

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017/Magha 19, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Growth in exports

†637. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a growth in exports has been registered in recent times;

(b) if so, since when this growth has been recorded;

(c) whether Government has formulated a draft plan to promote exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Study on export competitiveness of States

638. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study about the export competitiveness of various States of the country;

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

(c) the details of other measures taken/ being taken to enhance the export competitiveness of various States?

#### Profit/loss making PSUs

639. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry along with the number of those making profit and losses separately, sector-wise;

(b) the action plan formulated to revive the loss making PSUs and make them viable venture;

(c) the details of flagship programmes implemented under the Ministry;

(d) the funds allocated, utilised and un-utilised in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, programme-wise; and

(e) the other steps proposed to be taken by Government to promote PSUs?

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**Subsidy to small industries**

†640. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides subsidy on interest and other benefits to industries having business turn out of more than ₹ 100 crores; and

(b) if so, the plan envisaged by Government for the industries having business less than ₹ 100 crores?

**Stalled projects in the country**

641. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when is a project identified as a stalled project, the details of parameters used to determine stalled projects;

(b) how many stalled projects are there in the country, as per the criteria identified above, industry sector-wise, year-wise details thereof;

(c) whether steps have been taken to identify the reasons causing projects to be stalled, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) how have these steps helped improve 'Ease of Doing Business' in India; and

(e) whether number of stalled projects have increased or decreased since 2014, the details thereof?

**Mandate to govern e-commerce industry**

642. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which department or body has been given the mandate to govern the e-commerce industry;

(b) whether there is any regulation for e-commerce at present; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce any legislation for the regulation of e-commerce industry, if so, the details thereof?

**Sops to aid exporters**

643. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to come to the aid of select export sectors that are yet to recover from demonetisation of currency notes and global meltdown by offering new incentives and expanding scope of existing packages;

(b) if so, whether packages are meant for sectors such as engineering, textiles and handicrafts; and

(c) if so, by when these sops are to be announced and to what extent it will help exporters to improve their position?

**Exploration of new trade zones**

644. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government has explored new trade zones in the countries which have been visited by the Prime Minister:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the initiatives being taken by Government in this direction?

other incentives have been offered, if so, the details thereof?

**Merchandise Exports from India Scheme**

645. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of items/products covered under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS);

(b) the details of list of items/products under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme;

(c) the total amount of incentives provided under the Merchandise exports from India Scheme during 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(d) the present growth position of exports during April, 2016 to October, 2016 either positive or negative growth; and

(e) the basic reasons for positive or negative growth in exports?

**Development of Special Economic Zones**

646. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to extend the time for developers for development of Special Economic Zone projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the SEZs which have got extension in the State of Jharkhand; and

(d) whether any tax exemptions and

**Export of tea by small tea growers**

647. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether small tea growers are planning to export their produce on their own strength;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these small tea growers have applied for licence to export tea;

(c) whether Government has taken initiatives to motivate small tea growers to work as collectives, by forming producer societies or Self Help Groups for sustainable green tea leaf trade business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Fall in IIP post demonetisation**

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

(a) whether there has been a fall in Index of Industrial Production (IIP) post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry anticipates other reasons for fall in IIP, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has plans to control the fall in IIP, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Decline in FDI**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in FDI in November and December 2016, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the country-wise/sector-wise/State-wise/month-wise details of FDIs which have been invested in the year 2016;

(c) whether the Ministry is conducting a study on the effects of demonetisation on the industry, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there has been a downfall in the manufacturing sector, if so, the details thereof?

**Achievements of 'Startup India' Action Plan**

650. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Government has achieved the aims and objectives of 'Startup India' Action Plan being implemented in the country;

(b) the details of the funding, support and incentives provided by Government so far under 'Startup India' Action Plan across the country; and

(c) the present status of the schemes being implemented by Government to promote research and innovation among the young students under the said Plan along with their achievements so far, scheme-wise?

**Revenue Insurance Scheme for plantation crops**

651. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering an insurance scheme namely Revenue Insurance Scheme for plantation crops;

(b) whether the said Insurance Scheme is *in lieu* of the existing Price Stabilization Fund scheme, 2003 under the Ministry;

(c) the salient features of the proposed scheme with its date of commencement, names of the crops involved and area of operation; and

(d) whether Government would include the main rubber growing districts of Kerala such as Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kannur, Kozhikode and Malappuram?

**Exchange of tariff concession under APTA**

652. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a move for exchange of tariff concessions under the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) towards expanding trade ties with five nations in the region, including China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India may benefit from duty concessions by China and South Korea in textiles and chemicals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Production of spices**

653. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the annual quantity of production of spices in the country;

(b) the percentage of spices produced which is exported and released for domestic consumption separately;

(c) whether the quantity of spice released for the domestic consumption is sufficient to meet the demand;

(d) if not, how does the Ministry proposes to meet the demand of the domestic market for the local consumers; and

(e) the procedure adopted by Government to strike a balance between the demand of the local market for domestic consumption and demand of the foreign markets?

**Establishment of pollution free industries in Uttar Pradesh**

†654. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up pollution-free industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of industries which are likely to be established;

(c) if not, whether the State is capable of establishing pollution-free industries/units; and

(d) if not, whether the Ministry will remove the obstacles being faced in establishing these pollution-free industries/units in the State?

**Decline in exports from SEZs**

655. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports from the Special

Economic Zones (SEZs) have declined during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken to boost exports from SEZs;

(b) whether the Export Promotion Council for Export Oriented Units and SEZs have shown their concern over failure to resolve the issues; and

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

**Direct import of buffalo meat by China**

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

(a) whether China has now decided to import buffalo meat directly from India, revisiting its earlier procurement through Vietnam;

(b) whether Chinese officials have conducted inspection of over 18 abattoirs in India processing buffalo meat to global standards;

(c) whether China's buffalo meat imports being substantial, the decision by China to focus on India for its requirements will positively impact the balance of payment to India's advantage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Plan for development of industrially backward States**

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

(a) the details of the industrially backward States in the country;

(b) whether Government has formulated/proposes to formulate a plan for

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the development of industrially backward States;

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

#### **Operation of SEZs**

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

- (a) the details of the Special Economic Zones being operated State-wise in the country, at present;
- (b) the number of Special Economic Zones yet to be developed; and
- (c) the amount estimated to be spent project-wise, separately?

#### **Quantitative restrictions on imports**

659. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the quantitative restrictions on import of many items has been brought to an end under the new policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has increased the basic customs duty on many products to address the interest of domestic producers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Land acquisition for industrial corridors**

660. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of land acquisition with respect to various industrial corridors;

(b) the total area required for each of the industrial corridor;

(c) the area in possession of Government and area proposed to be acquired; and

(d) whether any area is proposed to be purchased from the land owners by mutual agreement, if so, nature of agreement arrived at with the prospective sellers including quantum of price agreed?

#### **Subsidy to small and medium industries**

†661. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce the provision of subsidy and other benefits to small and medium industries and to new entrepreneurs; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Anti-dumping duty on import of sugar**

†662. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to impose anti-dumping duty on import of sugar; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Task Force on Innovation**

663. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has decided to set up a Task Force on Innovation in a bid to enhance the innovation ecosystem and improve the country's ranking in the Global Innovation Index (GII);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Establishment of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in Andhra Pradesh**

664. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act is contemplating on establishment of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the outlay proposed for this institute and the funds released so far, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds sharing pattern agreed for establishment of the institute?

**Setting up of new SEZ in Telangana**

665. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many developers have sought permission of Government for giving approval for setting up of new Special Economic Zones in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such developers have come forward to set up SEZ in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has considered request of any developer for giving approval, if so, the details thereof?

**Production of coffee seeds in Andhra Pradesh**

666. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise Production of coffee seeds from Andhra Pradesh in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of introduction of high yielding Kaveri variety of coffee, productivity has not increased much;

(c) if so, reasons therefor and what other alternative varieties that Ministry is planning to introduce for increasing productivity in this area; and

(d) whether the Ministry is aware that Tribal Corporation of Andhra Pradesh is selling coffee produced in Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam under brand name Araku Valley Coffee and if so, the steps taken to promote the same?

**Measures to promote FDI**

667. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to promote FDI;

(b) whether large industries/groups are the major beneficiaries of FDI reforms;

(c) details of foreign companies who invested in India during the last three years and in which sector and who are their Indian collaborators;

(d) quantum of investment made by foreign companies in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) during the last three years;

(e) measures taken to promote FDI in SME sector;

(f) steps taken to encourage foreign investors to utilise more internal resources and inputs than bringing from abroad except the technology; and

(g) the terms and conditions of FDI?

#### **Applications received by DGAD**

668. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the applications received by Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) during last three years from the domestic producers alleging dumping of various products causing injury to the domestic industry and its various sector;

(b) the details of action taken the DGAD on these applications; and

(c) the details of relief granted to local producers?

#### **Artificial inflation of exports by firms**

669. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any firm has been found to have artificially inflated their exports to avail financial benefits from various export promotion schemes initiated by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the follow up action taken thereon and the details thereof?

#### **Probe into illegal dumping of rubber**

670. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started a probe into alleged dumping of a certain kind of rubber by Korea, Russia, South Africa, Iran and Singapore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the move is aimed at protecting domestic players in the sector against cheap imports;

(c) whether Government has received many complaints in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Restoration of Shalimar Pavilion in J&K**

671. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to restore the glory of Shalimar Pavilion situated in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any foreign country is supporting in this rejuvenation process?

#### **De-colourisation of Taj Mahal**

672. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Taj Mahal is facing serious threats due to the de-colourisation and turning green due to some microbes present in river Yamuna;



- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the measures being taken to save this valuable historic monument?

**Conservation of protected forts in Maharashtra**

673. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has declared a number of forts in Maharashtra, including those built by Chhatrapati Shivaji, to be of national importance;
- (b) what are the main reasons for Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) not taking up major conservation and development works despite great amount of emotional attachment of the people and scope for tourism development; and
- (c) what concrete conservation/restoration and development initiatives have been taken up at these protected forts in the last five years and expenditure incurred thereon?

**Objectives of NMMA**

†674. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the National Missions being run by the Ministry along with their names;
- (b) the details of the objectives of National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA); and
- (c) the details of the work done and

amount spent on National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities during last five years, year-wise; and

**Review of laws to protect culture and tradition**

675. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to amend/review laws to protect culture and tradition not being protected by courts of law;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Concession and exemption given to PSUs**

676. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in spite of excise duty, customs duty and several other concessions and exemptions, certain PSUs are making losses, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) PSU-wise concessions and exemptions given during last two years in financial-terms?

**Closure of industries**

677. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of private and public industries closed in the country, the number of industries incurring losses, the details of the last two years along with the reasons;

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(b) whether Government has received any proposals to restart these industries or to make them profitable, if so, the action taken on those proposals, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people whose employment got directly or indirectly affected due to closing of such industries, the details thereof; and

(d) the details efforts made by Government to make such industries profitable and to restart the closed industries?

#### **Report of BPRD**

†678. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facts that are presented in the recent report of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) with regard to police forces of India and the details of suggestions given in the report for improvement;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has been stated in the report that the police remain devoid of basic facilities that badly affects their working; and

(c) the details of steps taken during the last three years for making improvements in police services?

#### **Funds to Odisha under SRE scheme**

679. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 23235.17 lakh has not yet been released by the Government of India to Odisha under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme for the period from the Financial Year 2005-06 to 2015-16; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government of India to release the amount to the State Government of Odisha?

#### **Instructions to BSF for improvement of food quality**

680. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a video was uploaded by a constable of Border Security Force (BSF) on social media about the poor quality of food served to Jawans of paramilitary forces;

(b) whether Government has conducted investigation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has given instruction to Border Security Force Headquarter in respect of improvement of food quality and quantity;

(e) whether Government has fixed the responsibility of such lapses on any officer so far; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Ratification of the Convention Against Torture**

681. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a

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report by Human Rights Watch, 'Bound by Brotherhood: India's failure to end killings in police custody' which states that police officers often bypass arrest procedures and use fatal torture tactics;

(b) if so, whether any remedial action has been taken by Government, if so, the details of such action;

(c) whether Government is planning to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in cases of cyber crimes**

682. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the cases of cyber crimes/frauds in the country;

(b) if so, the trends during last three years;

(c) the details of nature of these crimes/frauds;

(d) whether intelligence agencies have warned of a heightened risk of cyber crimes/frauds compounded by the limited competence of State police and law enforcing agencies to handle it; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### **Innocent Muslims languishing in jails**

683. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of innocent Muslims

languishing in various jails of the country in the last three years; and

(b) the mechanism being worked out to avoid harassment of Muslims?

#### **Bills from Maharashtra pending for approval**

684. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received several Legislative Bills from the State Government of Maharashtra for approval; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the Bills along with the time by which the pending Bills are likely to be approved?

#### **Full Body Truck Scanners**

685. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an inordinate delay in installation of Full Body Truck Scanners (FBTS) at the vulnerable points along the Indo-Pak Border, Indo-Bangladesh Border and Indo-Nepal Border considering the importance of these borders as entry and exist points of terror groups in and out of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to expedite installation of FBTS?

#### **Madhukar Gupta Committee Report**

686. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the

Madhukar Gupta Committee report on the security gaps along the India-Pakistan border;

(b) whether the recommendations of the Committee has been accepted by Government, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Committee was tasked with studying the gaps along International Border and not the Line of Control (LoC), if so, the reasons for excluding LoC?

**SCRBs not maintaining data in required format**

687. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) of many States do not represent data in the format approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Ministry will allow for audits of SCRBs to be undertaken by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB);

(c) which are the States that maintain data in required format; and

(d) whether the Ministry undertakes consultation and training for SCRBs so that there is no misreporting of data, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Meeting of Inter-State Council**

†688. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the Inter-State Council had been organised

in 2016 after an interval of ten years and which was council's Eleventh meeting;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not holding the meeting of the council for the last ten years;

(c) whether there was thrust on internal security besides police reforms and police modernisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Aircraft acquisitions in BSF**

689. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircraft acquisition in BSF is need based availability of funds and as per prescribed procedure;

(b) if so, the details of such need assessment done so far; and

(c) what has been the follow up action in this regard?

**Persons convicted for committing atrocities against SCs and STs**

690. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of cases registered under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, during the last three years;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise number of people convicted for committing atrocities against SC and ST people during the last three years; and

(c) the State-wise number of cases registered under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, pending at various courts?

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**Assistance for harm caused to cattle due to natural calamities**

†691. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided by the Central Government for the harm caused to the cattle by natural calamities;

(b) whether Central Government plans to provide assistance to milch and non-milch cattle on the basis of actual harm caused to them by natural calamities; and

(c) the details of assistance provided to Rajasthan during the last two years in respect of harm caused to cattle?

**SMART Police Stations Scheme**

692. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to cover all the States in the country under SMART Police Stations Scheme; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof and action being taken in this regard?

**Jail policy**

693. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved any jail policy or policy for correction homes over the years, if so, when was the policy adopted, if not, whether Government will consider suggestion for evolving such policy;

(b) what has been the percentage of past inmates of jails repeatedly committing crimes as against one-time criminals and

jails from which States have highest percentage of serial criminals; and

(c) how many open jails are currently operating in the country and what has been the overall experience of such open jails?

**Utilisation of Nirbhaya fund for CVCF**

694. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to properly enforce and utilise the Nirbhaya Fund for the Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF), if so, the utilisation thereof;

(b) the details of the State-wise implementation of the scheme and how much fund has been utilised for the crime victims;

(c) the measures taken by Government to bring uniformity in the amount of compensation as provided by the States and the proper utilisation of it; and

(d) the details of funding/allocation under the CVCF to the States along with the details of the State-wise non-utilisation/under-utilisation of the fund?

**Grievances expressed by BSF jawans**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure good living conditions for troopers posted along the Line of Control, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to take any steps to address the grievances expressed by BSF jawans, if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether the Ministry is planning to release a status report for the same, if so, the deadline for such report?

**Barbed-wire fencing along border areas of the country**

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

(a) the number of border-areas of the country where barbed wire fencing has been done due to security reasons;

(b) the names of important and sensitive areas from where a greater threat to India's security is perceived;

(c) whether most of the narcotics products pass into the country from these areas; and

(d) whether Government has any plan of doing barbed-wire fencing of all the sensitive border areas of the country?

**Assistance to terrorists in border areas**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that various elements providing assistance to terrorists are still active in border areas;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any action against those elements; and

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

**Convicts and undertrials in jails**

698. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of jails, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the total number of inmates of convicts and undertrials, State and Union Territory-wise?

**Infiltration by terrorists**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists are trying every day to infiltrate into the Indian territory from the Jammu and Kashmir border and once they are in, they attack the Indian Army camps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being taken by Government for stopping those infiltrators, the number of infiltrators killed and the number of Indian soldiers martyred during the last two months, the details thereof?

**Organisations receiving foreign funds**

700. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many organisations in India are receiving foreign funds;

(b) how many organisations in Kerala are receiving foreign funds and the names of such organisation;

(c) the details of the donors and their places; and

(d) the details of the amount received by each organisation during last three years?

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**Transfer of BSF jawan after complaint about substandard food**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a BSF jawan was transferred from the frontier to some other place after he complained about the substandard quality of food served to them;

(b) the number of times complaints were made by the above jawan about substandard food being served during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that food provided to jawans deployed on the Indo-Pak and Indo-China border is neither fresh nor adequate and the CAG had also stated this in its report last year; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this direction till date?

**Hacking of Government websites**

†702. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ever increasing incidents of hacking of website of Government Departments, Ministries and other important offices are Government's failure with regard to cyber security;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, Government's view with regard to incidents of hacking of websites of National Security Guard (NSG) and some other Government Departments in the recent past; and

(d) the details of foolproof arrangements with Government to check the crime of hacking?

**Poor quality of food served to BSF troops**

703. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poor quality of food is being served to Border Security Force (BSF) troops in forward areas, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that working and service condition of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and paramilitary forces in the country are adequately taken care of?

**Law for protection of witnesses**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of witnesses in heinous crimes have either been killed or threatened by the accused involved in the crimes which eventually led to dismissal of such cases by courts in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such persons killed during the last two years and in how many cases the accused were set free on account of hostile attitude of witnesses during that period; and

(c) whether Government proposes to enact the law for the protection of witnesses involved in heinous crimes and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Identity certificates to refugees from Pakistan**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that Jammu and Kashmir Government had recently decided to issue nativity and identity certificates to about 1,50,000 refugees from erstwhile Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to grant them Indian citizenship and if not, the reasons therefor; and

**Legislation to stop custodial deaths**

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

(a) the number of persons who died in the custody of police during last three years;

(b) the number of custodial death cases that were investigated during last three years and the number of cases resulted in conviction;

(c) the measures taken by Government to stop the custodial deaths; and

(d) whether Government is considering to bring a legislation to stop the custodial deaths?

**Infiltration of spies disguised as pilgrims**

707. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lot of pilgrims come to our country every year from the neighbouring countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of those pilgrims intentionally get lost and do not return to their country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the spies of foreign countries take advantage of such situation and infiltrate for malicious activities causing threat to the national security; and

(d) if so, what action Government has taken to ensure that such activities of infiltration are completely checked and controlled?

**Arbitrary use of sedition law by police personnel**

708. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken serious note of allegations of widespread abuse and arbitrary use of sedition law by police personnel in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken steps to frame clearer guidelines on the use of sedition clause as demanded by the Mumbai High Court and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring reforms in the entire sedition law drafted in the colonial era; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Assistance for coastal police stations in Goa**

709. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any financial or material assistance to develop/upgrade coastal police stations in the State of Goa;



- (b) the names of police stations for which the assistance is given;
- (c) the nature of assistance given; and
- (d) the details thereof?

**Benefits to paramilitary forces  
at par with army**

710. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to extend same benefits to paramilitary forces at par with army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any such pending demand by paramilitary forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Acid attacks in the country**

711. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of acid attacks in the country in the last two years, if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to regulate and control the free sale of acid, in the country?

**Citizenship to Sindhi Pakistani Hindu families**

†712. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the applications received from across the country including State of Chhattisgarh with regard to long term visa and citizenship of Sindhi

Pakistani Hindu families and other Pakistani citizens due to oppression by Pakistan;

- (b) whether action has been taken at slow pace on such applications that has aggravated the situation of such people already facing the oppression; and

(c) the details of persons living in the State of Chhattisgarh on long term visa and the factual position of applications received from them for increasing the duration of long term visa?

**ESI hospitals in Telangana**

713. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ESI hospitals in Telangana, district-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there are nearly 300 vacancies of medical officers, specialists, nursing and paramedical staff in ESI hospitals of Telangana; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise and steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill up vacancies in all ESI hospitals?

**Upgradation of employment exchanges**

714. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employment exchanges in the country;
- (b) whether all the employment exchanges have been upgraded as was envisaged in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

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(d) how employment exchanges are different from Model Career Centres; and

(e) how many people have got employment through employment exchanges in the country in the last five years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

**MoUs with job portals for National Career Service**

715. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has entered into MoUs with job portals for National Career Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise number of job-seekers registered and benefited through NCS portal during the last two years?

**Loss of jobs due to demonetisation**

716. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the job loss due to demonetisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to create employment opportunities in lieu of loss of jobs due to demonetisation?

**Labour market reforms**

717. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to push for labour market reforms;

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

(c) whether major part of manufacturing output in country comes from enterprises in formal sector while similar proportion of manufacturing employment is generated by enterprises in informal sector;

(d) if so, details thereof and response of Government thereto;

(e) whether this has created a labour aristocracy that seeks to protect its privileges but in effect keeps the majority of industrial workers trapped in informal enterprises; and

(f) if so, details thereof along with steps taken/being taken in this regard?

**Implementation of NCLP**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam has been identified to implement National Child Labour Project (NCLP) in view of high concentration of child labour there;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made about the implementation of NCLP in Visakhapatnam in the last three years; and

(c) if so, the outcome of such assessment?

**Amendment in Payment of Wages Act**

719. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to amend the Payment of Wages Act for willing business establishments to pay

salaries through cheques or using electronic modes;

(b) whether it will serve the objective of cashless economy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Plantation workers in Kerala**

720. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted a huge influx of untrained workers from other States into Kerala in recent years;

(b) whether the efforts of State Government in ensuring health and safe living conditions for them have not taken off;

(c) whether Central Government will extend 60 per cent funding to introduce a total health insurance for them on the lines of RASHTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA Yojana; and

(d) whether it will help to extend help to construct homes for 2000 plantation labourers in high range areas?

#### **Jobseekers and employers under National Career Service Portal**

721. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobseekers and employers registered in the National Career Service (NCS) Portal till 1st January, 2017;

(b) among the registered jobseekers how many have got employed until now;

(c) among the companies registered, how many are private and how many are PSUs;

(d) whether there is any system available with Government to monitor the extent of availability of promised working conditions and wages for the persons employed through NCS; and

(e) if any company violates the assured service conditions or wages, whether Government would intervene for the employee or would Government have a right to take up the matter?

#### **Reforms in labour laws**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a series of policy initiatives with regard to reforms in labour laws, technical steps and social security during the last two and a half years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are extending required cooperation in implementing these policy initiatives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Unclaimed money under ESI**

723. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount of unclaimed money is lying with ESI; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking up any concrete step to utilise such unclaimed money?

#### **Safety audits of mines**

724. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether in view of Jharkhand coal mine disaster, Government has decided to conduct safety audits for all the mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a road map for high standard of mine safety is proposed to be drawn in consultation with Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether detailed investigation was carried out on the mine accident in Rajmahal area of Eastern Coal Field, if so, what are the preliminary findings?

#### **Rehabilitation of Child Labour**

†725. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of children have been engaged in a variety of jobs across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any step for rescue and rehabilitation of such children; and

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

#### **Suicides by labourers due to demonetisation**

726. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of labourers in the country have committed suicide due to demonetisation rules of Government during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details of report of such cases registered during the last three months thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to protect the human lives thereof?

#### **Setting up of Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund**

727. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Provident Fund money has been diverted for setting up of a Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund despite strong resistance from the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Trustees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that PF money cannot be expended for any purpose other than the payment to individual members; and

(d) if so, why this rule was violated or overruled?

#### **Basic Minimum Scheme for unemployed**

728. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to implement a nation-wide scheme namely Basic Minimum Scheme for the unemployed of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

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### Unemployed youth

729. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of unemployed youth are on the rise in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the number of jobs generated/created by Government in various sectors during the said period, sector-wise;

(d) the number of jobs/employment provided to the unemployed youth through employment exchanges during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by Government for generation/creation of job opportunities for unemployed youth in the country?

### Caving in of Lalmatia coal mines

‡730. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) date on which incident of caving in of Lalmatia coal mines of Jharkhand took place and number of labourers who were killed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Lalmatia coal mine was in a dilapidated condition and security norms were ignored;

(c) whether it is also a fact that coal mines of South Eastern Coal Field in Chhattisgarh are also in dilapidated condition, wherein coal is being excavated by ignoring security norms;

(d) whether trade unions have requested many times to make modern resources for security available; and

(e) if so, reasons for not taking action thereon?

### Labour Code on industrial relations

731. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to have Labour Code on industrial relations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has completed all the formalities in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Code on industrial relations is one of the initiatives of Government to subsume 44 labour laws into four broad codes; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Industrial Code proposes to make retrenchment easier for firms employing upto 300 workers?

### Lapses in workers' safety

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

(a) whether, in the wake of recent accident, in the Rajmahal Open Cast Expansion Project in Jharkhand claiming 18 lives, the coal workers and the Directorate General of Mines Safety have raised concerns about lapses in workers' safety;

(b) whether Coal India is charged with widening its contractual mining practices; and

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(c) whether Coal India's contract workers accounting for 40 per cent of the production five years ago, now account for 55-60 per cent of its production?

#### **Funds allocated under NCLP**

†733. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated, released and spent under National Child Labour Project (NLCP) and grant-in-aid scheme by the Government in the current year and each of the years in the last three years;

(b) the names and details of those Non-Governmental Organisations through which the said schemes were implemented and the State-wise, Union Territory-wise details of the amount provided to such Non-Governmental Organisations in this regard; and

(c) the year-wise and State/Union Territory-wise details of child labourers benefited under NCLP during the said period ?

#### **Employment schemes for labourers other than MGNREGA in villages**

734. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to give employment to the labourers in the villages, other than MGNREGA (which is under Ministry of Rural Development), especially in the non-farming season;

(b) the details of the schemes already running other than MGNREGA; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries of these schemes, year-wise in the last two and a half years?

#### **Rising rate of unemployment**

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

(a) whether the rate of unemployment is rising in the country in past two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this unfortunate hike;

(c) the State-wise unemployment trend thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken/ proposed to be taken by Government to create more job opportunities in the country?

#### **Occupational diseases**

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

(a) how many workers died in accidents in different industries in different sectors in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how many occupational diseases have been identified in our country and how many occupational disease diagnostic centres are there to diagnose the occupational diseases; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of workers dying due to occupational disease is the highest in India, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Smart card scheme for workers in Maharashtra**

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

(a) whether Government has started a

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smart card scheme for the workers engaged in unorganised sector along with their families so that they could be provided the benefit of National Health Insurance Scheme, Atal Pension Yojana, Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of workers in the country including of Maharashtra targeted to be linked to this scheme in the first phase;

(d) whether any time-limit has been set to issue smart cards to all workers in the country; and

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

#### **Unorganised sector workers**

738. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a year-on-year increase in the number of unorganised sector workers in the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government to regulate the unorganised sector and the attempts to bring in these workers to the organised sector?

#### **Collection of cess for Labour Welfare Fund**

739. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that although a large number of units are involved in extraction of iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore, yet the

collection of cess under the iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore mines Labour Welfare Fund is not that much adequate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will come forward to strengthen the inspection mechanism so that under-collection can be eliminated completely; and

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

#### **Unemployment rate**

740. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a mechanism in place to ascertain the exact unemployment rate in the country;

(b) if so, the unemployment rate in the country in the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the issue of unemployment in the country?

#### **Removal of pictures of Mahatma Gandhi from KVIC products**

†741. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pictures of Mahatma Gandhi have been removed from various products of Khadi and Village Industries Commission that have badly affected the Gandhians;

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(b) the level at which consent was taken to change this years long policy of Khadi and Village Industries;

(c) this change benefited whom and whether Khadi and Village Industries are moving away from their basic objectives; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Protection of Start-up movement**

742. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that big companies are buying start-up companies just to nib competition at bud stage;

(b) if so, the details of such cases noticed, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to protect Start-up movement in the country?

#### **Livelihood Business Incubation**

743. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Livelihood Business Incubation set-up across the country;

(b) the total amount of funding provided by Government to these set-ups, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of skill development training programmes organized under the scheme and attendants under these programmes, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase awareness about these programmes?

#### **Share of MSMEs in manufacturing sector**

744. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in total manufacturing output as percentage is decreasing every year;

(b) the challenges in marketing of MSME products, how these challenges are faced by the Department and the steps taken thereon; and

(c) the percentage of market share of MSME products in last three years, how it can be increased and the steps taken by Government in the last three years?

#### **Effect of demonetisation on foreign tourists**

745. SHRI Md. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several foreign tourists who visited India after 8th November, 2016 announcement of demonetisation faced serious problems due to non-availability of cash, the details thereof;

(b) what steps were taken to ensure easy availability of cash to the foreign tourists especially to those who were already in small cities without proper banking facilities;

(c) how has demonetisation affected tourism in last three months or Third quarter, the details thereof; and



(d) the quarter-wise revenue generated from tourism in 2015-16 and 2016-17?

#### **Setting up of more MSMEs**

746. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to establish more MSMEs for the all round development of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government for establishment of MSMEs on a large scale and incentives and sops being offered to enthusiastic entrepreneurs for establishment of MSMEs in the country, the details thereof?

#### **Schemes for SCs/STs entrepreneurs**

†747. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes available for micro, small and medium entrepreneurs belonging to SC and ST communities;

(b) the total number of working micro, small and medium entrepreneurs in the country and the number of SCs and STs out of them, the details thereof;

(c) the total volume of trade transacted by micro, small and medium entrepreneurs and their share in country's GDP, the details thereof; and

(d) the volume of trade done by micro, small and medium entrepreneurs belonging to SC and ST categories, details thereof?

#### **KVIC under PMEGP in Tamil Nadu**

748. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) to generate employment in non-farming sector in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the year-wise details of the employment opportunities given to women entrepreneurs in the State of Tamil Nadu since the inception of PMEGP?

#### **Effect of demonetisation on MSMEs**

749. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details with Government on the effect of demonetisation process on the micro, small and medium industries in the country during the last three months;

(b) the details of report of such industries which have closed down during these last three months thereof;

(c) the compatibility production chart for November to January period of 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016- 17 thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government to revive such enterprises from demonetisation crisis?

#### **Funds to small and traditional industries**

750. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to

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state the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect and provide financial and marketing assistance to protect small and traditional industries in the wake of entry of big multinational companies and big industrial houses?

#### **Aadhaar for new entrepreneurs**

751. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court gave judgement that Aadhaar is to be used voluntarily for a few social welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons that the Ministry is insisting on Aadhaar credentials from new entrepreneurs who want to register new business;

(c) whether it is also a fact that aspiring start-ups also cannot fill in form without Aadhaar details;

(d) the reasons for insisting on Aadhaar details; and

(e) does it not defeat Prime Minister's directive of simplifying a single page registration form?

#### **Pending proposal under SFURTI**

752. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up any cluster in the district of Villupuram in Tamil Nadu under Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Review and assessment of ageing fields of ONGC**

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

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is reviewing and assessing the ageing fields of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) due to declining production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country's domestic gas production also fell in the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps taken to augment domestic gas production in view of growth in LPG consumption in the country?

#### **Outlets for dispensing non-PDS SK Oil**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there are no outlets or channels for dispensing non-PDS Superior Kerosene (SK) Oil in the country today;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to create such alternative channels; and

(c) whether Government is considering for appointment of 108 new SK Oil (PDS) wholesalers of SK Oil in the State of Odisha?

**Appeal against decision of theft of gas in KG Basin**

†755. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any company has appealed against the decision in the case of theft of gas worth ₹ 30000 crores from the Krishna-Godavari Basin;

(b) if so, the names of the said company and directors, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the amount retrieved, so far, by Government out of ₹ 30000 crores value of gas stolen from Krishna-Godavari basin, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Supply of natural gas**

756. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints from various sectors of the country regarding non-availability of natural gas, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government for adequate supply of natural gas?

**Increase/decrease in prices of petrol and diesel**

757. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase/decrease in the prices of petrol and diesel month-wise during last six months;

(b) how the prices of crude oil moved

in the international markets during the above period; and

(c) how the increase in prices of petrol and diesel in the domestic market have influenced inflationary trends?

**Blending of 10 per cent ethanol with petrol**

†758. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to mix 10 per cent ethanol in petroleum products in order to provide reasonable remuneration of sugarcane to farmers, to protect environment and for generation of employment to reduce the dependence on import of petroleum products and save foreign currency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to allow use of ligno cellulosic ethanol made up of bagasse of sugarcane, chaff of paddy, wheat and cotton and peels of bamboos; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Contribution of oil PSUs to NSDF**

759. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil PSUs were unaware of the National Sports Development Fund scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether they were requested to contribute to this scheme in recent past; and

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(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting it?

**Global and domestic acquisition by oil companies**

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

(a) whether the public sector oil companies have increased any plan to increase their global and domestic acquisition and assets in the last two years and in the coming two years;

(b) if so, the complete details of the total acquisition by each refining and oil exploration company, Public Sector Undertaking-wise;

(c) what is the cost of each acquisition and what is the funding pattern of each acquisition, Public Sector Undertaking-wise; and

(d) to what extent the global and domestic acquisition is going to secure and enhance our energy supply?

**Discovery of gas hydrates**

761. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Geological Survey has confirmed the discovery of a big gas reserve in the form of hydrates off the Andhra Pradesh coast by a multi-party expeditionary team led by ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has discovered a large, highly enriched accumulation of natural gas

hydrates in the Bay of Bengal that has the potential to be tapped; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Market driven pricing of petroleum products**

762. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petroleum products have now become market-driven;

(b) if so, whether the entire benefit of price reduction is transferred to the consumers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the reasons that our domestic petroleum prices are linked to the respective products in the international market; and

(e) what is Trade Parity Pricing methodology and how it is beneficial/loss to the Indian consumers?

**Setting up of ethanol bio-refineries**

763. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil PSUs propose to set up a number of ethanol bio-refineries across the country;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to encourage production of second generation ethanol from agricultural residues in order to provide additional resources of remuneration to farmers across the country?

**Sourcing of crude oil to fill strategic storage facilities**

764. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is talking to the UAE and Saudi Arabia to fill half of the 1.5 MMT of the Mangalore strategic storage along with Iranian crude;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is exploring two or three other models to source oil to fill the remainder of the storage;

(c) whether globally most of the biggest crude oil consuming countries have a strategic storage capacity of at least 50 days, but India currently stands less than 10 days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Supply of PNG in Tamil Nadu**

765. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide PNG in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken to introduce/provide PNG in Tamil Nadu?

**Gas pricing autonomy**

766. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has requested Government to accord full autonomy on total gas pricing on the gas produced in the country to boost

local output and develop a vibrant gas market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also considered to allocate the gas produced to the local needs first and then market the remaining gas, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Justice Shah report on ONGC-RIL dispute**

767. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaint of ONGC that Reliance has taken its gas in KG Basin and claiming compensation to the tune of ₹ 11,000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one man Commission, Justice Shah, has also substantiated this;

(c) what are the reasons that Justice Shah Committee says that ONGC has no right to compensation but only the Central Government has the right; and

(d) how Government is going to resolve the issue?

**Increase/decrease in petroleum prices**

†768. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase/decrease in rates of petrol, diesel, petroleum gas, natural gas, kerosene in retail market effected in last two years and the number of times these were effected;

(b) the number of times and quantum

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of increase or decrease in the prices of crude oil in international market, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of total increase or decrease of tax/tariff on above products in last two years and the quantum of subsidy given thereof; and

(d) the amount of total loss occurred due to delay in making strategic reserve of crude oil, the details thereof?

#### **Transfer of land by Bokaro Steel Plant**

769. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is total amount of land available with Bokaro Steel Plant which has been transferred to entities other than the Steel Plant, since its inception;

(b) what are the norms for transfer of land originally acquired specifically for Bokaro Steel Plant;

(c) when and at what level the policy of transfer of land has been authorised; and

(d) how many times it has been reviewed and the changes of each review may be explained, ever since the policy was first approved?

#### **Land for establishment of medical college in Bokaro**

770. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Jharkhand has made a request to Bokaro Steel City for land for establishment of a medical college in Bokaro;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) what is the current status of action in this regard; and

(d) what are the responsibilities of Bokaro Steel Plant as part of Corporate Social Responsibility towards public health in Jharkhand?

#### **Steel Policy**

771. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has formulated a steel policy, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this would boost the coking coal supply aimed at achieving increased domestic availability of wash coking coal and to reduce import; and

(c) if so, by how much quantity?

#### **Steps to revive Government run steel plants**

772. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major Government run steel plants are incurring huge losses in last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps other than disinvestment are taken to revive the Government run steel plants, the details thereof; and

(c) what new revenue model Government has initiated in last three years to ensure revival of these plants, the details thereof?

#### **Domestic policies hurting domestic steel producers**

773. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has given any

thought on its domestic policies that are hurting the domestic steel producers;

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

(c) to what extent the railway freight policy and clean energy cess is impacting the steel sector in the country;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Railways to change tariff classification of steel goods at par with coal; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the same?

#### **Problems faced by steel industry post demonetisation**

774. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demonetisation has affected severely on construction and real estate business resulting in loss of revenue for iron and steel industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to mitigate the problems faced by the steel industry post demonetisation period;

(d) whether there is a general decline in the production and domestic supply of iron and steel in the country due to raw material shortage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government to solve this issue?

#### **Medical tourism in Tamil Nadu**

775. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical tourism

service providers in the country, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the financial assistance provided by Government to such service providers over the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote medical tourism in the country and the funds spent on such steps?

#### **Foreign tourists in Maharashtra**

776. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the new tourism promotion projects started in last two years in Maharashtra that are supported by Central Government in order to attract more tourists;

(b) the projects which are planned to increase tourism in the coming two years;

(c) the number of foreign tourists who visited Maharashtra in last three years; and

(d) the amount of revenue Maharashtra Government received from foreign tourism in last three years?

#### **Annual revenue and expenditure on tourist places in Rajasthan**

†777. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the annual revenue generated during the last two years from the sale of tickets to tourists visiting historical tourist places of Rajasthan; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred head-wise as against the annual revenue generated from such tourist places in the last two years?

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**Promotion of religious tourism**

778. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether promotion of religious tourism is part of Government policy; and
- (b) if so, the recent initiatives in promotion of religious tourism and cost of projects?

**Inflow of tourists in Goa**

779. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inflow of tourists in Goa has declined in the last three months;
- (b) whether any analysis has been made by Government to find out the reasons for the decline;
- (c) whether bookings in the hotels have been considerably reduced due to cancellation of the bookings; and
- (d) the percentage of decline in tourism in Goa on account of demonetisation?

**Eco-tourism in Karnataka**

780. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of each of the river catchments selected for eco-tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Karnataka;
- (b) the estimated cost of the above projects selected and what is the status of implementation of the same; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be completed?

**Tourist circuits connecting important forts of Maharashtra**

781. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has paid any attention to develop tourist circuits connecting important forts in Maharashtra in tune with the desire of the Prime Minister expressed at Mumbai while performing jal-pujan for Shiv Smarak;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) what time-bound special measures Government has taken for development of important forts to promote them as international and domestic tourist attractions?

**Corruption charges in ITDC**

782. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some officials of ITDC had been debarred from posting to sensitive posts by the CVC due to charges of corruption in Commonwealth Games against them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some of these officials have been posted to sensitive posts subsequently and ITDC has repeatedly written to CVC in this regard citing urgency of work;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons, why ITDC has written several letters citing urgency of work and posting of corrupt officials to sensitive posts; and
- (f) whether Government would inquire into it and fix responsibility in this regard?



**Promotion of cultural and heritage sites**

783. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being run by Government for promotion of heritage sites and rich culture of the country to attract more tourists through NGOs which conduct heritage walks with theatre and storytelling;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the funds allocated, released and spent during last three years, scheme-wise;

(c) if not, whether Government would initiate such schemes for promotion of culture and heritage sites of the country for attracting tourists, with particular reference to Delhi and NCR; and

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

**Development of Light Houses at ports as tourist places**

784. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating on developing the Light Houses at ports as tourist places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose and released so far to the States and if so, the details thereof?

**Investment in tourism**

785. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to develop tourism in the country;

(b) the details of plans formulated to organize and develop tourism destinations scattered all over the country;

(c) the steps taken to boost direct and as well as indirect investment in tourism; and

(d) the action taken to preserve culture, heritage and environment at tourist destinations to attract more tourists?

**India's participation in WTM, London**

786. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government participated in the inaugural World Travel Market (WTM) held at London;

(b) if so, the reasons on the basis of which Government participated in WTM;

(c) the steps taken by Government at WTM, London to promote tourism in the country; and

(d) the details of expenses incurred due to participation at WTM, London?

**Petition on denial of Forest Rights in Andhra Pradesh**

787. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received specific petitions on denial of Forest Rights (under Forest Rights Act) to tribes of Devragondhi, Chenogondapalli, Mamidigondhi, Anguluru in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that tribals must

get either financial compensation or 'land-for-land' acquired by Government;

(c) what steps has Government taken to ensure that tribals of afore-mentioned villages got justice;

(d) whether a team has been sent to meet the tribals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Special schemes for PVTGs in Jharkhand**

†788. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the social, educational and economic condition of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) is very pathetic in Jharkhand in spite of various welfare schemes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that special attention is required to be given to the PVTGs in the earmarked current year for their upliftment; and

(c) if so whether Government would take initiative for formulating special scheme and provide them proper grant, if so by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Achievements of National Tribal Carnival, 2016**

789. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tribal Carnival, 2016 has achieved its desired targets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to conduct such type of carnivals in various parts of the country in future?

#### **Anaemic tribal children in Tamil Nadu**

790. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over 3000 tribal children in Tamil Nadu who are anaemic and require immediate attention;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sought any report from the State Government of Tamil Nadu in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response thereon?

#### **Tribal undertrials in jails**

791. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of tribal undertrials languishing in jails in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry provides any legal assistance to the tribal undertrials; and

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

#### **Multi-skilled institutes in tribal dominated districts**

792. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government plans to set up multi-skilled institutes in tribal concentrated districts;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to build a framework suited to the various skills need and requirements of tribal people?

#### **Custodial torture of tribals**

793. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of custodial torture of tribals are increasing in the country;

(b) the details of custodial torture and deaths in last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the cases registered against the responsible officials under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, in the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Promotion of tribal arts and crafts**

794. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government promotes/ proposes to promote Indian tribal arts and crafts in other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the number of exhibitions for promoting Indian tribal arts and crafts organised by Government in various countries during the last three years, country-wise;

(d) whether Government has assessed the number of tribals benefited from the said exhibitions and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of export of handicrafts/artifacts manufactured by tribals from various States during each of the last three years?

#### **Petitions of displaced tribal villages under National Water Projects**

795. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received petitions during the last sixty days from diverse tribal villagers who have been displaced by National Water Projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that affected and displaced tribals have not received either financial compensation for their land lost or got replacement of land;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has considered the petitions of the petitioners to redress their problems; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Enquiry into non-application of Land Acquisition Act, 2013**

796. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that evicted tribals of dams being taken up as National Projects have demanded an enquiry into non-

application of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013 and the Forest Rights Act since 10th October, 2016;

(b) the details of these petitions from tribals and their leaders;

(c) by what date will Government take up their issues of eviction, unemployment and poverty; and

(d) the details of action proposed?

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