

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : 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

Benefits accrued through 'Startup India' scheme

1437. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements/progress made so far by Government after announcing ₹ 10,000 crores for 'Startup India' Fund to promote entrepreneurship in the country;

(b) how many people benefited through 'Startup India' scheme; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for creation of more entrepreneurship and employment through this scheme?

affected by US President's suspension of immigration rights to US, India has sought a middle path outside courts, by urging US administration to take a reflective, balanced and far sighted perspective over the likely H-1B Visa curbs threatening the Indian IT professionals' future prospects;

(b) whether Indian IT professionals have been the largest beneficiaries of H-1B Visa with China and other countries coming far behind; and

(c) whether the Central Government and NASSCOM are jointly planning to engage lobbying consultants to reach out to US senators, to safeguard Indian interests?

Safeguarding interest of Indian IT professionals in H-1B Visa curbs

1438. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether staying aloof of collective efforts of seven mostly Muslim nations

Non-functional SEZs

1439. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved for different States that are still not utilised and reasons for the commercial operations not starting;

(b) whether there are records of companies that have acquired land and mortgaged the lands to borrow loans from banks; and

(c) whether this is an illegal practice and if so, action taken thereon against these companies?

Anti-dumping duty on import of rubber from China

†1440. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-dumping duty is proposed to be introduced on the rubber to be imported from China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Objectives of NEIIPP, 2007

1441. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the primary objectives of the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007;

(b) the present status of the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007;

(c) the State-wise total number of industrial units registered during 2007-08 to February, 2013 under NEIIPP, 2007;

(d) the State-wise total investment in crores during 2007-08 to February, 2013 under NEIIPP, 2007; and

(e) the State-wise total employment generated during 2007-08 to February, 2013, under North East Industrial and

Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007?

Setting up of NICDIT for industrial corridors

1442. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government had set up National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) to oversee development of all industrial corridors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds meant for industrial corridors will be routed through NICDIT, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount sanctioned and released so far to various industrial corridors, including Amritsar-Kolkata, Vizag-Chennai and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridors in the current financial year and proposed to be released in the next two years, with details thereof?

Approval of loan to VCIC by ADB

1443. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved ₹ 3500 crores loan to Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereon;

(c) the status of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the above corridor; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Merger of Commodity Boards

1444. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to merge all the Commodity Boards and set up an umbrella organisation; and

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

Incentives for promotion of domestic manufacturing of goods

1445. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that serious entrepreneurs are presently inclined to opt for trading rather than manufacturing of goods because of heavy taxes and feeble support available to them from Government;

(b) whether Government has any proposal under consideration to grant exemption in taxes and extend other necessary support to promote domestic manufacturing of goods to decrease imports and to create additional employment for the qualified unemployed youth; and

(c) the reaction of Government on (a) and (b) above?

Incentives for revival of sick or closed manufacturing units

1446. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

a large number of manufacturing units in the country have either shut down in recent past or on way to closure because of high production cost and variety of taxes in comparison to import of similar goods;

(b) what concrete policy Government is planning to introduce to promote domestic production of goods and bring curbs on import of goods which could be manufactured indigenously; and

(c) if so, the details on (a) and (b) above?

Special Economic Zones

†1447. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been created, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Central and State Governments to implement the proposed schemes under Special Economic Zones, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where development work under Special Economic Zones has not started yet, the details thereof?

NICDIT for integrated development of industrial corridors

1448. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the expansion of the mandate of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project Implementation Trust Fund and re-designated it as National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) for integrated development of industrial corridors;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether NICDIT has been accorded permission to utilise financial assistance already sanctioned and an additional amount within the extended period up to 31st March, 2022; and

(c) the details thereof indicating the total amount of financial assistance to be utilised now by NICDIT?

Norms for setting up of EOUs

1449. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of large and small Export Oriented Units (EOUs) presently functional in the country, State/UT-wise alongwith the norms adopted by Government for setting up of such units;

(b) whether Government has received proposals from various States/UTs for setting up of such units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of proposals received as well as approved by Government for such units during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Generation of employment in manufacturing sector

1450. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any schemes in place which offer incentives to manufacturing companies to provide employment to people from economically weaker sections or minority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for generating

more employment opportunities in manufacturing sector?

Incentives to develop ease of doing business

1451. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has committed to give a helping hand to the developing States which are striding on ease of doing business, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government of Jharkhand has requested the Central Government to extend all the necessary help to the State for its development, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives and the opportunities being given to Jharkhand for its development, the details thereof?

Squeeze on H1-B Visa by the US

1452. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) has made a plea to the Central Government to take up the issue of squeeze on H1-B Visas with the Trump administration of the US; and

(b) if so, the response of the Ministry to NASSCOM's plea and the details regarding protection of the interest of India's IT sector in the US?

Trade relations with Pakistan

1453. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total bilateral trade being done between India and Pakistan during the last three years;

(b) whether Pakistan has imposed many trade restrictions on the land route as well as has also not granted India Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status till date, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken initiatives to improve the trade relations with Pakistan during the current regime; and

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

Self-sufficiency in industrial materials

1454. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has not been able to attain self-sufficiency in respect of industrial materials and defence equipment and India is still dependent on foreign imports for transport equipments, machineries, iron and steel, paper, chemicals and fertilizers, plastic material etc.;

(b) if so, steps taken to attain self-sufficiency in industrial materials and defence equipment;

(c) whether industrial growth is also marked with regional concentration and most of the industries are concentrated in few selected areas while vast areas of the country remain devoid of industrial establishments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Goa's heritage drink

1455. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Goa has approached the Ministry of Commerce to promote Goa's heritage drink Feni;

(b) if not, whether the Ministry is willing to consider any proposal from the State Government to that effect;

(c) whether the Ministry has any time evaluated the potential export value of the drink; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Steps to improve innovation ranking

1456. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the challenges before the country in innovation so as to improve India's innovation ranking from the present 66;

(b) details of indicators used by Global Innovation Index to arrive at rankings; and

(c) to what extent country's weakness in education and ease of doing business is hampering a better ranking for the country?

Investment by NRIs

1457. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money invested by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in India during the last three years, sector-wise;

(b) the nature of impact of the said investment on these sectors;

(c) whether Government proposes to

initiate for encouraging such investment in hilly States of the country including Himachal Pradesh; and

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

Criteria for imposing/lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products

1458. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion followed/adopted by Government for imposing/lifting ban on export/import of various agricultural products from time to time;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the adverse impact on farmers of such imposing/lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government to protect the interests of farmers from the adverse impact of imposing/lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products?

Concept note on Trade Facilitation Agreement

1459. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently submitted a concept note on a Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in services at the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said TFA;

(c) whether Government has received any reply from the WTO regarding TFA in services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of Government thereto?

Success rate of 'Startup India'

1460. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the success rate of 'Startup India' in terms of manufacturing in the country;

(b) whether 2015-16 has witnessed an increasing number of Startups shut down and whether Government incurred significant losses in terms of shut down of such Startups; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of import of ceramic products on local manufacturers

1461. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local ceramic manufacturers are suffering from import of ceramic products; and

(b) what are the measures taken by the Central Government to protect local ceramic industries?

Establishment of Defence Parks

1462. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the State Governments for assistance to develop/establish Defence Parks;

(b) how many proposals have been received from the States;

(c) what is the status of these proposals;

(d) whether there is any policy/scheme for assistance to promote/establish Defence Parks in States, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is any planning/consideration to declare scheme of assistance for promotion of Defence Parks?

Value of meat exported

†1463. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of meat exported to foreign countries in year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the total value of meat exported during above period; and

(c) the different type of meat (animals and birds) that is exported from India?

Development of Pragati Maidan

1464. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to develop Pragati Maidan into a new world class exhibition centre has been opposed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NOC has been obtained from Delhi Traffic Police for this project; and

(d) whether Government would shift this to an open space around Delhi to check further worsening of traffic in Delhi?

Increase in import of natural rubber

1465. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp rise in the import of natural rubber during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the worsening situation of the rubber cultivators on account of excessive import leading to drastic fall in the price of rubber;

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to address the issue; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Redevelopment plan of Pragati Maidan

1466. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the redevelopment plan of Pragati Maidan has been approved by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan investment and the time-limit to complete this redevelopment plan of Pragati Maidan?

Trade deal sought by WTO on green products

1467. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Trade Organisation has sought trade deal on green products;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has responded to the request of the above by the WTO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to free up FDI on retail

1468. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for freeing up of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in retail is under active consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-line fixed for this purpose?

Meeting of Trade Development and Promotion Council

1469. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether 2nd Meeting of Council of Trade Development and Promotion has recently taken place in New Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the subjects discussed in the meeting and the hurdles in trade and infrastructure gaps that are affecting the country's exports;

(c) the views expressed by various participants for augmenting exports; and

(d) the measures being proposed by Government to boost the exports, the details thereof?

Fall in exports

1470. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major markets for Indian exports *i.e.* the U.S. and Europe are yet to show strong signs of demand revival;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the two regions account for over 30 per cent of the shipments from India;

(c) whether the exports are expected to remain in depression for the first half of this fiscal; and

(d) whether Government needs to extend support to boost exports in addition to what Government is offering to boost exports?

Installation of Point of Sale machines at monuments

1471. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has started installing Point of Sale (PoS) machines at monuments to encourage cashless purchase of entry tickets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are over 3,600 monuments under central protection across the country but only a few of them are ticketed; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the ASI has fixed a target to complete the installation of Point of Sale machines at all monuments?

Project on Statue of Unity

1472. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the project started by Government of Gujarat on Statue of Unity;

(b) whether the project is one of the best opportunities to portray PM's 'Make in India' initiative;

(c) if so, the reasons that Government permitted bronze parts to be made in a foundry in China;

(d) the reasons for Central Government not putting a condition that the statue should be made only in India which gives a real symbolism of unifying the country;

(e) whether Government would suspend the contractor for outsourcing the statue from China; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Classical language status to Marathi

1473. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any reports from the Sahitya Akademi and Linguistic Expert Committee for its opinion for granting Classical Language status to Marathi;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for the delay in granting Classical Language status to Marathi; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for granting Classical Language status to Marathi?

Excavations in Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu

1474. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's assessment about the archaeological excavations in Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the reasons for stopping further excavation at the site; and

(c) how Government proposes to deal with the excavation which has rich historical evidence for Tamil Culture?

Setting up of Museums and Art Galleries

1475. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Museums and Art Galleries set up in the country in different States;

(b) the number of staff posted at these Museums and Art Galleries in the country, Museum-wise and Gallery-wise; and

(c) the promotional avenues being considered for the staff and officials of these Museums and Art Galleries?

Excavations at Keezhadi

1476. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India has given nod for further excavations at Keezhadi with allocation of 50 lakh rupees for this season;

(b) if so, the details thereof and adequate steps taken by the Union Government to expedite these excavations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has any plans to record the excavations and material evidences through National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) 3D project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to record all future excavations and archaeological evidences through NMMA 3D project?

National Culture Fund

1477. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is receiving contribution from various PSUs, Public/Private Sector Banks, Public/Private Sector Insurance Companies, All India Financial Institutions and also private sector entities under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Scheme to the National Culture Fund (NCF);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Kannada Central University

1478. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) since when Kannada has been granted Classical Language status;

(b) the details of languages that have been declared as Classical Languages and date on which such status have been accorded;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to promote and spread Kannada as Classical

language, amount that has been granted to each of the Classical Languages since their classification, year-wise and language-wise; and

(d) whether there are any plans to set up Kannada Central University by the Union Government to give more emphasis on spread and promotion of Kannada language within and outside the country?

Dilapidated condition of monuments in Tamil Nadu

1479. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many number of monuments/heritage sites are in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the list of identified sites, State-wise in dilapidated condition; and

(c) the action taken to restore/reinvent the historical monuments especially in Tamil Nadu?

Schemes for serious literature and litterateurs

†1480. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that it has remained indifferent towards the serious litterateurs and literacy magazines of all Indian languages including Hindi;

(b) whether Government has any plan or vision for literature;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government gets rid of its responsibilities for literature by putting the onus on Sahitya Akademi; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the schemes being worked out by Government for serious literature and litterateurs including literary magazines?

Development of Museum in Puducherry

1481. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Museum of Puducherry houses artefacts and mementoes belonging to ancient civilizations from Greece, Arabia, Europe and Asia, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether considering its variety and uniqueness it needs to be properly showcased to attract the foreign tourists;

(c) whether Government would consider offering Central Assistance to establish it in a larger campus to bring out the significance of the exhibits in an appropriate manner; and

(d) whether Government would consider to adopt the museum for maintenance as a National Museum in view of its multi-cultural links and antiquity?

Scholarships to young artists

1482. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing scheme of scholarships to young artists in different cultural fields and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether financial assistance/honorarium/scholarship has been granted to such artists in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during last three years and current year, State/UT-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether payment of such scholarship for artists is pending in recent past and if so, details thereof and reasons therefor along with corrective steps taken by Government; and

(e) whether Government proposes to increase the amount for artists under the said scheme and if so, details thereof?

Sale of non-operational units of CCI

1483. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to sell off non-operational units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) as part of strategic sale of loss-making companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan is worked out and legal issues resolved;

(d) what is the mode of sale, either through auction or offer bid of single unit or group of units;

(e) whether the interests of workers and stakeholders have been taken care of, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount expected to be received by Government in the sale of these loss-making units, along with details?

Scheme to make capital goods sectors globally competitive

1484. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a scheme to make Indian capital goods sectors globally competitive;

(b) if so, the grant disbursed so far by Government under this scheme;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target to increase growth in capital goods production and employment and manufacturing sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made so far in this regard?

Employees of MCDs not getting salaries

†1485. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether strikes are taking place due to frequent difficulties in disbursing the salaries of employees of all the three municipal corporations in Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of reasons due to which employees working in corporations are not getting their salaries on time;

(c) whether Government is considering to develop a system in order to ensure that salary is given to everyone on time and also to ensure smooth functioning, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the types of liabilities apart from on account of employees pending on all the three corporations, the complete details thereof?

Fleeing of COBRA commandos

†1486. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 1-2 February, 2017, 59 trainee COBRA commandos going to Bihar on posting after completing six months training in Srinagar fled from the train in which they were travelling;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would formulate any scheme for making positive utilization of the energies of commandos, police personnel and officers; and

(d) if so, the when?

Linking FCRA accounts to MHA's online database

1487. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has asked RBI to direct all banks to link designated FCRA accounts to MHA's online database;

(b) if so, whether the same is being done to monitor activity in these accounts on a real time basis;

(c) if so, why does the Ministry need to keep a realtime tab on FCRA accounts;

(d) what does the Ministry propose to do with all the data generated; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that mostly NGOs will be effected by this decision?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Collapse of roof in Connaught Place

†1488. 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 in the wake of collapse of second roof within a period of ten days in Connaught Place, experts have attributed this to years of irregularities and negligence by New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC);

(b) the number of unauthorized buildings constructed in Connaught Place in total violation of rules and action taken by NDMC thereof; and

(c) the details thereof?

Suspects associated with Islamic State

†1489. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suspects associated with Islamic State caught so far in the country by investigative agencies and what kind of terror strikes these people were planning to execute or they were found involved in, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that time and again flags of Islamic State are Unfurled and slogans are chanted in Kashmir;

(c) whether it is a fact that educated

youths are associating with Islamic State ideology; and

(d) the details thereof?

Handling of student union clashes by Delhi Police

†1490. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of action taken by police to check the violent clashes between student unions in favour of or against the speaker of a seminar organised in Ramjas College of Delhi University and controlling and manhandling of girl students and women media persons by police in an objectionable manner, has come to the fore in February, 2017;

(b) whether the issue of handling the matter unprofessionally by Delhi Police has come to light;

(c) whether many facets of working style of Delhi Police are getting manifested; and

(d) the details thereof?

Economic blockade in Manipur

1491. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is unrest and economic blockade in Manipur and if so, the steps taken by Government to ease the situation;

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(b) whether adequate Central para-military forces were placed at the disposal of State Government to deal with the situation;

(c) whether negotiations have been initiated with Naga group to resolve the blockade due to which lakhs of people are suffering; and

(d) any other efforts made by Government to bring relief to the State?

India Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA)

1492. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware about the huge burden on West Bengal because of implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) between India and Bangladesh;

(b) the expected financial burden on West Bengal because of the implementation of LBA Agreement;

(c) whether Government is intending to provide a financial package to West Bengal for implementation of LBA;

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

(e) the details of status of fencing process of India-Bangladesh border following the implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA)?

Foreigners illegally staying in the country

1493. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreigners

illegally staying in the country has increased significantly;

(b) if so, the details of number of such cases recorded in past three years, the year-wise; details thereof;

(c) out of the number of recorded cases, how many foreigners actually got convicted under Foreigners Act and other legal provisions, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds spent on keeping these people under detention during the last three years?

Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir

1494. SHRI K.T.S TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the position of Government on continuation of Article 370 of the Constitution of India in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the backdrop of ongoing unrest in Kashmir Valley; and

(b) the details thereof?

Cases of bribery and corruption registered at ACB, Delhi

1495. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of bribery and similar instances of corruption pertaining to National Capital Region (NCR) have been unearthed by or registered at the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Delhi since March, 2015 and what are the corresponding figures for the years 2012-13 and 2013-14;

(b) in how many cases registered since March, 2015 there is a *prima facie*

involvement of MLAs, elected to the Delhi Assembly if any; and

(c) at what stage is the investigation concerning major cases and by when it is likely to be completed?

Human trafficking on Indian borders

†1496. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minor boys/girls/adult women/men rescued from the persons involved in human trafficking on Indian borders along with other countries which were being brought to India from other countries for flesh trade/exploitation/labour by illegal method during the year 2014 to 2016;

(b) the border from which most of children and women were rescued;

(c) the total number of culprits caught who were involved in such crimes; and

(d) the details thereof?

Assam emerging as trafficking hub of the country

1497. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Assam has emerged as the trafficking hub of the country, as per the report of National Crime Records Bureau and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up any step to end this practice and if so, the details thereof and the results obtained therefrom?

Extension of e-Visa scheme

1498. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how Ministry look at the success of e-Visa scheme;

(b) the details of countries to which India offered e-Visas and whether there are any plans to extend it to other countries;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Tourism about extension of e-Visas to other countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent introduction of e-Visa scheme helps in increasing tourism in the country?

Vacancy of IPS officers in Telangana

1499. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the 112 total authorized strength of IPS officers in Telangana, there are 16 vacancies as on January, 2016;

(b) if so, the reasons for such huge vacancies and does it not hamper running administration and law and order problem; and

(c) what efforts Government is making to fill the vacancies?

Police hospitals in naxal affected States

†1500. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish police hospitals on the lines of army hospitals in naxalite affected States of the country including Chhattisgarh;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise and union territory-wise details of the amount allocated to other States of the country including Chhattisgarh by Government in this regard?

Criteria for issuing long term visa

1501. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria that has been prescribed by Government for issuing long term visa (LTV);

(b) the details of long term visa issued so far;

(c) whether Government felt any need to review the criteria for issuing long term visa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Family pension to freedom fighters

1502. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre is giving family pension to the freedom fighters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to revise and increase family pension; and

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

Heading of central police forces offices by their own personnel

1503. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a clamour from among the CRPF, BSF and SSB police forces that their offices should be headed by their own personnel instead of an IPS officer; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps being taken to conduct a study on this plea?

Amount incurred on prisoners of various jails

†1504. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge difference between the amounts to be incurred on prisoners of various jails of the country due to absence of uniform national policy for expenditure on prisoners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has been ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to carry out a probe in this context with the help of Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Uninterrupted power supply for Indo-Pak border fencing

†1505. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electric fencing installed along the Indo-Pak border is proving to be ineffective due to unavailability of sufficient power; and

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(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of power for the fencing?

Norm for conferring Padma Vibhushan and other awards

‡1506. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any norm for conferring Padma Vibhushan and other awards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the social workers, great luminaries and eminent persons honoured with these awards by Central Government during last three years till date, year-wise;

(d) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards conferring with Padma Vibhushan award to Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav along with some other great social workers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Framework agreement between GoI and NSCN (I-M)

1507. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the framework agreement of 3 August 2015 between Government of India and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Issak-Muivah) NSCN (I-M) is still a relevant document after more than a year and what is the present status of the framework agreement;

(b) whether the details of the content can be made available for the public;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

India's rank in terms of rape cases

1508. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranked among the lowest for countries in the world in terms of rape cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to tighten the laws related to rape; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Trolling against women

1509. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate steps have not been taken by Government to reduce the increasing trolling practice against women online and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the anti-trolling body set up by Government is still functional, the details of the number of cases registered and the number of cases on which actions have been taken till now; and

(c) what further steps Government is planning to take on the trolling practice especially against women and by when?

Compensation and rehabilitation of rape survivors

1510. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be

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pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to use the Nirbhaya fund or other resources to provide compensation and rehabilitation of the rape survivors;

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to set up a robust process to grant reparation to victims of sexual violence, which includes elements of relief, return and resettlement; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to establish a comprehensive victim and witness protection programme, the details thereof?

Illegal migrants to India

1511. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has raised the issue of illegal migrants to India with the foreign Governments during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of response given by these countries;

(d) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any concrete steps to repatriate the illegal migrants; and

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

Terrorist attacks in the country

†1512. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the incidents of terrorist attacks in the country after 15 August, 2016 up till now;

(b) the attack-wise details of security personnel and civilians killed/injured in these terrorist attacks;

(c) the incident-wise details of declared and paid compensation amount to the family members of victims of terrorist attacks; and

(d) the incident-wise reasons for non-payment of compensation amount to the dependents of the victims of terrorist attacks?

Prisoners on death row in the country

1513. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of prisoners on death row in the country;

(b) the number of such prisoners who have requested for pardon to the President in the last three years and in the current year; and

(c) the number of pardons that have been granted?

Complaints of financial fraud in Geeta Colony police station

†1514. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2457 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7 December, 2016 and state:

(a) whether proper legal action is not being taken on the complaints of financial frauds received under Geeta Colony police station with the connivance of the police and this is being done to defalcate crores of rupees of hundreds of people;

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(b) whether the Ministry will consider getting this case investigated by some other agency due to the connivance of local police; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that the new and old complainants are being harassed and forced to compromise by the police personnel of concerned police station with the connivance of fraudulent people?

Efforts to trace missing JNU student

1515. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate and concerted efforts to trace the missing JNU student Najeeb Ahmed;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken so far to trace the student; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Audit of vulnerable jails in the country

1516. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after Madhya Pradesh jail break, the CISF has been asked to audit MP prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to conduct similar audit in respect of other vulnerable jails in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Petroleum Universities

1517. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to introduce Petroleum Universities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Delhi Police personnel suspended or terminated

1518. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Police personnel who have either been suspended or terminated for misconduct and other reasons; and

(b) how many cases in this regard are pending for decision in various courts?

Deploying Home Guards in Government schools for security

1519. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of recent incidents of small school children getting killed due to negligence or sex crimes within the school premises, whether Government would consider making it mandatory for the schools or its management to deploy security guards from Government rehabilitation centers for ex-Army or ex-para military personnel for quality and strict vigilance;

(b) if so, how would Government implement such measures and by when; and

(c) whether Government would consider deploying Home Guards in all Government schools so that it provides enhanced job opportunity to Home Guard personnel and at the same time can provide quality security services?

Shortfall of under training officers in CRPF

1520. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the shortfall of under training officers in CRPF from 2013 till date;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to address the shortfall;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Child abuse

1521. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of child abuse has increased in the country in recent years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(c) the number of culprits convicted by the Courts during the period 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Measures to check atrocities against weaker sections

†1522. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research, training and

crime control mechanism for specially effective system to make the measures more fruitful in order to check atrocities and harassment against the weaker, the poor, and the deprived sections (SC/ST) including women of the country; and

(b) the dimensions of structural expansion to fulfil the responsibility of safety, security and protection in reference to the (a) above?

Terrorist infiltration into Indian territory

1523. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that the terrorist infiltration is continuing into Indian Territory even after the surgical attack on terrorist camps in Pak occupied area;

(b) whether this points to a lapse on the part of intelligence; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to stop the terrorist infiltration?

Lenient Visa rules for tourists from Bangladesh

†1524. 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 make visa rules more lenient for the tourists coming from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Problems faced by unorganised sector due to demonetisation

†1525. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the steps taken to provide some grace period to private sector in order to protect private sector employees from being sacked from their jobs in private sector industry and private offices in the wake of demonetisation;

(b) the details of steps taken to provide solutions to the problems that are being faced by workers of private industries and unorganised sector after demonetisation;

(c) the steps being taken by the Ministry at present to compensate the workers for the loss resulting from their migration and the non-availability of work after demonetisation; and

(d) the details thereof?

Job loss due to demonetisation

1526. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) how many workers in the country have lost their jobs due to demonetisation and other factors in the country during the last one year;

(b) the Ministry's estimation about the job losses in the country in the current year because of this; and

(c) the steps contemplated to protect jobs and help the displaced workers?

Child labourers

†1527. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of child labourers has increased despite new amendments in the child labour law;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the year-wise and State-wise number of child labourers in the last three years; and

(d) whether the provision to allow children to be engaged in household works in the child labour law would push the children in darkness?

Job loss due to demonetisation

†1528. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of people have lost their employment owing to demonetisation; however Government is not willing to acknowledge the same;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the areas/sectors being the most adversely affected by demonetisation?

Migrant labourers

1529. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the migrant labourers in the country are often deprived of the social benefits targeted for them; and

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(b) if so, the mechanism available with the Ministry to ensure that even migrant labourers get their due social benefits?

Blue collar jobs in private companies

1530. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that Government of Karnataka has recently decided to reserve for locals all blue collar jobs in private companies which have sought Government's aid at a time when entire political establishment is working together to dismantle fiscal barriers, between States and create a common market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

Rehabilitation of child labour

1531. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of children rehabilitated by the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and the State-wise figures;

(b) how many such projects are working throughout the country and the State-wise position thereof;

(c) the total number of staff working in these projects; and

(d) how their salary is fixed by Government?

Social security for unorganised sector workers

1532. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

(a) whether social security benefits including health care schemes are applicable to large number of female and male tribals working in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries of this health care scheme during the last three years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Job losses due to demonetisation

1533. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated job losses due to sudden cash crunch in the country post-demonetisation is around 40 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and adequate steps taken by the Union Government to solve this issue;

(c) whether it is also a fact that demonetisation has severely affected the domestic and small vendors and resulted in loss of jobs, profession and retrenchment of factory workers and so on;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective steps taken by Government to mitigate the problems of small traders/vendors?

Employment to workers of unorganised sector on regular basis

†1534. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is any action plan available to provide employment to the workers of unorganised sector on regular basis, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of workers getting benefited by the social security schemes being implemented for the workers of unorganised sector the details thereof including the numbers of beneficiaries; and

(c) whether any special arrangement has been made to give the benefit of all social security schemes to the workers of unorganised sector, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Housing schemes for EPF beneficiaries

†1535. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had announced to bring a housing scheme for the members of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of members under EPFO at present and whether it is targetted to bring all the members of this organisation under this housing scheme;

(d) whether work on this housing scheme has been started and the targets to make available accommodation to all members in phased manner have been fixed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Collection of construction workers' welfare fund

1536. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND

EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre and State Governments have collected Rs. 26,962 crores in the construction workers welfare fund by levying a mandatory 2 per cent cess on all construction work, if so, under what Head;

(b) how much money has been spent out of the above mentioned fund on the welfare of workers till date, State-wise along with reasons for not utilising the fund collected for the purpose; and

(c) whether Supreme Court has been monitoring the utilisation of the fund and has issued instructions to Government for proper and timely utilisation of the said fund?

Amendment in Maternity Benefit Act

1537. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consultations have been held with the Ministry of Women and Child Development with regard to increase in maternity leave in private sector to women from the existing 12 weeks to 26 weeks;

(b) if so, the details of the consultations and the outcome of the same;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Ministry to amend the Maternity Benefit Act to give effect to the revised benefit to women working in private sector;

(d) whether the Ministry would bring a Bill to this effect in the current session; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Job generation in West Bengal

1538. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the highest number of jobs in the country have been generated in West Bengal in the last five years; and

(b) if so, the sector-wise details thereof?

Job loss in construction industry due to demonetisation

1539. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information about State-wise number of people having lost their jobs after demonetisation especially those who were engaged in real estate/construction Industry which has reduced its business by more than 50 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to provide alternative employment to such unemployed youths?

Streamlining of the labour laws

1540. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to streamline the labour laws and rules to improve compliance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the said changes will be effected and the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) to what extent it would be beneficial to sort out the labour related issues?

Measures for fixing equal wages for equal work

†1541. DR. SATYANARAYAN
JATIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR
AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the effective measures taken for fixing and paying equal wages for equal work;

(b) the reasons for anomalies in the wages of regular employees/workers/labourers and contractual labourers and casual labourers inspite of their working condition and skills being similar and the reasons for which the effective measures for removing the above anomalies are turning out to be ineffective; and

(c) the provision for paying minimum wages to the employees employed for carrying out Central Government schemes including the Anganwadi workers and helpers?

Closing down of industrial units in small and medium enterprises

1542. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last six months thousands of industrial units in the country which are in small and medium enterprises sector have closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) the details of the actual estimate and the number of units in this sector which have become sick so far due to economic recession and the amount proposed to be provided by banks and other institutions to this sector to get rid of this sickness?

Technology acquisition and development fund

†1543. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted any technology acquisition and development fund to provide clean, green and cost-effective energy technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether small industries will be able to buy equipment, machine and technology aimed at reducing energy consumption and conservation of water through this fund; and

(d) the details of amounts to be paid to small industries for the said purpose?

Special Incentives and schemes for women entrepreneurs

1544. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI N.
GOKULAKRISHNAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on providing special schemes, incentives and concessions to women entrepreneurs under MSME schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the relaxation being offered to facilitate women entrepreneurs?

Impact of demonetisation on MSME units

1545. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several MSME units closed their operations in November and December 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment on the impact of demonetisation on MSME units, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details of MSME units where the work force was laid off post demonetisation?

Steps to encourage MSMEs in the country

1546. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meager 3 per cent of the MSMEs are registered companies in the country;

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

(c) the steps/measures taken/being taken by Government to encourage the MSMEs in the country to register as companies by making the rules simpler?

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Strategic reserves of oil

1547. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for strategic reserves of oil for the country as emergency storage;

(b) if so, the proposal details therein;

(c) whether the emergency storage could meet the demand for 20 years of expected estimated demand in 2030; and

(d) the details of contracts and joint venture and the infrastructure development thereof?

Connections under PMUY in Jammu and Kashmir

1548. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households given connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a lack of gas agencies for implementing this scheme in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in Kashmir valley; and

(c) if so, what are the steps Government will take to allot more gas agencies in Jammu and Kashmir?

Performance of ONGC in KG Basin

1549. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) performance of ONGC in KG Basin in the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that ONGC's

profits have come down by 50 per cent;

(c) to what extent the fall in international crude oil, prices, failure to replace damaged pipeline due to blowout at Nagaram, in East Godavari District of ONGC impacted the profits; and

(d) what are the reasons behind exorbitant delay in replacing the pipeline and by when it is likely to be replaced?

CNG outlets in Nagpur

1550. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as on date CNG is available only in two cities in Maharashtra *i.e.* Mumbai and Pune, as we all know CNG is preferred fuel as compared to other fuels for vehicles, Nagpur is the second capital of Maharashtra and it is a fast growing city and the public transport is very costly in Nagpur, if CNG is made available in Nagpur for vehicles then this will reduce the cost and pollution; and

(b) if so, what is Government's policy and whether Government would provide CNG outlets in Nagpur?

Supply of locally produced LPG to State-owned oil companies

1551. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered LPG producers to supply all the cooking gas (LPG) they produce locally to State-owned oil companies only;

(b) whether this order comes in the wake of the fact that all locally produced LPG is not being sold to Oil Marketing Companies-IOC, BPCL and HPCL but it

is being sold to parallel LPG marketers;
and

(c) if so, the total number of parallel LPG marketers along with their names in the country?

Substitute/alternative to mineral fuel

1552. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any substitute/alternative to mineral fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how is Government promoting the use of alternative fuels;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the future plan of Government in this regard?

Production and import of petrol and diesel

1553. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total domestic production of petrol and diesel, as a percentage of total requirements of the country, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the total import of petrol and diesel, and the countries from where they are being imported, during this period, year-wise, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve domestic production of petrol and diesel?

Provision of gas stove and cylinder under PMUY

†1554. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas cylinders distributors are providing gas stove and cylinder on EMIs to the BPL families under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the details thereof;

(b) the number of families which have applied for gas stoves and cylinders on easy monthly instalments and the number of such applicants provided with such EMI facility, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount for which gas stoves and cylinders have been provided on one-time payment basis and amount for which gas stoves and cylinders have been provided on EMI basis and amount recovered for EMI and amount outstanding, the details thereof?

Investments in Andhra Pradesh

1555. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to invest nearly 1.43 lakh crores in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of fund allocated to KG Basin and for construction of Petro-Chemical Complex respectively; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Use of old currency at petrol pumps post-demonetisation

1556. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of old currency which was used at petrol pumps post demonetisation;

(b) whether Government announced cash back for credit/debit cards usage to purchase petrol and diesel, if so, the details thereof along with the total amount of cash back given by Oil Marketing Companies post demonetisation till date;

(c) whether Government waived off service charge/levy on purchase of fuel *via* debit and credit cards, if so, the total amount of charges waived-off; and

(d) whether this service charge/levy will be borne by Government or the Oil Marketing Companies?

Completion of gas pipeline *via* Pakistan

1557. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gas pipeline project *via* Pakistan is still in process;

(b) what is the scheduled time of completion of proposed gas pipeline, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any dispute or interference of other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Increase in cases of adulteration of fuel

1558. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of adulteration of petrol and diesel have increased during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons of such cases; and

(c) what are the routine steps taken by Government and the concerned oil companies in order to ensure supply of pure fuel to the retail customers of our country?

Hydrocarbon projects in States

1559. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise list of places identified for hydrocarbons in the country;

(b) the number of projects started/to be started during last three years;

(c) if so, whether many States have objected against starting hydrocarbon projects in their States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Aims and objectives of PMUY

1560. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) aims and objectives of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana;

(b) whether one of the major targets is to provide 3 crore LPG connections to BPL women by 2018-19;

(c) how the distribution of connections being made among States/UTs by OMCs;

(d) details of demand made by each State/UT for PMUY connections and releases made by the Ministry so far, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether Karnataka has been released just 15,800 connections as of 15th November, 2016, when compared to lakhs given to other States; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Review of subsidy sharing mechanism

1561. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from Public Sector oil exploration companies to review the subsidy sharing mechanism and exempt them from sharing of subsidy during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by Government on such requests so far;

(c) the details of the under-recoveries shared by the said companies during the said period, company-wise; and

(d) the criterion being followed by Government to decide the proportion of sharing the under-recoveries by the said companies?

Retail price of petroleum products

1562. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the average crude price per barrel in

US dollars of Indian basket in international market from June to December, 2016 and the crude import bill for the same period;

(b) the retail price of diesel, petrol and aviation fuel in December 2014, 2015, 2016 and January, 2017; and

(c) the percentage increase in the price in 2016-17 as compared to financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Use of digital platforms at oil dispensing outlets

1563. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of digital payment platform is dangerous while fuelling vehicles at petrol outlets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government to ensure that hazardous area is prominently marked around dispensers at outlets and avoid digital platform uses in this area?

Revenue sharing deal of ONGC to revive oilfields

1564. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has struck a revenue sharing deal with global oilfields services giants to revive oilfields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these oilfield services giants will invest money and technology to add fresh lease of life to

the State run explorers' ageing fields where production has been stagnant or falling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Losses due to delay in award of Ratna and R series fields

1565. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 16 years delay in award of Ratna and R series fields caused loss of ₹ 20,000 crores to the exchequer;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-maintenance of oil producing fields by ONGC and subsequent plundering and looting from the sites at Ratna and R series fields is a sheer failure of ONGC in looking after the nation's property; and

(c) whether Government is considering to probe the whole affair in this regard?

Scrap-based steel plants in the country

1566. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up scrap-based steel plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in which parts of the country, these proposed plants are going to be set up?

Revenue earned by Bhilai Steel Plant

†1567. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue earned by

Bhilai Steel Plant situated in Chhattisgarh in the last three years;

(b) the efforts being made by Government for the upgradation of Bhilai Steel Plant and to increase the amount of revenue received from there; and

(c) whether a steel plant is being established in Nagarnar situated in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of steel plant in Kadapa district in Andhra Pradesh

1568. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed its prolonged surveys and repeated viability tests on the establishment of steel plant in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh in accordance with the AP Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the considered plant; and

(d) by when the much awaited steel plant would be established in the backward district of Kadapa?

KIOCL joint venture with Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation

1569. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of KIOCL Limited's joint venture with Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation for setting up slurry pipeline and Pellet Plant Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the budget provided to this project; and

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(c) by what time the project would be operationalised?

Dispute with Japan on import of iron and steel products

1570. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has dragged India to the World Trade Organisation against certain measures taken by Government on imports of iron and steel products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that WTO compliant measures, including anti-dumping duty should have been used as Minimum Import Price is not compliant with global trade norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accidents in steel plants

†1571. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) plant-wise number of accidents occurred in various steel plants of the country during last three years and current year and nature of accident thereof;

(b) the year-wise number of persons injured/killed in these accidents during the above period and the total loss of property as a result of this;

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the family members of those injured and killed in these accidents;

(d) the details of average annual expenditure on the maintenance of those plants and instruments during above period; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents in future?

Steel imports to the country

1572. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data for the steel imports to the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Low potential utilisation in steel industry

1573. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the steel industry the potential utilisation in iron and steel is very low, rarely the potential utilisation exceeds 80 per cent, for example Durgapur Steel Plant utilizes only 50 per cent of its potential; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and factors for such low potential utilisation?

Import of iron and steel in large quantities

1574. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even at low per capita consumption rate, demand for iron and steel is increasing with each passing day and large quantities of iron and steel are to be imported for meeting the demands; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to save precious foreign exchange?

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National Steel Policy for boosting production and export of steel

1575. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently announced the National Steel Policy, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what steps have been taken during the last two years to boost production and export of steel?

Promotion of tourism in the NE Region

1576. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced any policy to boost tourism in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount of money spent on promotion of tourism in the North Eastern Region during the last two years?

Introduction of new schemes for promotion of tourism

1577. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce new schemes for the development and promotion of tourism in the next few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any representations have been received with regard to development

and promotion of tourism from State Governments; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign tourists

1578. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) how many foreign tourists visited the country during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any new initiatives have been taken by Government for promotion of tourism in the country and to attract more foreign tourists;
- (c) whether foreign tourists are charged much more than the domestic tourists in different tourist locations including Taj Mahal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Funds allocated for development of tourism spots

†1579. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the States that have been allocated funds for the development of their tourist spots during the financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16, till date;
- (b) whether the Ministry has received any requests from the States for declaring new tourist spots as 'tourist circuits';
- (c) if so, the States from which such requests have been received, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government would accept the requests of the States and provide funds

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for the development of tourist spots in future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of tourism in infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

1580. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plans for tourism infrastructure development under Coastal Circuit, Eco Circuit and Wild Life Circuit Schemes for the State of Tamil Nadu, particularly for Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts which are in close vicinity of sea and Western Ghats, respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Foreign tourists coming to North-Eastern States

1581. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign tourists to the country particularly to the tourist destinations in North-Eastern States have increased compared to the previous three years;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to attract more number of foreign tourists to these places?

Ramayana and Krishna circuits

1582. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started the Ramayana and Krishna circuits along with the Buddhist circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what historical background and authenticity are there behind opening the Ramayana and Krishna circuits?

Development of Girodpuri, Chhattisgarh

†1583. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had sanctioned an amount of Rupees five crores for development of Girodpuri, which is the birth place of Guru Ghasidas in Chhattisgarh and whether the said amount has been utilised; and

(b) if so, in what manner the amount has been utilised, if not, the current status of the amount and whether it will be reallocated?

Imparting of hospitality education and training

1584. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of the Ministry to meet the increasing demand of skilled and trained manpower in tourism sector;

(b) what steps have been taken to provide hospitality education under various schemes;

(c) whether any arrangement has been made with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard with a particular reference to those who have

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been trained for various jobs in the hospitality sector?

Support to 'Visit Maharashtra' campaign

1585. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has declared 2017 as 'Visit Maharashtra' to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken in this regard especially in the Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra;

(c) whether Central Government proposes to partner Government of Maharashtra in this regard; and

(d) if so, the nature of participation of Union Government in this regard?

Special tourism package for North-Eastern Region

1586. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has developed any special tourism package for the North-Eastern Region for attracting foreign tourists;

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

(c) the details of the number of tourists who visited the North-Eastern Region during the last three years ending on 31st December, 2016?

Promotion of tourism in NE Region

1587. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in North-Eastern Region during the last three years;

(b) the new tourism spots identified for development in the region and the status of development thereon; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve the connectivity to the region?

Development of eco-tourism in Telangana

1588. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to promote eco-tourism in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated for this purpose;

(c) the places identified for promotion of eco-tourism, district-wise; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for this purpose?

Pending funds for Ashram Schools in Odisha

1589. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:
SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposal of

Government of Odisha for release of balance amount of ₹ 5415.95 lakh for completion of 15 numbers of Ashram School is pending with the Ministry; and

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to release the above balance amount of ₹ 5415.95 lakh for the purpose during the current Financial Year, 2016-17?

Data on displaced tribals due to development projects

1590. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is not maintaining data on number of tribals affected and displaced due to various development projects in tribal areas;

(b) whether Government does not feel that it is imperative on its part to keep the data handy in view of the increasing instances of diversion of tribal areas/forest areas for developmental activities;

(c) whether Government will come forward to include maintenance of data on number of tribals affected and displaced due to various development projects in tribal areas as an important component in its National Tribal Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ashram Shala students in tribal areas

1591. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes implemented by Government for Ashram Shala students in tribal areas in Rajasthan;

(b) what is the new revised plan of

Government to provide mid-day meals to rural/Adivasi schools in Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government is considering to set up a centralised, fully automated mechanised kitchen (Akshay Patra Foundation) on the basis of Government schools in districts of Rajasthan and in other States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Identification of population-wise tribal villages/clusters

1592. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified population-wise tribal villages/cluster Grams of the country;

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

(c) village/cluster/block-wise amount deposited during the period from 9th November, 2016 to 31st December, 2016 in various banks and post-offices therein; and

(d) villages/cluster/block-wise employment scenario therefor?

Proposals received from Chhattisgarh for development works

†1593. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for development works during the last three years from the Government of Chhattisgarh and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

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(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals;

(d) whether long time taken in the execution of proposals hampers the development works and how the cost escalation related to work is adjusted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Sanction of schemes for tribals in Chhattisgarh

†1594. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh requires sanction of action plan and funds under Central Sector Scheme, Special Central Assistance (Tribal Sub-Plan), Umbrella scheme, Conservation Co-development scheme for special backward tribes and Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana; and

(b) whether Chhattisgarh has sent a proposal of ₹ 219.72 crores for construction of hostel/Ashram school, if so, by when the sanction for the same is expected to be accorded?

Sexual abuse in Tribal Schools

1595. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there are several incidents of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of girls in Centre and State run Tribal Schools, Ashram Schools and residential schools in various States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) State-wise cases registered in Ashram Schools/Tribal Schools during last three years; and

(c) steps taken by Government to curtail such incidents in future?

Inclusion of Dhangar community as ST in Chhattisgarh

1596. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no community like Dhangar in Chhattisgarh, whether similar thing was there in Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha, whether amendment was done by Vajpayee Government through the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002 and by this Act, Dhangar (Oraon) was inserted in above three mentioned States as a Scheduled Tribe; and

(b) the reasons for similar amendment not being done in Chhattisgarh when Dhangar, Dhangar and Oraon are same and when there is recommendation letter from Chhattisgarh Government in this regard and what is Government's policy regarding this issue?

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