

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 22, 2017/Chaitra 1, 1939 (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

Discussion on services trade with WTO chief

2237. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services trade was on top of India's agenda during World Trade Organisations chief's visit to the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government held any discussion with the chief of WTO on the above issue; and

(d) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting?

Demand of interest subsidy by exporters

2238. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters have demanded an Export Development Fund to help marketing of the products of

small exporters in global markets;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the exporters have demanded 3 per cent interest subsidy to merchant exporters and increase in the cash withdrawal ceiling; and

(d) whether many countries supported aggressive marketing aimed at the limited orders available following a global trade slowdown?

Expiration of license for import of restricted goods

2239. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) if Bill of Entry of a restricted good has been filed by importer before expiry of license but original license is lost during custom clearance process and license gets expired during this process whether goods can be confiscated by customs in absence of duplicate and extended validity license

issued by DGFT, Udyog Bhawan as license is expired; and

(b) whether it has some chance to be released subject to certain conditions?

Bilateral trade with neighbouring countries

2240. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals on bilateral trade from the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by Government to enhance cross-border trade with a view to promote economic growth and employment in the region?

Steps to improve trade deficit

2241. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade deficit of the country is continuously increasing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India's balance of payment is not favourable; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the specific reasons therefor and details of steps taken by Government to increase the country's export and improve balance of payment in the national interest?

Scrutiny of authenticity of FDI inflows

2242. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
KASHYAP:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that out of FDI equity inflows of US 24.8 billion dollars during 2015-16 (April-November), more than 60 per cent have come from two geographically small countries namely Singapore and Mauritius;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has scrutinized the authenticity of these FDI inflows so as to determine whether they constitute actual investments or are diversions from sources to avail tax benefits under the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement that these countries have with India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Duty exemption for iPhone manufacturing units

2243. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iPhone makers have approached Government seeking concessions like duty exemptions to set up their manufacturing units in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has accepted most of the demands of these iPhone manufacturers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Industrial incentives to Himachal Pradesh

2244. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to provide any industrial incentives to the State of Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government has received any request from State Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Central Government in this regard?

Impact of export of agricultural commodities on domestic supply

2245. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of agricultural commodities like rice, wheat pulses, sugar, etc. has affected the domestic supply and demand scenario; and

(b) if so the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to ensure proper domestic supply?

Applications received under 'Startup India'

2246. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received under 'Startup India', the number of applicants categorised as Startups and the number of firms incorporated under it;

(b) whether Government is receiving a good response, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there has been a boost to entrepreneurship development after the launch of the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Approval of SEZs

†2247. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding Special Economic Zones which have been approved by Government so far;

(b) the number of such cases in which land acquisition process has been carried out; and

(c) the number of such cases in which State Governments played a role and the extent of their role in the process of land acquisition, State-wise details thereof?

Shortage of capital

2248. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor infrastructural facilities including the power crisis have a great bearing on the industrial development and production;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to improve infrastructural facilities including providing uninterrupted power supply to industrial establishments;

(c) whether industrial development is not picking up due to acute shortage of capital;

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(d) whether it is also a fact that foreign investors desist from investing in industries involving large capital, long gestation period and slower recovery for the risk involved therein; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to overcome shortage of capital?

Participation in International Seafood Fairs

2249. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in International Seafood Fairs to effectively market its marine products in major markets;

(b) if so, the details of International Seafood Fairs which were held during last three years and India's participation in those Fairs;

(c) whether participation in International Seafood Fairs emphatically increased marketing of India's marine products in major international markets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Import/export of commercial crops

2250. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of import and export of main commercial crops during 2015-16 and so far during 2016-17;

(b) whether import of these items affect cultivation of these crops, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what protection Government has extended to these farmers; and

(d) whether cultivation of some of these crops has been affected by imports, if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for VOC Port at Tuticorin

2251. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any fund for development of VO Chidambaranar (VOC) Port at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu under the Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and other Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years; and

(c) if no such funds have been allotted, the reasons therefor?

Redevelopment of Pragati Maidan

2252. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a proposal to redevelop Pragati Maidan by setting up a world class integrated exhibition-cum-convention centre at a total cost of ₹ 2254 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ITPO will utilize ₹ 1200 crores out of its free reserves towards funding of the project;

(d) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete the proposed redevelopment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Contribution of services sector to the GDP

2253. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of services sector to country's GDP and employment in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has prepared a Paper to be submitted for approval before G20 and BRICS with regard to services industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also that the Ministry and World Bank will be organising a workshop on Trade Facilitation Services shortly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Restructuring of Commodity Boards

2254. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for restructuring or closing down the various Commodity Boards such as Coffee Board/Tea Board/Spices Board, etc.;

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

(c) whether the said Commodity Boards have been restructured as planned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment of Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003

2255. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

amend the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003; and

(b) if so, what are the objectives of the proposed amendment?

Introduction of Buy Indian Policy

2256. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy under consideration of Government to buy products manufactured in India to promote 'Make in India';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the categories of products which are likely to be covered under the policy and the amount likely to be involved in Government procurement; and

(d) whether the policy shall have any bearing on increase in generating more employment in the country?

Marine products exports from Odisha

&2257. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of marine products exports from ports in Odisha, especially Paradip Port, port-wise during the last three years;

(b) whether any proposal is pending for improvement of marine product export infrastructure from Odisha;

(c) the status of the study done by the Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA); and

(d) the steps proposed to implement a comprehensive plan to increase marine products exports from Odisha?

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Steps to boost industrial growth

2258. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of country's industrial
growth during the last two years;

(b) the details of the small, medium and
large scale industries along with reasons for
slowing down of growth in each case; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to
boost industrial growth, State-wise?

Science Cities

‡2259. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH
NAGAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of Science Cities
established in the country, State-wise/
Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to
establish at least one Science City in every
State/Union Territory;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/
Union Territory-wise including Bihar,
Jharkhand and U.P.; and

(d) the action taken by Government and
by when the establishment of Science
Cities in all the States/Union Territories of
the country is expected?

Survey of historical places in Gujarat

2260. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N.
VEGAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans
for survey of historical places in Gujarat;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Inclusion of cities in World Heritage
List**

2261. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA
KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any
steps for inclusion of various Indian cities
in UNESCO's World Heritage List;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
present status of those cities along with the
criteria adopted by UNESCO;

(c) whether Government has submitted
all necessary information to UNESCO
regarding the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not doing so?

Conservation of Sun Temple, Konark

2262. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE
be pleased to state will the Ministry
consider to take regular steps through the
Archaeological Survey of India for solution
on conservation of the world famous Sun
Temple at Konark viz. saline action, water
logging, mechanical erosion and vegetative
intrusions?

**Project for discovering ancient human
habitations in Puducherry**

2263. SHRI N. GOKULA-
KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of
CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
recent studies by the historians revealed a
number of ancient burial sites indicating
centuries old human habitations in and
around Puducherry, if so, the details
thereof;

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(b) whether Government will consider a special project for discovering the ancient glory of this area; and

(c) whether Government would recommend such a project to Archaeological Survey of India for considering the historical relevance along with the details thereof?

Introduction of E-ticketing facilities to visit monuments

2264. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced E-ticketing facilities for tourists visiting historical monuments in the country; and

(b) if so, the names of monuments where E-ticketing is presently being made available and the details of monuments where this facility will be provided in future?

Resumption of excavation work at Keezhadi

2265. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for stopping the archaeological excavations at Keezhadi, where recent excavations have revealed some aspects of ancient culture in Tamil Nadu region;

(b) whether Government is considering to resume the excavation works in Keezhadi village, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is considering to construct a museum at the site, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to protect Zafar Mahal, Delhi

2266. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of Centrally protected important monuments in Delhi are under encroachment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Zafar Mahal in Qutub area, Delhi is on the verge of being demolished by encroachers;

(d) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to remove encroachments from Centrally protected monuments; and

(e) the steps taken to protect and preserve Zafar Mahal?

Organisation of Festival of India

2267. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Festival of India proposed to be organised in the financial year 2017-18;

(b) the details of the objective with which these festivals are proposed to be organised, country-wise; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked for each of the Festival of India to be organised on international fronts?

Financial assistance to Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations

2268. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implement schemes to give financial assistance to the

Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and the projects/works implemented under the scheme during the last three years?

Conservation/development of monuments in Karnataka

2269. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with more than 500 Centrally protected monuments, Karnataka has the second highest number of monuments to be protected by ASI;

(b) whether there is any proposal before the ASI to provide world-class facilities at monuments on its own or on PPP mode;

(c) if so, the details of such monuments identified by ASI; and

(d) the efforts being made by ASI to undertake conservation and development of important monuments/sites in Karnataka on the lines of Humayun's Tomb, Mubarak Shah's Gumbad in Delhi?

Development of Model Monuments

2270. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has identified 25 monuments to be developed as Model Monuments under Adarsh Smarak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of monuments identified and included in a list of Adarsh Smarak in various States of the country including Gujarat and Jharkhand, State-wise; and

(c) the salient features of the scheme?

Revitalisation plan for Gandhi Ashram, Ahmedabad

2271. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal for revitalisation plan for Gandhi Ashram Area in Ahmedabad, Gujarat;

(b) whether the Central Government has granted any corpus fund and agreed to constitute a society to carry out the development work; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard?

Maintenance of national monuments

2272. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much money was spent in the maintenance and restoration of national monuments during the last three years, State-wise including Punjab;

(b) the list of monuments that are maintained by States;

(c) whether any case(s) of encroachment on monument(s) sites have been reported; and

(d) if so, how many cases of illegal encroachment have been received till date?

Reopening of CCI, Adilabad

2273. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

is planning to reopen the Cement Corporation of India, Adilabad unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Telangana has requested the Ministry to reopen the unit, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for the delay in reopening the unit; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government to restore the unit at the earliest?

Appointment of Independent Directors in PSUs

2274. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Independent Directors who have been appointed on the Boards of various PSUs and Navaratna PSUs since 2014 till date;

(b) the details regarding the salaries and other remunerations these Independent Directors have been drawing; and

(c) whether education qualification of these Independent Directors was taken into consideration before making these appointments or whether the appointments were made on the basis of political affiliations, if so, the details thereof?

Profit earned by PSEs

2275. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are functioning profitably;

(b) if so, the details of the profit earned by all the Public Sector Enterprises during the last three years, Enterprise-wise;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to enhance their performance so that they can become major job opportunity hubs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Battle certificates to Jawans of paramilitary forces

2276. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Battle certificates are not given to Jawans of BSF, ITBP, CISF, etc. killed while fighting the enemy at the borders;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total casualty of such Jawans at borders during 2015-16?

Harassment to NGOs and Human Rights Protection Groups

2277. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Parliamentary delegation from European Union, now on a visit to India, has slammed India for blocking the activities of NGOs working on human rights and women empowerment fronts in the country;

(b) whether many member States of European Union, give money to the NGOs in India on projects relating to women's and children's rights; and

(c) whether Amnesty International, a

global human rights forum, has also come out strongly on harassment meted out by Indian Government to NGOs and human rights protection groups?

Terror attack on GREF camp in Akhnoor

2278. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani terrorists struck in January, 2017 in the Akhnoor sector of Jammu and Kashmir, killing three casual labourers in General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF) camp;

(b) if so, the details of lapses in the security cover; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to look afresh at the strategy and rigorously follow it to keep a check on such incidents?

Full Body Truck Scanners at ICP, Attari

2279. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the installation of Full Body Truck Scanners (FBTS) at Integrated Check Post (ICP), Attari, Amritsar after Government issued Global Tender Enquiry (GTE);

(b) which firm was selected after GTE was opened;

(c) whether the funds have been allocated for the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) why National security has been compromised by continuous delay in installing Full Body Truck Scanners at ICP,

Attari and who is responsible for the delay; and

(g) what is the expected date of installing Full Body Truck Scanners at ICP, Attari?

CCTNS project running behind schedule

2280. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CCTNS project is running behind schedule as per 2016 target; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including for Jharkhand and Karnataka and the reasons therefor?

High acquittal rate for cases under POCSO Act

2281. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the high acquittal rate for cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act;

(b) if so, the reasons for the high acquittal rate; and

(c) the measures taken to address those issues?

Steps to increase efficiency of FSLs

2282. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a repository of cases pending with the Central Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs) ;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that the backlog in the FSLs have led to delays in trials of sexual crimes and lack of proper reporting on due time by the FSLs often leads to acquittals;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to increase the efficiency of the FSLs across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in human trafficking

2283. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of human trafficking are showing staggering rise and currently millions of humans are trafficked in India and many of them are children;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Revision of policy on arms license

2284. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that number of arms license holders are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise license holders of arms/ammunition in the country;

(c) whether Government would revise policy on arms license in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strength of IPS officers in Telangana

2285. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total authorised strength of IPS officers in Telangana is 112 and the strength in position is 96 and thereby there are 16 vacancies lying;

(b) what are the reasons for such high number of vacancies and efforts being made by Government to fill the vacancies;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake strength by taking into account the vacancies in Telangana and other States so as to fill the gap;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Unified Service Rules

2286. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of Government of Telangana have met the officials of the Ministry and submitted a representation regarding implementation of Unified Service Rules for Teachers in absence of which the teachers working under Panchayati Raj are facing much problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given its consent and sent the proposal to the President of India for approval, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of the matter?

Construction of police stations and jetties

2287. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise construction of police stations and jetties under phase-II of the Coastal Security Scheme, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has taken measures to fit all fishing vessels with navigational and communication equipments to facilitate tracking; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines on expenses incurred by jail inmates

2288. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines mandating State Governments/UTs on the expenses incurred by them on jail inmates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of per capita expenses incurred by the States/UTs on jail inmates during the last three years?

Rehabilitation of surrendered naxals

2289. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of naxals surrendered in the last three years, year-wise in the country and in Jharkhand;

(b) Government's plan with regard to rehabilitation of the surrendered naxals;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any complaints with regard to bogus surrender of naxals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Criteria to review performance of IPS officers

2290. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two IPS officers have been compulsorily retired recently by Government as part of review of their performance;

(b) the criteria set out by Government to review performance of IPS officers;

(c) whether any such review has been undertaken for IPS officers of Jharkhand cadre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sealing of Indo-Pak border

‡2291. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a series of steps have been taken to strengthen security along India's International Border and the Line of Control with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are plans to seal the Indo-Pak border by December, 2018 and whether work in this direction is going on; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Citizenship to migrants from Pakistan

2292. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has delegated authority to District Magistrates for issuing Indian citizenship to migrants from Pakistan in certain States/districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to evolve a mechanism so that migrants staying in remaining districts/States could also be benefited from this order?

Extending OROP to paramilitary forces

2293. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to extend the scheme of One Rank One Pension (OROP) and other Military facilities to the paramilitary forces as well at par with the Indian Military personnel; and

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

Narcotics smuggled in Delhi

2294. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered by Narcotics Control Bureau during the last year and the current year so far in regard to seizure of narcotics smuggled in Delhi;

(b) how these figure compared to the figure of 2015; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Delhi

has become a favourite transit hub for international drug smugglers and if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

Package to Uttarakhand

‡2295. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declared a package for construction, power, drinking water and rehabilitation in the State as per the recommendations made by a Committee in the wake of the calamity striking the State of Uttarakhand in June, 2013;

(b) if so, the funds declared for the purpose and the date-wise schedule of funds allotment to be made to the State Government;

(c) whether the funds were allotted to the State by Central Government under above heads; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase of Legislative Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh

2296. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for increase of Legislative Assembly seats in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government in this regard?

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Scheduled Castes in untouchable category

†2297. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the State-wise names of the Scheduled Castes in the country as per the Census of 2011, which have been included in the Schedule of "untouchable" category on account of their association with the trade concerning the skin of dead animals and the State-wise details of their population?

Licenses of NGOs cancelled after FCRA amendment

2298. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that registration of 11,319 NGOs were deemed to be expired from November 1, 2016;

(b) the details of procedure followed to notify NGOs about requirement of license renewal;

(c) the number of foreign funded NGOs whose licenses were cancelled after Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) amendment;

(d) the number of foreign funded NGOs whose licenses were refused to be renewed in the past one year and details of reasons for refusal of renewal; and

(e) the number of NGOs making use of FCRA services provided online?

Data of sexual offences against children

2299. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data of reported cases

of sexual offences against children under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012;

(b) the State-wise data of cases resulting in conviction of sexual offenders and those pending before the courts; and

(c) whether Government is planning to set up a national sex offenders registry, if so, the details and time-line thereof?

Abducted children

2300. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children reported to be abducted during the last three years;

(b) how many of them have been traced and returned to parents/relatives;

(c) how many children have fallen prey to gang of traffickers;

(d) whether any of them are used for drug peddling and immoral traffic, if so, how many; and

(e) what steps Government has adopted to save children from these gangs and their vices?

Division of assets between A.P. and Telangana

2301. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much time the Ministry will take to divide assets under Schedule X between Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) and Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of A.P. has assessed assets under Schedule X at ₹ 36,835 crores;

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(c) if so, the details/basis on which assessment has been made and whether Union Government has approved the same;

(d) if not, whether Union Government is going to make any assessment; and

(e) the efforts Ministry has so far made to divide the assets as early as possible between A.P. and Telangana?

Abolition of death penalty

2302. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission recommended abolition of death penalty in its 262nd report, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry agrees with the recommendation of the Law Commission regarding abolition of death penalty for all crimes except terrorism-related offences and waging war against the State;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to implement this recommendation; and

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

Suicide cases of paramilitary forces in J&K

2303. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suicide cases in Jammu and Kashmir by Central paramilitary forces during last three years;

(b) the reasons identified for such suicide cases; and

(c) the steps initiated to stop/reduce such suicide incidents?

Verification of pensioner beneficiaries of NDMC and MCDs

2304. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDMC and three MCDs of Delhi State have verified whether the beneficiaries of pension are still alive or not;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of verification of the NDMC and three MCDs during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(c) whether any biometric data is used to verify these pensioner beneficiaries;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the amount of money given by NDMC and three MCDs to pensioner beneficiaries during current financial year?

Child trafficking racket in West Bengal

2305. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a child trafficking racket has been unearthed in West Bengal recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that leaders of political parties are involved in the racket; and

(d) if so, the political affiliation of the people arrested?

Human trafficking cases in North-Eastern States

2306. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the human trafficking cases in the North-Eastern States in 2014, 2015 and 2016;

(b) the multi-pronged approach to combat the menace of human trafficking by the Central Government; and

(c) the number of Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) set up in the North-Eastern States?

Fencing of border area passing through Malda district

2307. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of fake currencies have increased post-demonetisation, if so, the details of fake currency seized post-demonetisation, district-wise;

(b) whether out of 220 kms. of the border area passing through Malda district, West Bengal, only 150 kms. have been fenced, whether this has been a reason for increase in fake currency rackets in the area;

(c) if so, whether Government has fixed any time-line to fence the unmarked area, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for BSF authorities continuously failing in securing the borders from smuggling of currency?

Attack on dalits of Hissar, Haryana

2308. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dalits in Hissar district of Haryana have been attacked by upper caste people;

(b) if so, whether Government of India has sought any report in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to curb such attacks on dalits in various parts of the country?

Additions or changes in the names of railway stations in Mumbai

2309. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for addition in the name of Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus and changes in the name of Elphinstone Road is under consideration of Government since December, 2016; and

(b) if so, how much more time Government is likely to take to convey the approval?

Separate induction courses for trainee commandos

2310. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till now, the officers and subordinates from the Army and Central paramilitary forces used to have separate three-month induction courses upon joining and even their lodging arrangements and meals being separate from each other;

(b) whether Government has now issued directions for scrapping of the practice of holding separate induction courses for trainee commandos to raise a more lethal and composite squad of elite soldiers; and

(c) by when these directions are meant to be inculcated and implemented?

Crimes by juveniles

‡2311. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes by juveniles are increasing continuously, the State-wise details thereof in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that cases of violation of special and local laws by juveniles besides various cases under IPC have also increased, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Reducing the number of paramilitary forces in Kashmir

‡2312. 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 reduce the number of CRPF and other paramilitary forces in Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered to take any step in this regard; and

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

Kidnapped and missing children in the country

‡2313. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of kidnapped and missing children is increasing continuously in the various parts of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take concrete steps to stop this; and

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

Sexual harassment of foreign women tourists

2314. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign women tourists were subjected to sexual harassment during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 in the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many cases of sexual harassment of foreign women tourists were registered and how many culprits were convicted, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) how many such cases of sexual harassment committed against foreign women tourists are still pending, the details thereof?

False confirmation about vaccination of paramilitary troops

2315. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 100

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Indian paramilitary troops, under the UN Peace Keeping force, landed at Haiti last year in the month of July-August without being given anti-cholera vaccination before reporting for duty at the UN Peace Keeping force;

(b) whether it is a fact that when the UN official sought clarification, the Ministry falsely confirmed to the UN that the troops have been vaccinated; and

(c) what action has been taken against the erring officers of the Ministry for false confirmation about vaccination and creating an embarrassment to Government of India?

Augmentation of police forces of States

2316. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all States have been directed to augment their police forces;

(b) whether after formation of NDA Government, every State Government has been directed to conduct an early recruitment drive to fill up the vacant posts; and

(c) the State-wise shortage of police force noticed along with special instructions issued to those States to recruit and modernise the State police force?

Steps for checking human trafficking

†2317. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that incidents of human trafficking are rising fast in the country especially in Maharashtra and Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that children and women who disappear become victims of human trafficking;

(c) the State-wise details of number of incidents of human trafficking that happened in the year 2016; and

(d) the steps taken by Central Government for checking human trafficking, the details thereof?

Difficulty in fencing Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan

2318. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has faced any difficulty in fencing Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan especially in Shahgarh Bulge due to shifting of sand dunes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what alternative mechanism Government is employing or planning to employ to secure the above stretch of Indo-Pak border; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to employ drones to monitor movements at the aforesaid stretch of border, if so, the details thereof?

Crimes in the country

2319. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of different kinds of crimes in the country for last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that incidents of crimes, mainly rape and molestation, etc. have increased in various States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Minimum wages for workers

2320. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of scheduled employments;
- (b) the details of minimum wages being paid by different States to skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers, State-wise;
- (c) what monitoring mechanism the Ministry has to ensure that minimum wages are paid to all categories of workers by companies, etc.;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase the minimum wages for workers; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and when were the wages revised last?

Employment of women

2321. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of employed women in the country;
- (b) the number of unemployed women registered in various employment exchanges in the country during the last three years; and
- (c) the year-wise details of the employment provided to the unemployed women during the said period?

Transgender persons in workforce

2322. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of transgender employees in formal sector of the economy;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to assist in the inclusion of transgender persons in the workforce of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases in labour courts

2323. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the number of labour courts and tribunals set up in the last three years and in the current year;
- (b) the State-wise details of the number of dispute cases received, settled and pending in the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to expedite the process to dispose of the pending cases, and whether Government proposes to establish more such labour courts, if so, the details thereof?

Maternity leave in private sector

2324. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced for extending maternity leave period including mandatory maternity leaves in private sector also; and

(b) if so, the details of mechanism to monitor the same for proper implementation in private sector?

Fixed minimum wages for workers

‡2325. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the mechanism adopted by the Ministry to ensure fixed minimum wages for the workers working in the private sector of the country;

(b) the number of institutions/ individuals against whom action was taken for giving less than minimum wages to the workers in the last three years with details of action taken thereon; and

(c) the details thereof?

Investment of EPF in shares and equities of Public Limited Companies

2326. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invested a portion of EPF amount in shares and equities of various Public Limited Companies as well as blue chip shares of some private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount invested in top ten companies, company-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any

efforts to bring in more number of employees in both organised and unorganised sectors under the ambit of EPF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this?

Unemployment among women and rural areas

2327. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the female job seekers are the worst hit due to unemployment in comparison to 2013-14 in the country during the last two financial years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unemployment in rural areas rose by more than 30 per cent during last two financial years thereon; and

(c) the details of self-employed, salaried workers and contractual employment during the last three years thereof?

Funds allocated for women labour

2328. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under grant-in-aid on child labour and women labour, a general trend shows that between 2007 and 2012 funds allocated for women labour to NGOs was less than half of total funds allocated under the scheme;

(b) whether this trend has changed and more funds are being allotted to NGOs in last three years, details thereof;

(c) the year-wise details of number of

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NGOs which were allotted funds in last three years; and

(d) number of women provided legal aid in last three years, since one of the purpose of the scheme is to provide legal aid to working women?

Target fixed for providing employment to youth

‡2329. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH
MAHRA:

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

(a) whether Government had fixed any target for providing employment to the unemployed youth;

(b) if so, the targets fixed for the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively;

(c) whether the targets fixed for the said financial years have been achieved;

(d) if so, the number of persons who got employment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fall in unemployment rate

2330. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate was between 9 per cent and 8.5 per cent in the months of January to September 2016 and fell to 5.69 per cent in the month of November 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has anticipated reasons for this fall in the unemployment

rate, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time-line anticipated by Government when this rate will show an upward trend, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Jobs created

2331. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.75 lakh jobs were created in 2015 as compared to 9.3 lakh jobs created in 2011; and

(b) whether Government has any plans/policies to create jobs to utilise the demographic dividend and tackle the growing unemployment among literate youth population?

Budgetary allocation for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour

2332. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no funds were allocated for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour in budget 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, if not, the details of budgetary allocation for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour since 2014;

(c) the details of actual expenditure made on Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour and number of people rehabilitated, year-wise and State-wise, since 2014; and

(d) what has been the budgetary allocation for Central Sector Scheme for

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Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour and how much is the actual expenditure and number of beneficiaries under the scheme so far?

Population under modern day slavery

2333. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry looks at the survey conducted by Gallup and the Walk Free Foundation which indicates that 18.35 million people in the country are under conditions of modern day slavery;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India houses the largest number of population under modern day slavery;

(c) if so, the reasons behind this in spite of Government taking various measures to stop slavery in the country;

(d) the areas in which the survey found slavery; and

(e) the special measures the Ministry is going to take to stop slavery in the country?

Decline in job creation

2334. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep decline in job creation in the last five years, year-wise;

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken by Government; and

(c) whether demonetisation is also responsible for this?

Improvement in the job market

2335. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any improvement in the job market since 2014; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Notice period for resignation in IT sector

2336. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to accede to the IT sector demand for reducing the notice period for resignations from three months to just one month; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Replacement of Mahatma Gandhi's picture in diaries and calendars

2337. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN:
SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahatma Gandhi's picture has been replaced with the picture of Prime Minister in its diaries and calendars by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);

(b) whether the move has approval of the Ministry and the PMO;

(c) if not, from where KVIC derived authority/power to replace Mahatma Gandhi's photograph with PM's photograph; and

(d) what action the Ministry has taken on the errant officials in this regard?

Impact of demonetisation on MSMEs

2338. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any serious note on the difficulties faced by the MSME units in the country in dealing with daily wage labourers after the demonetisation announcement;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the productivity and employment generation in MSME sector has seen a downward trend after demonetisation;

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

(e) the various steps taken by Government to provide special incentives to MSME units adhering 100 per cent with digital transactions?

Mahila Coir Yojana

2339. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aims and objectives along with implementation status of the Mahila Coir Yojana in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries of the Yojana in the country during the current year, State/UT-wise?

Permission for replacing photograph of Gandhiji on calendars/diaries

2340. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diaries and calendars got printed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for the year 2017 along with the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether it is a fact that photograph of Gandhiji has been replaced by the photograph of Prime Minister on those calendars/diaries and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether permission of PMO was obtained before replacing the photograph and if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial incentives for Startup companies

2341. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide financial incentives for Startup companies in the country;

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

(c) whether there is any institutionalised platform for Government-Startup collaboration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans to youths under PMRY

2342. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) are being disbursed to the youths in various States including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

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

(c) the quantum of loans given to youths in Jharkhand and Gujarat under the said scheme and the targets fixed/achieved during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to achieve the said targets?

Implementation problems of public procurement policy

2343. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM, ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public procurement under MSMEs is not up to the optimum level, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified any hindrances in procurement from MSMEs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government for proper implementation of public procurement policy under MSME sector?

Rise in sales in khadi and village industries

2344. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the khadi and village industries have shown a rise in sales in recent years; and

(b) if so, the details of sales during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Viability gap funding for completion of gas pipeline projects by Gujarat

2345. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat has asked for viability gap funding for successful completion of cross country pipeline projects; and

(b) if so, what is the Union Government's decision thereon?

Protest against hydrocarbon exploration project in Tamil Nadu

2346. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether local people are protesting against the proposed hydrocarbon extraction project of ONGC at Neduvasal in Pudukkottai district in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the response of Government;

(c) whether proper sanction like environment clearance and NOCs were obtained from the concerned authorities; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to resolve the issue including discussion with local people and to allay the fears of environmental degradation to agricultural lands, along with details thereof?

Draft fuel efficiency norms for heavy vehicles

2347. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether Government has come out with draft fuel efficiency norms for heavy vehicles in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how will it be enforced in the design of heavy vehicles; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to create awareness about energy conservation?

Policies for promotion of alternative fuel

2348. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government is preparing policies for promoting production and usage of alternative fuels, ethanol and methanol to reduce import of crude oil from abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any roadmap has been prepared for generation of ethanol from bamboo, cotton straw, wheat straw, etc.; and
- (d) the details of number of industrial units expected to be established due to this

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and the estimated employment generation in the next five years?

Losses to oil companies

†2349. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

- (a) the quantum of losses accrued to various petroleum companies during the last three years by supplying petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG at lower rates;
- (b) the quantum of losses shown by these companies in their annual reports during the above period;
- (c) whether experts are of the view that the losses shown in annual reports of various petroleum companies is just a jugglery of data;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that about a decade ago the above petroleum companies used to show huge profits in their annual reports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Surrender of LPG subsidy in Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh

†2350. SHRI PREM CHAND
GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH
NAGAR:

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

- (a) the number of persons who have

given up their subsidy on LPG in Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons living Below Poverty Line who have been given LPG connections in Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) whether LPG facility has been provided to all the BPL families of Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh by the Central Government, if so, the details thereof, district-wise, if not, the reasons therefor and by when this facility would be provided?

Status of TAPI gas pipeline project

2351. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the multi-billion dollar Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project entered its practical phase in Pakistan after the process of initiating Front-End-Engineering and-Design (FEED) route survey was formally inaugurated recently;

(b) if so, what are the specifications of the pipeline and capacity to flow gas to India through Afghanistan and Pakistan;

(c) what will be the cost of the project and expected time to complete it; and

(d) whether the TAPI gas pipeline would be insured from sabotage and terrorist attacks, if so, the details thereof?

Domestic LPG users

2352. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data

for the domestic LPG users in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

National LPG coverage

2353. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target to provide 50 million LPG connections over a period of three years to poor households with a budgetary support of ₹ 8,000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 15 million target for 2016-17 was achieved in less than eight months;

(c) whether Government has increased the national LPG coverage to 70 per cent and it may even reach 85 per cent in two years' time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deal with UAE to fill oil storage facility at Mangaluru

2354. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed a deal with the UAE that allows the Gulf nation to fill half of an underground crude oil storage facility at Mangaluru that is part of Government's strategic reserve system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is hedging against energy security risks by building emergency storage;

(d) whether Government is considering to create more such storage facilities like

the one which is going on in Mangaluru; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Oil/petroleum policy

2355. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to hold consultation with the industry/ investors before formulating any new policy regarding development of oil/gas and other petroleum products and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the new oil/petroleum policy; and

(b) whether Government proposes to deregulate the prices of natural gas and if so, the details thereof?

Import of petroleum products

2356. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantity of import of petroleum products during last three years;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to decrease/reduce imports of petro products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any integrated policy on exploration of oil/gas in the country?

Growth in oil consumption

2357. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's oil consumption growth will be the fastest among all major economies by 2035;

(b) whether India, Asia's second biggest energy consumer since 2008, had in 2015 overtaken Japan as the world's third largest oil consuming country behind US and China;

(c) whether as a result, the country remains import dependent despite increase in oil production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant posts in PNGRB

2358. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has become dysfunctional due to lack of replacement of retiring members;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government proposes to fill up the vacancies of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board?

Unfair deduction from debit card payment

2359. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that on fuel purchase transactions by customers through debit cards, several banks are collecting the transaction fee despite clear instructions from Government not to do so;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any note of this malpractice being done by banks, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government to protect the customers in this regard and avoid such illegal deduction by banks?

Availability of gas at cheap rate

†2360. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gas is available at a relatively cheap rate during present Government's regime compared to the previous Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether work on increasing supply of gas and expanding the capacity of gas refineries is going on with great pace in order to ensure availability of gas in all parts of the country?

Payment of royalty by ONGC to Gujarat

2361. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA:

SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC was paying royalty on crude oil to Gujarat State at post discounted prices of crude oil and that Supreme Court directed ONGC to pay

royalty on pre- discounted prices of crude oil; and

(b) whether Government is considering to issue any directive to ONGC for payment of huge amount of royalty to Gujarat State which has been outstanding for long?

Reducing surcharges on petroleum products

†2362. SHRI PRAVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions when prices of petrol and diesel have been increased and decreased in the year 2015-16, the details of international prices thereof;

(b) the details of changes in the prices at international level during the last eight years; and

(c) whether Government is considering a proposal to reduce the surcharges on petroleum products, if so, the details thereof?

Voluntary surrender of LPG subsidy in Odisha

2363. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people in Odisha have voluntarily surrendered LPG subsidy in the last two years; and

(b) how many households in Odisha have been provided with new LPG connections since the inception of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Increase in sale of commercial LPG cylinders

2364. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of commercial LPG cylinders jumped nearly 40 per cent in 2015-16 against a near stagnant growth earlier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the commercial cylinders are sold at market rate and used by shops and establishments such as hotels, restaurants and neighbourhood sweetmeat shops, etc.;

(c) whether nearly 6.3 million new LPG connections have been released to poor families in 2015- 16.; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Roll back of price of LPG

2365. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an ever highest price rise for domestic LPG cylinders;

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

(c) whether Government is contemplating any roll back in the prices?

Increase in price of LPG cylinders

2366. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been steepest increase of ₹ 86/- in price of LPG cylinders in March, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of increase in LPG price during last six months, increase-wise; and

(c) the reasons for failure of Government to check price rise of petroleum products in the country?

Protest against hydrocarbon exploration at Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu

2367. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the project for exploration of hydrocarbons started in Pudukkottai district in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there were strong protests by the villagers of Neduvasal against the same;

(c) whether Government has taken the consent of the State Government before the exploration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government took the consent of the people living in Neduvasal and whether the people were appraised of the project?

Piped cooking gas network

2368. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of households connected with piped cooking gas, State-wise in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of achievements in percentage terms against pre-fixed targets for providing piped gas connections in the country, State-wise;

(c) the State-wise target fixed for next three years for providing piped gas connections for cooking; and

(d) what is the quantum of subsidy on piped cooking gas?

Mixing of ethanol with petrol

2369. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum percentage of ethanol that can be permitted to be mixed with petrol as per present findings; and

(b) the percentage of ethanol being mixed by the companies before marketing the petrol?

Allocation of cooking gas agencies to unemployed youths

& 2370. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/measures proposed for allocation of cooking gas agencies to unemployed youths in the country;

(b) the system for allocation of such gas agencies and the criteria thereof; and

(c) whether Government would ensure to allot these gas agencies to single ladies and a special drive in this regard would be initiated soon?

Availability of LPG in Uttar Pradesh

†2371. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by

Government to ensure availability of LPG and its expansion in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that on account of inadequate facility of LPG in rural and semi-urban areas of Uttar Pradesh, people are not able to avail benefits of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to develop gas infrastructure in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh?

Opening of LPG outlets in Kerala

2372. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG connections are now available on demand;

(b) if not, the number of persons on waiting lists for getting LPG connections in the State of Kerala;

(c) whether Government proposes to open more LPG outlets in the State of Kerala in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Profits earned by undertakings/ companies

†2373. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the details of profits earned by all undertakings/companies under the Ministry of Steel in 2016-17 and for the last three years and the percentage of profits that they earmarked for fulfilling corporate social responsibility and segments under which the amounts were given and details of balance amount?

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Mining work by SAIL

†2374. SHRIRAM VICHAR NETAM:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) does mining work throughout the country including Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the State/Union Territory-wise details of land acquired for this purpose including that in Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether the Ministry rehabilitates and provides employment to local people, whose land was acquired, and if so, the number of people rehabilitated and provided employment, the State-wise details thereof including that of Chhattisgarh?

Sale of SAIL's steel plants

2375. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the outright sale of State-owned SAIL's three steel units;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, mentioning the name of these steel plants;

(c) whether Government is planning to take more such moves in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of tourism in Puducherry

2376. SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on development of tourism in Puducherry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the places identified for this purpose;

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the UT Administration to this effect, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these tourism projects are being taken up solely by Government of India or on cost sharing basis, the details thereof?

Proposals for development of Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh

†2377. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Governments 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 tourism development works and how the cost escalation related to work is adjusted; and

(e) the details thereof?

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Funds allocated to Jammu and Kashmir

2378. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated to Jammu and Kashmir for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 under the Ministry;

(b) the details of funds allocated region-wise in the State; and

(c) the details of funds utilization in the years 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Hospitality Development and Promotion Board

†2379. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Hospitality Development and Promotion Board (HDPB);

(b) by when Government plans to establish HDPBs in every State;

(c) the States where HDPBs have been established till date and the details of the progress made in this direction; and

(d) the State-wise details of the funds allocated by Government in this regard?

Assistance for rural tourism scheme in West Bengal

2380. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of rural tourism is being implemented in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the activities carried out under the scheme in the State; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given to the State for development of tourism?

Foreigners visiting India for medical treatment

2381. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains any data regarding number of foreigners who visited India for medical treatment in the past three years and the revenue generated therefrom and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any measures have been taken to simplify and speed up the procedure of obtaining Medical Visa in order to promote medical tourism; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives to attract tourists from certain countries

†2382. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given some incentives to the tourists of certain countries to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of such countries in this regard?

Job creation from sustainable development of tourism

2383. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that millions of

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new jobs can be created with an emphasis on sustainable tourism development in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government for sustainable development of tourism in the country; and

(c) the details of new major tourism projects taken up by Government for tourism development, State-wise?

Increase in foreign tourist arrivals

2384. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the tourist arrivals during the last three years;

(b) the comparative figures for the last three years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the year-wise details of foreign exchange earned by the tourism industry during each of the last three financial years?

Development of tourism hubs in the country

2385. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop tourism hubs in all the States of the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any framework to develop tourism hubs in every State; and

(d) whether any suggestions and proposals have been received from State Governments in this regard and the details thereof?

Launching of special helpline for tourists

2386. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any special helpline for tourists in the country; and

(b) if so, the number of languages in which this helpline will be available?

Sanction to tourism proposals of Rajasthan

2387. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seeking to release Administrative and Financial Sanction to Rajasthan State tourism proposals of State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM), Sawai Madhopur, Jhalawar, Food Craft Institute (FCI), Baran and Dholpur, Upgradation of FCI, Udaipur to SIHM, and Krishna Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and

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

Impact of demonetization on foreign tourist arrivals

†2388. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonetization has affected the tourists coming to the country from abroad;

(b) if not, the number of tourists that came to the country from August, 2016 to December, 2016, the details thereof;

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(c) whether this figure is higher as compared to that of corresponding months during last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in number of students availing hostel facility

2389. SHRIMD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Girls and Boys, there is an increase in the number of students availing the benefit in the last three years;

(b) the year-wise details of increase in number of Scheduled Tribe girls and boys availing hostel facility under the scheme in the last three years; and

(c) if there is no increase, the reasons therefor?

Vocational training centres in Bihar and Jharkhand

†2390. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of the Scheduled Tribe areas of the States in which vocational training centres are being operated, State-wise;

(b) the number of tribal women and youths who are doing their own business or employed in Government sector after being trained in these training centres, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether such training centres would be opened in the tribal areas of Bihar and Jharkhand in which tribals are residing; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects sanctioned for tribal welfare

2391. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects sanctioned for tribal welfare in past two years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and utilized for the projects in this regard; and

(c) the State/UT-wise number of projects allotted to NGOs, if any, and details of monitoring and evaluation done by Government?

Non-release of scholarships to tribal students

2392. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the adivasi students were compelled to stop their studies due to non-release of scholarships as demanded by different States;

(b) if so, the State-wise demand for scholarship in schools and colleges for adivasi students and the released amount in the year 2015-16 and 2016-2017; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken for the reimbursement of funds for scholarship on time so that they can continue their study uninterruptedly?

Schemes for tribals in North-Eastern States and A&N Islands

†2393. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for the development of tribals and Scheduled Tribes dwelling in North-

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Eastern States and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and for bringing them into the mainstream;

(b) the steps being taken to ensure that the benefits of Government schemes reach tribals and Scheduled Tribes, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the report regarding improvement in their living conditions, health and education by means of above schemes?

Inclusion of tribes in ST list from Chhattisgarh

‡2394. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some castes of the country have been included in the Scheduled Tribes category by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Chhattisgarh Government has sent proposal to the Central Government to include some tribes in the Scheduled Tribes category;

(c) if so, the details of the said proposal and the status of each proposal, proposal-wise; and

(d) whether Government is yet to take any decision on the said proposals, if so, by when decision would be taken on these proposals?

Unspent fund allocated for tribals

2395. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a record high in unspent money allocated for Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of amount allocated, under Union Budget, and spent in past three financial years, year-wise, State-wise and programme-wise details thereof; and

(c) if the schemes under TSP are demand-driven, then how much money the Centre has spent towards increasing the awareness of programmes under the schemes, the year-wise, programme-wise and State-wise details in past three financial years?

Scheme for skill development of tribals

2396. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any ongoing scheme in the country for skill development of the tribal population;

(b) if so, the details of budgetary provisions made for the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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