are increasing;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported and women/children rescued and provided rehabilitation during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the measures to rehabilitate trafficked children and women landed up in brothels or trapped into modern day slavery; and

(d) whether Government proposes to bring radical change in administrative mechanism to effectively deal with such crimes along with other measures taken to check incidents of human trafficking and forced labour in the country?

**Plan to block WhatsApp in militancy hit areas of J&K**

858. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government under took a plan to block WhatsApp in militancy hit areas in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the use of internet to make calls has increased problems for the security agencies as they have been unable to crack it due to end to end encryption by the service provider; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Uniforms of police and armed forces sold in open market**

859. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uniforms of police and armed forces are being sold in the market in the National Capital and other parts of the country which are being misused by terrorists and other anti-social elements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to ban the sale of police and armed forces uniforms in the open market; and

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

**Reduction in stone pelting on security forces in J&K**

†860. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to unilateral stoppage of operations against terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, there has

been a reduction in stone pelting on security forces;

(b) if not, whether Government proposes to start the operations against terrorists again; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of women police personnel**

†861. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has suggested to the States to recruit women police personnel to check the increasing incidents of crime against women and to fill the shortage of women police personnel and to increase the participation of women police personnel;

(b) the percentage of women police personnel at present and the proposal of Government to increase the percentage; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Disappearance of children in the country**

†862. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of disappearance of children has gone up in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of missing boys and girls and details of persons caught in this connection during the last three years along with action taken against them;

(c) the number of cases out of above cases which are associated with human trafficking; and

(d) the number of people killed in mob lynching following rumours of child kidnapping in the country?

#### **Vacancies in police forces**

†863. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts of police personnel are lying vacant in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is affecting the safety of citizens and various other works;

(c) whether Government would take quick decision on filling up these vacancies to curb constantly increasing crimes and provide police force as per requirement for providing more safety to people; and

(d) the State-wise number of police personnel and the requirement of the States?

#### **Islands Development Agency**

864. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted the Islands Development Agency for holistic development of 26 Islands including key infrastructure projects, digital connectivity, green energy, desalination plants, waste management, promotion of fisheries and tourism-based projects;

(b) whether Government plans to dispense with the requirement of Restricted Area Permit for foreigners visiting the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Lynching by mob due to rumours and fake news**

865. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of killings and lynching by mob due to rumours and fake news, in the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for spurt in the incidents of mob lynching recently in the country;

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory to the States and UTs to keep a watch for early detection of rumours of child lifting and to take measures;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken to tame social media operators to monitor and keep a check on rumours and fake news?

#### **Cases registered under SC/ST (POA) Act**

866. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:  
PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the State-wise details of cases registered under SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities (POA) Act during 2014-15 to 2017-18 in the country;

(b) the details of persons convicted under SC/ST (POA) Act during 2014-15 to 2017-18 in the country, State-wise details thereof and rate of conviction thereof; and

(c) the number of special courts started under SC/ST (POA) Act during 2014-15 to 2017-18 in the country, State-wise details thereof?

#### **Increase in crimes against women**

867. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crimes against women in the country have increased drastically during current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise since 1 January, 2018, till date; and

(c) the details of various crimes against women in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, between 1 April 2017 to 1 March, 2018 and 1 April 2016 to 31 March, 2017, district-wise?

#### **Crimes against women of dalit community**

868. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of crimes committed against women belonging to dalit community during last three years in the country; and

(b) whether the rate of aforesaid crimes

has come down or increased in the last three years and the year-wise rate of such crimes for the said period?

#### **Conviction rate in crimes committed against dalits**

869. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise conviction rate in respect of crimes committed against dalits in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for poor conviction rates in respect of aforesaid crimes?

#### **Rise in communal incidents**

†870. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a steep rise in communal incidents during the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the year-wise details of communal riots and attacks made in the name of killing of cows during the last four years?

#### **Mob lynching on suspicion of child lifting**

871. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the growing incidents of mob lynching of innocents in different parts of the country on suspicion of child lifting; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what

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action has been taken to check the recurrence of such incidents?

**Naxal affected areas in Jharkhand**

872. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds provided by the Union Government to Jharkhand has helped decrease the level of naxal violence;

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

(c) whether the Union Government is working on a more efficient plan to help these naxal affected areas in Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Assistance to States affected by naxal problem**

873. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided by Government on security as well as development fronts to the States affected by the naxal problem, State-wise;

(b) whether these funds provided by Government to the specific States, helped decrease the level of naxal violence;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether Government is working on a more efficient plan to help these naxal affected States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Cancellation of registration of educational institutions**

874. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cancelled registration under FCRA of many educational institutions, including JNU, IIT (Delhi), ICMR, IGNOU, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of each of the institution whose registration has been cancelled and reasons therefor, institution-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that merely not submitting annual returns is the cause for cancelling registration; and

(d) if so, how is it justified?

**Incidents of snatching in Delhi**

†875. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been six fold increase in incidents of snatching in Delhi;

(b) the number of foreign tourist victims of snatching incidents in Delhi in the last three years;

(c) the number of snatchers caught and got convicted by the police;

(d) whether Government is considering to increase the quantum of punishment for crimes like snatching; and

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

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**Rajasthan Apartment Ownership Bill, 2015**

876. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to provide Presidential assent to Rajasthan Apartment Ownership Bill, 2015;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Establishment of Greyhounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh**

877. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would state the detailed status of the establishment of Greyhounds Training Centre in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to shelve the proposal for the time being, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for early establishment of the above centre in Andhra Pradesh?

**Suicides in the country**

878. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suicides in the country have gone up over 50 per cent in the last three years;

(b) if so, whether young adults account for 33 per cent of suicides therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that suicide

deaths among men are higher than women thereof;

(d) the State-wise detailed report of suicide for age group between 20-45 and 45-60 therein; and

(e) the reasons behind these suicides and the policy of Government to combat the situation?

**Duty allowance of Home Guards**

†879. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs has shown its displeasure over duty allowances of Home Guards in various States and Union Territories, which is less than minimum wages;

(b) the guidelines of Supreme Court in respect of duty allowances of Home Guards and the reasons for not implementing them in Union Territories till now; and

(c) whether Government would again take up the issue of implementing it in those States where it has not been implemented?

**Deploying of NSG commandos in Srinagar**

880. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to deploy National Security Guard commandos in Srinagar to fortify the counter terror grid as security forces look to step up action against terror outfits after the State was placed under Governor's rule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NSG

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will train Jammu and Kashmir Police and other paramilitary forces in room intervention and other anti-terror skills, oversee anti-hijack operations at Srinagar and deploy its commandos for intelligence based operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Delay in release of report by NCRB**

881. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in releasing the Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India-2016 report published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) including the reasons for not releasing it in April, 2018 as stated earlier; and

(b) the expected date of release of the aforementioned report?

#### **Action taken against cow vigilantes**

†882. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the statements made by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 6 August, 2016, 30 June, 2017 and 16 July, 2017 at public forums with regard to anti-social and violent activities of so called cow vigilantes;

(b) whether the so called cow vigilantes have been identified and relevant dossiers have been prepared about their activities;

(c) if so, the action taken against them;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rohingya Muslims in the country**

883. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Rohingya Muslims have entered illegally in the country, if so, the number thereof;

(b) the concrete plan to send them back;

(c) is it not an unnecessary and avoidable expenditure on the common tax payers' money;

(d) whether it is a fact that our Border Security Force has been incapable in preventing their entry; and

(e) what steps Government is taking so that these illegal people should not claim voting/citizenship/resident rights in the country?

#### **Red corner notice against Zakir Naik**

884. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of Zakir Naik, the Islamic preacher, are considered anti-national which also creates enmity against Hindus in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Interpol has rejected our request for issue of Red Corner Notice against Zakir Naik on the ground that the local police had not filed any formal charges against the preacher, which was the basic requirement for seeking someone's extradition according to the Indian Government's own rules;

(c) what action Government has taken against the persons responsible for this half hearted approach; and

(d) what further legal action Government is considering for extradition of Zakir Naik?

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### **Pending applications for Indian Citizenship**

885. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending applications for Indian Citizenship applied by people from different countries who are living in India;

(b) the country-wise and religion-wise break-up details of such people who applied for Indian Citizenship thereof;

(c) the year-wise details of such persons who came to India since 1990 for Indian Citizenship thereof; and

(d) the details of criteria for conferring Indian Citizenship thereon?

### **Another gate at ICP, Attari**

886. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce one more gate at Integrated Check Post (ICP), Attari for trade and incoming vehicles and outgoing vehicles to double up the trade and export and import activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Help to Andhra Pradesh to bring down crime rate**

887. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how Government looks at State Crime Statistics Report, 2017 released by Andhra Pradesh indicating that one crime is taking place in the State every 4-5 minutes and 311 crimes in a day;

(b) whether Government is aware that there is 20 per cent increase in rate of crime in Andhra Pradesh in 2017 as compared to 2016;

(c) reasons behind this increase in crime rate and low conviction rate;

(d) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh sought help from Union Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, how Government is going to help State to bring down crime rate?

### **Law and order situation in the country**

888. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the law and order situation in the country, particularly in the Northern States has deteriorated for the past two years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) what is the crime percentage of States, criminals apprehended, criminals at large in the country, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government has taken to provide security to the citizens, specially elderly citizens of the country, the details thereof?

### **Guidelines for protection of PM**

889. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any fresh guidelines for the protection of Hon'ble Prime Minister in view of recent threat perception;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the specific reasons for

publishing these guidelines in various newspapers?

#### **Increase in communal riots**

890. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that communal riots have increased in the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how many people have been killed in these communal riots; and
- (d) what actions have been initiated against the culprits?

#### **Institutions barred from receiving foreign funds**

891. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the institutions were barred from receiving foreign funds as they failed to file annual returns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that in 2017, several opportunities were given to the defaulting NGOs/institutions to provide the details of their income and expenditure, receipt of fund from abroad and balance sheets without paying any penalty; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that a large number of these organisations are yet to adhere to the Government orders?

#### **Problem of traffic jams in the capital**

892. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that problem of traffic jams is increasing in the national capital resulting in cases of road rage and wast age of petrol, diesel and CNG on a massive scale;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that deployment of Delhi Traffic Police personnel to deal with the problem is inadequate;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind this; and
- (e) what remedial measures Government proposes to take to rid Delhi of traffic jams?

#### **Killing of animals due to firing from Pakistan**

†893. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the amount of compensation being given to the villagers for killing of their animals due to firing from Pakistan;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Foreign funds received by NGOs**

†894. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of foreign funds received by various organisations including Non-Governmental organisations during each year during the last three years;
- (b) whether any mechanism is in place

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to monitor and review the activities and functioning of such organisations;

(c) if so, the details of this review and its conclusions; and

(d) the details of the follow up action taken thereon?

#### **Racial discrimination faced by people of NER**

895. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a Committee to review the monitoring and grievance redressal mechanism relating to racial discrimination faced by the people from the North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) when the report of the Committee is likely to be submitted;

(c) whether Government has accepted all the recommendations of M.P. Bezbaruah Committee which has submitted its report in 2014; and

(d) if so, whether these recommendations have been ineffective and what has led to the constitution of the new Committee?

#### **Incidents of mob lynching**

896. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of unabated incidents of mob lynching across the country sparked off by malicious rumour mongering through WhatsApp with victims turning out to be innocent and unwary wayfarers;

(b) whether similar incidents started

with Karbi Anglong District in Assam where two media personnel were lynched by mob on suspicion of attempted child lifting and similar incidents were reported from rural Maharashtra areas last week; and

(c) whether members of nomadic Gosavi tribes on move from village to village for alms in Parbhani and Solapur area are being targeted for alleged kidnapping of children and harvesting their kidneys?

#### **Promises made in Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act**

897. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many promises made in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act are still to be met;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether the Central Government will commit itself to any time-frame to implement all the provisions of the said Act?

#### **Modernisation of police stations in Andhra Pradesh**

898. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is supplementing the efforts of the States in modernisation of police stations across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has enhanced the allocation to the State of Andhra Pradesh after 2014, the year in which the State was bifurcated;

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

**Amount to Bihar for police modernisation**

†899. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the item-wise details of the amount provided to the State of Bihar under central assistance scheme for police modernisation during the last three financial years;  
(b) whether this fact has been kept in mind while releasing this amount that the modernisation of Bihar Police is imperative because there are several inadequacies in respect of basic infrastructure;  
(c) whether any particular scheme is being implemented for the development of naxal affected areas and infrastructural growth of those areas; and  
(d) if so, the amount released to Bihar for this purpose?

**Private EPF Trust**

900. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of the Private Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Trusts, and the details of any changes in the interest rates in last four years;  
(b) the State/UT-wise details of the companies which are registered with Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and the companies which are not registered and steps taken by Government to register them;  
(c) the State/UT-wise details of the private EPF trusts which have lower interest rate than prescribed by EPFO; and

- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to rectify the situation, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Employment data**

901. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA :  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) data, Government had claimed that it has created around 70 lakh employment since September, 2017 to March, 2018;  
(b) if so, the details thereof;  
(c) whether Government is aware that EPFO had recently revised the data regarding enrolment and now it has drastically declined during the said period resulting in lowest employment; and  
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**World Bank report on 'Jobless Growth'**

902. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the recent bi-annual World Bank Report 2018 titled 'Jobless Growth', India has the implausible unemployment situation in the world;  
(b) if so, the details thereof and response of Government thereto;  
(c) the details of rural and urban unemployment as on 30 June, 2018, State-wise; and

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(d) the reasons for massive failure of Government in bringing down unemployment in the country?

**Welfare scheme for construction workers**

903. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a model welfare scheme for construction workers is being finalised by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the implementation of the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 is very poor in some States and the cess being collected is abysmally low; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken for the better functioning of the Welfare Boards under the Act and collection of cess?

**Augmenting social security cover**

904. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously considering to give social security cover with pension, medical and insurance cover for those who are outside the ambit of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating by when it will be started in the country; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for increasing the social security scheme?

**PF withdrawals in EPFO**

905. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether concerned with the high level of Provident Fund (PF) withdrawals, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has proposed that its subscribers working in the private sector be allowed to withdraw 60 per cent of their total savings;

(b) whether Government's move is to retain the membership of PF subscribers and to address their social security needs at the time of unemployment; and

(c) whether legal experts assert that the move may be challenged in court as the money is a contribution made from their salary and they are fully entitled to it?

**Smart City initiatives**

906. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to ensure that the Urban Development Ministry's Smart City initiatives require compliance of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central Rules, 1998 and the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996; and

(b) if so, the details for the same?

**Educated unemployed youth**

907. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of educated unemployed youth in the country, especially women, State-wise; and



(b) how many youths got jobs in the last three years, State-wise?

**Creation of employment in Chhattisgarh**

†908. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from the State of Chhattisgarh under various schemes of employment creation during the last three years and current year;

(b) the details of the approved/pending proposals out of the them along with the reasons for their pendency; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for approving the pending proposals?

**Issuing UWIN card for workers of unorganised sectors**

†909. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a registration programme to bring all the workers of unorganised sector under the ambit of social security under which all workers are to be issued an Unorganised Workers Identification Number (UWIN) card, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of workers in unorganised sector, State-wise; and

(c) the number of workers having been issued Unorganised Workers Identification Number Cards and by when the remaining workers are scheduled to be issued such cards, State-wise?

**Employment in organised and unorganised sector**

†910. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the statistical information regarding employment provided under organised and unorganised sectors by Central Government from 2009 to April, 2014;

(b) the statistical data regarding employment provided under organised and unorganised sectors by Central Government from May, 2014 to May, 2018;

(c) the data of employment provided under organised and unorganised sectors by State Governments in the country during the last five years; and

(d) whether jobs have been provided at an unprecedented level under organised and unorganised sectors in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan during the last five years?

**Funds allocated to NCLP**

911. SHRI M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated to the National Child Labour Project since 2004, year-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds released to States in the form of grants under the project since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of complaints of child labour received on the Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCIL) portal since its launch in 2017; and

(d) the number of complaints resolved since its launch and the details thereof?

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**Setting up of ESIC Dispensaries-cum-Branch offices**

912. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans for Employees State Insurance Corporation Dispensary-cum-Branch Office in every district of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the places/districts wherein the proposed ESIC Dispensary-cum-Branch Office are planned to be set up, State-wise including Karnataka?

**500 bed ESIC hospital at Sheelanagar in Andhra Pradesh**

913. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Labour and Employment laid down foundation-stone for new 500 bed Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospital at Sheelanagar in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for withdrawing itself from the project;

(c) would it not greatly impact the labour force in the North-Coastal Andhra Pradesh since the old building is in dilapidated condition and it may collapse any time;

(d) whether the Ministry asked the State Government to provide land free of cost; and

(e) if so, the response of the State Government?

**Transparency in jobs data calculation and presentation**

914. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a committee headed by T.C.A. Anant to bring in transparency in the jobs data calculation and presentation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Creating employment opportunities**

†915. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employment generated in the country during last year and the current year so far, State-wise and area-wise;

(b) whether targets fixed for organised sector and unorganised sector have been achieved through these created employment opportunities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made/being made to create more employment opportunities in the country?

**Rehabilitation of bonded labourers**

916. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry made a statement in 2016 to release and rehabilitate 1.84 crore bonded labourers across the country by 2030;

(b) if so, details of bonded labour released and rehabilitated since 2016, State-wise and year-wise;

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(c) the details of funds allocated by Centre as part of the scheme and utilized by States for survey, awareness generation, evaluatory studies and rehabilitation of released persons, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) whether there is a central registry and/or digital data of rescued and released bonded labourers to track their reintegration in society and prevent re-bondage, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

**Unemployed youth registered in employment exchanges**

917. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed youths registered in employment exchanges and National Career Service portal in the country in the last three years, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the total number of vacancies advertised and filled up during the above period;

(c) whether it is a fact that many vacancies remain unfilled due to faulty recruitment process; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by the Ministry to address the issue?

**Scheme for welfare of migrant persons**

†918. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons migrate from Bihar to other States in search of employment on daily basis;

(b) if so, whether Government has any data to find out the number of residents from Bihar migrating to other States in search of employment;

(c) whether Government has any scheme for welfare of the members of family of migratory labourers which could take care of their basic needs like education and health, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Number of labourers engaged in building and other construction works**

919. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of labourers engaged in building and other construction works in the country;

(b) whether only a small percentage of labourers engaged in building and other construction works have registered themselves with the Welfare Boards;

(c) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has carried out major amendments in laws related to labourers engaged in construction works so as to provide benefits to maximum labourers and if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether said amendments are likely to facilitate effective implementation of relevant Acts by the Union and State Governments expeditiously and if so, details thereof?

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**Permanent workmen employed in PSUs**

920. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent workmen employed in Public Sector Units (PSUs) as on date, PSU-wise;

(b) the number of executives in above PSUs as on date; and

(c) the number of workers engaged through contract in the above PSUs as on date?

**Providing safety and protection to women workers in both organised and unorganised sectors**

921. DR. V. MAITREYAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many lacunae in providing safety and protection to women workers in both organised and unorganised sectors from the evils of discrimination, harassment and sexual exploitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this;

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring in new legislation to ensure the safety and security for women workers in the country;

(d) whether Government has taken any special efforts to provide safety and security for the women workers in both organised and unorganised sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Measures to protect and promote MSMEs**

922. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the country are reportedly lagging behind due to availability of the products of multinational companies;

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

(c) the reasons for the higher prices of domestic products in comparison to the products manufactured in China; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to protect and promote MSMEs in the country?

**Growth of Khadi Gramodyog**

923. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of Khadi Gramodyog has increased during the last two years;

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

(c) the details of khadi products exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period, product-wise and country-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to promote export of khadi products?

**Regional studies for promotion of MSMEs**

924. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any regional studies for identifying enterprising capacity/potential areas in the States for promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in those areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the contribution of manufacturing and service sector in the said areas; and

(d) whether any package has been announced for the said sector and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

**Demand by MSME sector after roll out of GST**

925. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector has submitted any demand to Government after rolling out of GST in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the demand made by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector;

(c) whether Government has acceded to their all demands;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Details of MSME units**

926. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of MSME units which have been shut down since the implementation of GST, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the total number of new registrations under MSME sector in the financial year 2017-18 and financial year 2018-19 so far, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount of loan disbursed by banks, both public and private, for the MSMEs in the last three financial years?

**Assessment on strike against daily diesel price revision**

927. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been done on the strike held recently against daily diesel price revision; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**LPG beneficiaries**

†928. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of beneficiaries who have been allotted LPG connections so far under the scheme being run by Central Government, the State-wise details thereof?

**Guidelines for allocation of gas to gas based power plants**

929. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is addition of new gas based power plants in many States in the country;

(b) the State-wise distribution of these gas based power plants and their capacity;

(c) whether Government has evolved any guidelines for allocation of gas to its existing and upcoming gas based power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) the State-wise price variability?

**Setting up of second generation ethanol bio-refineries**

930. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to set up 12 Second Generation (2G) ethanol bio-refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ethanol produced at present in the country is sufficient to sell ethanol blended petrol;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in indigenous production of oil**

931. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the substantial increase in oil prices globally, any decision has been taken by Government to increase oil production within the country to reduce imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further steps are being taken for oil extraction from new oilfields within the country?

**Import of crude oil from Iran**

†932. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil being imported by India from Iran at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the U.S. has asked some countries including India to wind-up their business by 4th November, 2018 otherwise ban will be imposed on them;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the steps taken by Government to avoid the situation of any kind of shortage/ interruption in the import of crude oil in case of discontinuation of import of crude oil from Iran; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps to curb fuel adulteration**

933. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various concrete steps Government has taken so far to curb the increasing number of fuel adulteration cases in the country;

(b) how many cases of fuel adulteration have been detected by Government during the last one year; and

(c) what actions Government has taken in this regard?

**Penalising of RIL, Shell and ONGC in PMT oilfield dispute**

934. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Shell and ONGC to pay a combined US 3 billion dollars penalty following an arbitration award in the Panna Mukta Tapti (PMT) oilfield dispute;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of ONGC, RIL and Shell in this regard;

(c) the outcome so far achieved in the four arbitration cases which are underway in KG-D6 and Government demand for compensation for producing gas from ONGC's fields; and

(d) the effective steps taken by Government to collect the penalty from these erring companies?

#### **Delinking of prices of petrol and diesel**

†935. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of taxes being levied by Government on petrol and diesel, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to delink the pricing of petrol, diesel and gas from the market and taking them under its own control, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the method by which Government plans to prompt oil companies for making oil cheaper, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Shah Committee report on KG Basin dispute**

936. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shah Committee, which was looking into the dispute between ONGC and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), regarding the flow of gas between their fields in the KG basin has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) whether Government has approved all the recommendations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of ONGC and RIL on the recommendations of the Committee?

#### **US demand to stop crude oil imports from Iran**

937. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has considered the US demand to stop crude oil import from Iran in solidarity with the US sanctions on Iran;

(b) whether India is the second largest crude oil customer for Iran after China with Indian crude imports from Iran surging to about 7,00,000 barrels per day in May, 2018; and

(c) whether India has wisely widened its sourcing of crude with almost all oil producing countries including Brunei with no likelihood of disruptions during crises?

#### **Onshore/ offshore production by ONGC**

938. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ever dwindling output of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has gained momentum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of onshore and offshore

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production of petroleum and gas per day by the corporation;

(d) whether it is a fact that ONGC has pending dues to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Progress of second phase of PMKVY**

939. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of second phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since its launch in April, 2016;

(b) what is the target fixed and the achievement made upto now;

(c) the details of discrepancy in the claim made by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the figures given by various State Governments in respect of imparting skills to candidates; and

(d) whether all State Governments have initiated the process for giving skill training to candidates, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Skill Development Centres**

†940. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Skill Development Centres (SDCs) established during the last three years under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY); and

(b) the number of youths trained so far by these centres?

#### **Polytechnics in the country**

941. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of polytechnics located in the country, State-wise and whether some of the State Governments including Gujarat and Jharkhand have requested for grant of assistance from the Union Government for setting up of polytechnics;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how many new polytechnics will be set up in the next three years, the State-wise details thereof?

#### **Skill training in LWE affected districts**

942. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people who have received skill training in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts during the last four years;

(b) the total number of people who have been successfully placed after receiving training in the Left Wing Extremism affected districts during the last four years; and

(c) what are the areas or industries in

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which the youth from the LWE affected districts are being trained and placed in?

**Misuse of funds in the name of skill development**

†943. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the financial year 2009-10 ten lakh youth were provided employment and it got reduced to only two lakhs in financial year 2015-16;

(b) whether it is also a fact that employment and skill development programmes have been utter failure;

(c) whether there has been plundering in the name of skill development and Government money is being misused;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is no monitoring and control of any capable and responsible agency on centres of skill development; and

(e) the details thereof?

**Skill training to naxals**

944. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of naxals that have surrendered to Government during the last four years;

(b) the total number of surrendered naxals that have been given skills training during the last four years; and

(c) the total number of surrendered naxals that have been placed in jobs after receiving skills training?

**Employment under skill development training**

†945. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of persons encouraged for establishment of their own industry after training under skill development training and entrepreneurship scheme during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons out of them who have got employment and the number of persons who have established their own industries; and

(c) the special measures taken by Government to ensure co-ordination between skill development and entrepreneurship?

**Amount spent under PMKVY**

†946. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated and spent under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) during the last three years, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of persons benefited under the skill development programme in those years and details of percentage/ number of poor and middle class people benefited through the scheme; and

(c) region-wise number of persons out of those beneficiaries provided employment under the programme and percentage of growth in the income of these beneficiaries?

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### **Inflation of steel prices**

947. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steel prices have inflated by 45 per cent in the last six months;

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

(c) what is the impact of price inflation on the industrial sector?

### **Survey of trainees**

948. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted as a follow up with the individuals who have received training in skill development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many skilled people in the country have got employment opportunities in the organised and Government sectors, State-wise?

### **Skill development programmes in Assam**

949. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various skill development programmes undertaken in Assam and other North-Eastern States during the last two years;

(b) the details of participation in these programmes; and

(c) the details of placements that have been made to the participants who attended these programmes?

### **Steps to meet skilling target**

950. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 62 per cent of the country's population is within the working age of 15-59 years, yet only 5 per cent possess formal skills; and

(b) if so, what steps Government plans to take to meet the needs of 298 million existing work force in need of skills and re-skilling and how does it plan to meet the proposed total skilling target of 400 million by 2022?

### **Beneficiaries of skill development programmes**

951. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) details of skill development programmes being implemented for unemployed/unskilled persons and the number of beneficiaries under the said programmes during the last four years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the total number of youths who were meaningfully employed after undergoing skill development, State/UT-wise, during the last four years;

(c) whether it is a fact that beneficiaries under such programmes are not catering to the needs of industry thus rendering such

skills acquired useless leaving them more frustrated;

(d) if so, whether Government has conducted impact assessment of such programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-employment of ITI graduates**

952. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the graduates graduating from Government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are not getting employment till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for their not getting employment; and

(d) the number of these youths by the end of March, 2018 who are unemployed even after completing vocational curriculum?

#### **Plants using steel as raw material**

†953. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are number of plants (downstream industries) functioning in the country particularly in Jharkhand, which use steel as raw material and provide large scale employment at local level;

(b) whether it is a fact that timely, need based affordable and prioritised delivery of steel to these downstream industries by steel plants can prove to be effective with a view to increasing employment and robust economy; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take steps to ensure timely, need based, affordable and prioritised delivery of steel to these steel based downstream industries, if so, by when and if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Investment in joint ventures/ subsidiaries of SAIL**

954. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 29 joint ventures/subsidiaries of SAIL, only six are profitable;

(b) if so, the action taken and the steps taken against the poor decision-making, given the fact that public money in the form of investment has been wasted and the employees are being penalised by stopping their pension, leave encashment and pay revision;

(c) if so, the loss share of the remaining 23 units since 2015, year-wise; and

(d) what is the total investment in these 29 joint ventures/subsidiaries out of the total Modernisation and Expansion investment upto 31st March, 2018?

#### **Self sufficiency in silk production**

955. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite several schemes/programmes for increasing silk production in the country, we are still importing silk products from China, Japan and Korea;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making India self-sufficient in silk production by

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supporting farmers through monetary benefits and through other means?

#### **Cotton production and exports**

956. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cotton production for this season is estimated to be 370 lakh bales;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was not much scope for increase in cotton exports;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the domestic cotton prices are up, reflecting the international trend; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increasing imports of textiles and apparel**

957. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile and clothing sector is witnessing signs of recovery and is expected to perform better in export and domestic markets this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one issue of concern for the industry is the growth in imports;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in 2017-18, imports of textiles and apparel touched 7 billion US dollars, which is 16 per cent higher than the previous year; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

#### **Impact of GST on handloom weavers**

958. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom industry is badly hit due to the introduction of GST on handlooms and raw materials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the rationale behind not providing price advantage and tax relief to the 4.3 million handloom weavers by the Government and keeping them at the same pedestal as powerlooms; and

(d) whether Government is considering relieving weavers from paying Goods and Services Tax (GST) on raw material, implements and finished products?

#### **Outstanding dues of small bullion parties**

959. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHECIL) have sought the views of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) before releasing payment to small bullion parties whose cases are not under investigations;

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

(c) what are the views of CBI received by HHECIL; and

(d) by when the long outstanding dues of small bullion parties are likely to be released?

**Demanding relaxation of cabotage  
rule for movement of cotton**

960. SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of  
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile  
industry has been demanding relaxation of  
cabotage rule for movement of cotton from  
Gujarat to Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the  
relaxation of the rule will enable several  
foreign flag vessels to move cotton from  
one Indian port to another at competitive  
prices; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government  
in this regard?

NEW DELHI;  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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