

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, July 19, 2017/Ashadha 28, 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

#### Regional offices of Rubber Board in Kerala

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

(a) whether regional/local offices of Rubber Board in various parts of Kerala existing for decades and catering to various needs of farmers have been closed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such steps of Government will lead to fall in production and productivity and necessitate inputs while the country is still not self-sufficient in rubber;

(c) whether Government has a policy of protecting agriculture and farmers and not leave them to vagaries of the market; and

(d) whether the approach of disowning them is causing widespread agitation of farmers and suicides?

#### Export of meat and leather

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

(a) what has been the volume of export of meat and leather from the country during the last three years;

(b) how much income could be earned through these exports;

(c) whether there are complaints in recent past that those involved in production of meat and leather are being prevented in their occupation; and

(d) whether the revenue from these two sources has decreased due to this reason and if so, by what amount?

#### Impact of demonetisation and slaughter ban on industries

†323. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether Government has any such information wherein production has been affected due to the slow down in industry,

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businesses and conventional sources of income as an aftermath of demonetisation and ban on sale of cattle for slaughter;

(b) the details of the adverse effects on industries after November, 2016 *i.e.* after demonetisation and ban on sale of cattle slaughter;

(c) the details of the steps taken to help the industries and businesses to recover from the adverse effects of demonetisation and ban on sale of cattle for slaughter; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof?

#### **Redevelopment of Pragati Maidan**

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

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

(a) whether Government has approved the project for redeveloping Pragati Maidan into a world class exhibition-cum-convention centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how the funding will be arranged for the project, the details thereof;

(d) whether proper parking arrangements, including multi-level parking, underground parking have been planned to ease traffic during trade fair;

(e) if so, the details thereof and whether NoC has been taken from Delhi Traffic Police; and

(f) if not, how will Government manage heavy rush of traffic during such events?

#### **Impact of IPR related issues on life saving drugs**

325. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) whether Government has created a list of industries and public services that may significantly suffer due to India's inclusion in United States' Priority Watch List for Intellectual Property Rights this year (Special Report 301);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps Government has taken to ensure continuous manufacturing and supply of lifesaving drugs for which IPR related issues have been raised; and

(d) the details thereof since the year 2015?

#### **Impact of slaughter ban on export of meat**

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

(a) the quantity and value of meat and meat products exported and imported during each of the last three years, product and country-wise;

(b) the extent of reduction of meat exports and loss thereby due to the ban on selling cow and buffalo for slaughter;

(c) whether there has been demand from any State and other quarters to impose ban/restrictions on export of meat and meat products from the country; and

(d) whether the present ban on selling animals for slaughter and other restrictions becomes instrumental for stopping the facilities and incentives provided by Government to boost export of meat products?

**Negotiations at RCEP Inter-session  
Ministerial meeting at Hanoi**

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

(a) whether at recent Inter-session Ministerial meeting of RCEP countries at Hanoi, India pleaded its inability to eliminate duties on 90 per cent of items for all members, especially China;

(b) whether India had also made it clear that it will be difficult to give such liberal market access to New Zealand and Australia with which India is yet to sign bilateral free trade agreements; and

(c) how India reacted at Hanoi Ministerial meeting to "Opt out and reciprocity" flexibility suggestion made by Phillipines, giving leeway to member nations to opt out from the provision and wait for a better timing?

**Review session to promote connectivity  
through digital trade**

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

(a) whether the World Trade Organisation has called for a review session to promote connectivity through digital trade in developing nations, sometimes in July, 2017;

(b) whether experts in India have expressed apprehensions that this attempt by WTO may be a backdoor attempt to push e-commerce; and

(c) whether India already facing resistance by its domestic small trader lobby over allowing Foreign Direct Investment in e-commerce, is keen to conclude the pending food security related issues before allowing any fresh issues to be taken up by the WTO?

**Development of Villupuram under  
ECEC as a node**

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

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to develop Villupuram in Tami Nadu as a node under East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) linking Kolkata in the East through Chennai to Tuticorin in South Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no such proposal is pending, whether Government will come forward hereafter to develop Villupuram as an important node considering its strategic location?

**India's pharma sector on Priority  
Watch List of US**

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

(a) whether American pharma sector has asked US Trade Representative to continue to keep India on its Priority Watch List which includes countries that are alleged violators of US patents laws claiming that the environment on the ground remains challenging in India;

(b) whether among the key issues of concern for US pharma sector in India are unpredictable IP environment, high tariffs and taxes on medicines, regulatory data protection failure, discriminatory and non-transparent market access policies and unpredictable environment for clinical research; and

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

**Export facilities to MSMEs**

331. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium industries constitute major part in the exports of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the step taken by Government for providing priority and other facilities in exports to maintain their export status and proper implementation of the duty reimbursement scheme to such industries for export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Documents submitted on TFA on services at WTO**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has submitted a legally vetted document on Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) on services at WTO in Geneva;

(b) whether the WTO held discussion on the documents submitted by India recentl;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India has stressed to the WTO that there should be a counterpart agreement in services just like the TFA in goods; and

(e) if so, the views of the WTO in this regard?

**Abolition of DGS&D**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on abolition of Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D); and

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

**Setting up of industrial cities**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up several industrial cities in the country particularly in Maharashtra in the next few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total expenditure earmarked for this project?

**Reduction in number of trademark forms**

335. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to promote 'ease of doing business', Government has cut the number of trademark forms from 74 to just 8;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has nearly halved the fee for e-filing applications to ₹4500;

(c) whether Government is also considering to expedite the process of granting trademarks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Operational SEZs in Manipur**

336. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) operational in Manipur;
- (b) whether any new SEZs are being planned for the State, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds utilized for setting up SEZs in Manipur, year-wise and SEZ-wise; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned for establishing new SEZs in the State?

#### **Extension of NEIIPP, 2007**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the States of North-Eastern Region are demanding extension of North-East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP) for another/next 10 years;
- (b) if so, the details of investment made in NEIIPP, 2007 thereof;
- (c) the proposals received by Government towards infrastructure development of North-Eastern States and the new policy proposal therein; and
- (d) the details of Government proposal to give thrust to the economic development to balance the tilt of GST of this region therefor?

#### **Development of Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor**

338. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor with foreign assistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the proposed developmental works in the corridor along with their estimated cost and likely date of completion?

#### **Impact of 'Make in India' initiative**

339. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'Make in India' initiative started by Government has failed to generate any impact on Industrial Production and employment generation during the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total employment generated under this scheme during the last three years and its year-wise break-up?

#### **Status of progress of 'Startup India' programme**

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

- (a) what is the present status of the progress of 'Startup India' programme;
- (b) how many Startups have applied and out of these how many have been recognized by Government;
- (c) what are the number of incubation centres/incubators, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has assessed the performances of these incubators over the years, if so, the result thereof?

**Approval of SEZs in States**

‡341. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have been selected for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) by Government;

(b) the steps taken by Government and State Governments to implement the proposed schemes under Special Economic Zones; and

(c) the States wherein development work has not been started in Special Economic Zones, the State- wise details thereof?

**Regulator for e-commerce**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that online vendors are seeking the Central Government to set up a regulator for e-commerce, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any decision on the matter, the details thereof?

**Payment default by e-commerce companies**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Online Vendors Association and e-Commerce Sellers Association of India has approached Government for payment default by e-commerce players, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding the outcome of the complaints;

(c) whether Government is planning to formulate laws regarding the same, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the quantum of business being done through e-commerce sites in the country?

**Foreign investment under 'Make in India' scheme**

344. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any foreign investment proposal under the 'Make in India' scheme during last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Steps for procurement of pepper**

345. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any step to ensure better price for pepper produced in the country, which is known for its superior quality; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete measures are being taken for procurement of pepper produced in the country?

**Impact of slaughter ban on leather industry**

346. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's order banning sale of cattle in the market for slaughter has affected leather industry

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very badly in terms of employment as well as revenue, despite Government's decision to double the revenue from leather industry to 27 billion dollars by 2020 as part of job creation push; and

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

#### **FDI in Multi Brand Retail Trade**

347. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allow Foreign Direct Investment in Multi Brand Retail Trade (MBRT) including food items grown and processed within the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Study on impact of FDI in retail market**

348. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government has made any study on the impact of FDI in retail market especially on indigenous retail market and the employees attached thereto in last two years?

#### **Impact of MAT on SEZs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that after introduction of the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) on Special Economic Zones (SEZs), investors lost their interest to invest in SEZs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for introduction of MAT;

(c) whether Government is trying to revive the situation; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken thereon to protect the SEZs and to bring in investments into SEZs of the country?

#### **Increase in replanting subsidy for rubber**

350. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increase in replanting subsidy for rubber is under consideration of the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Discussions with stakeholders on GST**

351. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan to hold discussions with various stakeholders to resolve their problems pertaining to GST; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

#### **Impact of 'Ease of Doing Business' / rankings**

352. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's stand on the 'Ease of Doing Business in India' on the World Bank Index as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has been unable to improve the index to any significant degree;

(c) whether undue hardship has been imposed on Indian exporters and trade unions by such efforts; and

(d) the steps proposed to avoid harassment of farmers and trade unions to change indexes and impose hardships on workers?

**Financial assistance for archives,  
libraries and museums  
in Rajasthan**

‡353. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by Government for archives, Government libraries and Museums in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the total number of proposals for the above schemes in the State of Rajasthan and the level at which these are lying pending with the Central Government at present; and

(c) by when Government proposes to sanction the proposals of above schemes?

**Establishment of Sub-Regional  
Science Centres in Odisha**

354. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for establishment of Sub-Regional Science Centres at Keonjhar, Jeypore and Khandapada submitted by Government of Odisha to National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata and the Ministry of Culture, are pending; and

(b) whether Union Government would finalise the said proposals of Government of Odisha in a positive manner during this financial year?

**Artist Pension Scheme**

355. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Government, to be eligible for the pension scheme, a person's contribution to art should be of significance;

(b) whether there is any specific standard to assess the work of artists, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, how does Government evaluate the work of artists for considering their application; and

(d) the details of the number of applications that have come for the pension scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

**Cultural programmes for improving  
cultural relations with foreign  
countries**

356. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken more initiatives to further strengthen the country's cultural relations with foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many cultural programme have been organised by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) during the last one year in order to improve the cultural relations with other countries?

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**Publicity drive to promote country's culture**

357. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce any special publicity drive to bring the youth closer to Indian culture so as to check flourishing western culture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Celebrating 70 years of India's Independence abroad**

358. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to celebrate 70 years of India's Independence abroad;

(b) if so, the number of countries that have agreed to be part of the celebrations;

(c) whether the festival will involve performance by folk and traditional artists, showcasing little known art forms, cuisine and literary exhibitions from across the country at prominent venues in the host countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which the festival will commence;

(f) whether Government has also taken steps to draw up programmes which suits the cultural sensibilities of the hosts; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Museums in India under jurisdiction of departments/authorities**

359. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether museums in the country are under jurisdiction of several departments, authorities under Centre and States;

(b) if so, the implications thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider creating an overarching body for management, funding, etc. of the museums; and

(d) what is being done about the same?

**Upkeep/maintenance of museums**

360. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our museums' upkeep/maintenance leave a lot to be desired;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the problems of seepage and water logging in Indian Museum, Kolkata have been taken care of; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Role of Secretary in Sahitya Akademi**

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

(a) whether Government has ever paid any attention to the fact that since the post of Secretary in Sahitya Akademi is permanent, the activities of the Akademi become static and stereotyped leading to a *status quoist* situation in literary activities and developmental potential is choked; and

(b) whether Government would consider making the post of Secretary, Sahitya Akademi a co-terminus post with the post of President of Sahitya Akademi?

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**Andaman Cellular Jail**

362. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people from undivided Bengal were the highest to put in Andaman Cellular Jail; and

(b) if so, the total number and names thereof?

**Research and excavation on Ramayana and Mahabharata period**

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

(a) whether any concerted studies/research work/excavation work has been conducted to determine the exact calendar period of occurrence of Ramayana and Mahabharata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details relating to research works and their results to find out important contemporary world events that probably occurred during Ramayana and Mahabharata period?

**Jallianwala Bagh Memorial**

364. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the name of Rabindranath Tagore is nowhere mentioned in the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial; and

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

**Disparity in payment of wages in PSEs**

†365. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY

INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise number of regular and contractual employees in each enterprise in the Public Sector and the quantum of difference in their salaries/wages and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the measures taken to remove disparity in payment of wages?

**Centres of Excellence on advanced manufacturing**

366. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:  
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Centres of Excellence on advanced manufacturing which will cater to current and future research and development needs of heavy and other industries with the help of IITs and other Institutions and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for selecting these institutions;

(c) whether any roadmap has been prepared by Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the time by when these Centres are likely to be set up; and

(d) the manner and extent to which this scheme would benefit the industry sector in the country?

**Revival of loss making PSUs**

367. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revive loss making Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has completed examination of some of the sick Public Sector Undertakings;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the name of those undertakings; and

(e) the details of recommendations made by BRPSE and the decision taken by Government thereon?

#### **Review of safety standards for vehicles**

368. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to review safety standards for vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware about the cases of non-compliance of safety standards by many heavy and light vehicle manufacturers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, vehicle manufacturer-wise along with the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **More funds for MPF in States**

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

(a) whether various State Governments including Maharashtra have requested the Union Government to grant more funds for Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, district-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Crimes against women**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that crime/atrocities/gangrape against women are on the rise in the country during the recent months in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of cases reported, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for safety and security of women in the country keeping in view the increasing number of above mentioned cases?

#### **Division of Andhra Pradesh Bhawan in Delhi**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has written a letter for setting up of a Committee to oversee the division of Andhra Pradesh Bhawan in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has demanded that the above property be divided as per Section 48(b) of the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act; and

(d) if so, how Government is planning to go ahead on this issue?

**Renewal and replacement of WLL handsets for CRPF**

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

(a) whether Government has a plan for periodic renewal and replacement of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) handsets for the Central Reserve Police Force in Naxal-affected areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the last known date of handset renewal as per Government records;

(c) the number of network towers currently operational for WLL communication among CRPF in Naxal-affected States and their density; and

(d) the number of network towers operational in 2013 for WLL communication among CRPF in Naxal-affected States and their density?

**Training for police to handle special cases**

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

(a) whether Centre in coordination with States is conducting sensitisation programmes and training for police to handle special cases;

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

(c) the State-wise details of the sensitisation programme carried by Government in last three years in coordination with States?

**SIT on closed cases of 1984 Sikh massacre**

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

(a) whether the SIT set up by Government to look into closed cases related to the 1984 Sikh massacre has completed its investigations;

(b) the details of the cases reopened, chargesheets filed and testimonies collected by the SIT, so far;

(c) the reasons for the delay in completing investigations, considering that the SIT has already received three extensions; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the SIT to ensure transparency of its operations?

**Steps to check spread of ISIS/ Al-Qaeda network**

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

(a) whether Government has seen reports about a turf war between Al-Qaeda and Daesh (ISIS) in India; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken/proposed to be taken to check the spread of ISIS/Al-Qaeda network?

**Lynching of people belonging to certain community**

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

(a) whether lynching of people belonging to a certain community by a majority mob is unabated in the country;

(b) if so, the number of lynching cases reported in the country in the last three years; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to rein in States to deal with people who are indulging in lynching cases?

**Discrimination of tribal Khasi woman at Delhi Golf Club**

377. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tribal Khasi woman from Shillong has been insulted and discriminated at the Delhi Golf Club recently for wearing her traditional dress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government proposes to take against Delhi Golf Club for insulting and discriminating a tribal woman for wearing her traditional dress; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

**Lynching in the name of cow vigilantism**

378. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the brutal act of lynching is on the rise in the name of cow vigilantism and the local police has become totally helpless in controlling the law and order situation at such places;

(b) whether in the latest case of lynching on the Delhi-Mathura train, a youth was brutally murdered on the rumor of beef consumption;

(c) what action Government has taken to ensure that such heinous crime against humanity does not recur in future; and

(d) whether any financial compensation has been provided to the bereaved family?

**All-women India Reserve Battalion**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to raise an all-women India Reserve Battalion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to strictly deal with stone pelting problem?

**Review of insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir**

380. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a review of the prevailing insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has initiated any peace talks with the rebel groups, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in containing the disturbances in Jammu and Kashmir?

**Charges of corruption against IPS officers**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of serving IPS officers in Jharkhand against whom charges of corruption and other irregularities have been alleged;

(b) if so, the details of inquiry conducted against each of such officers thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of the fact that some of officers were indicted as part of the inquiry and they have still been promoted to the next higher level; and

(d) whether Government has sought any report in the matter?

#### **Cases filed under Sedition Act**

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

(a) the State-wise total number of cases filed throughout the country under Section 124(A) (Sedition) of Indian Penal Code during the year 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017;

(b) the current status of the said cases under the above Section; and

(c) the details of the number and names of accused persons named under the above cases filed?

#### **Equal treatment to paramilitary personnel died in action at par with Army martyrs**

383. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hon'ble Prime Minister and Home Minister had announced that all personnel from paramilitary forces who

have lost life in terrorist attacks or naxalite attacks would be given equal treatment and equal facilities at par with Army martyrs by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether notifications have been issued by Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the date and number of notifications; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amount for police modernisation**

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

(a) the amount allocated for modernisation of police force in States including Chhattisgarh in the last three years by Government and the details of heads under which the amount has been spent;

(b) whether Government has received any complaint of corruption in these tasks of modernisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to put a check on such corruption?

#### **Internal security situation**

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

(a) whether internal security situation especially in case of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and naxal problem in the country has improved compared to last three years;

(b) if so, details thereof;

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(c) whether incidents of naxal violence have come down while cases of killing of naxalites have increased significantly in the country in last three years;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether a meeting of Chief Ministers had been called recently by Government to discuss the issue of internal security; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

#### **Reforms in police administration**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to make sweeping reforms in police administration and its working in order to make law and order of country more effective;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Justice Thomas Committee, constituted by Supreme Court had stated in its report in 2010 that there is apathy towards police reforms in States, while in 2013, Justice Verma Committee had stated in its report that compliance of orders of Supreme Court is essential for bringing basic reforms in police administration; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

#### **Areas affected by Naxalism**

387. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the areas affected by Naxalism in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fencing of Indo-Pakistan border in Gujarat**

388. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the completion of the fencing of Indo-Pakistan border in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sanction for prosecution under AFSPA**

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

(a) whether sanction of Central Government is needed to initiate prosecution against an armed force personnel under Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) 1958 and 1990;

(b) if so, what is the procedure followed and the timeline for deciding on such sanction;

(c) currently how many requests of sanction are pending before Government and since when, the year-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(d) how many sanction requests have been accepted so far, the details of cases in which it has been accepted; and

(e) how many requests for sanction have been denied so far and what are the reasons for denial?

#### **Crimes against SCs, STs and Minorities**

390. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of crimes committed during the last three years against SCs, STs

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and Minorities, year-wise and State-wise with category-wise break-up;

(b) the rate of conviction in these crimes;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the rise in crimes against these marginalized groups; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken in the near future for bringing nil incidences of such crimes?

#### **Attacks on security forces by Naxalites**

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

(a) how the Ministry looks at the continuous attacks on our forces by naxalites, particularly in Sukma area in Chhattisgarh;

(b) how many Jawans have so far been killed in Chhattisgarh, district-wise, by naxalites in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that inter-transfer of Jawans between battalions is one of the reasons behind such attacks as some of them lack in expertise, training, weapons, etc.; and

(d) what would be the approach of the Ministry towards Naxalites after April attack which killed 25 Jawans?

#### **Policy towards surrendered Naxalites**

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

(a) what is the policy of Government towards surrendered Naxalites in the country;

(b) the details of Naxalites surrendered

in the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of India has stopped reimbursing claims made by States on rehabilitation of surrendered Left Wing Extremism (LWE) cadres under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the details of claims pending from various States under SRE Scheme during the above period, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Sending of NDMA team to Manipur**

393. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a vast earth crack developed at Kangpokpi district in Manipur recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the impact caused massive damage to houses, whether landslides are likely anytime because of that and whether some villages are on the verge of being swept away;

(c) whether Government has assessed the situation and would send NDMA teams for evacuation, assistance and rehabilitation; and

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

#### **Facilities to Jawans**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawans of the country are living in harsh conditions in different security barracks of the country;



(b) whether it is a fact that many CRPF camps are not having sufficient beds, toilets, light, fans and particularly 24 hours doctor and even water facilities therein; and

(c) if so, the action proposal of Government to provide them adequate facilities?

**Pakistani nationals disappeared from Mumbai**

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

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards the media report stating that 26 Pakistani nationals living in Mumbai for the past 10 years have recently disappeared from the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action the State and Central Government have taken thereon?

**Deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi**

‡396. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to improve the constantly deteriorating situation of law and order in the Capital of the country, Delhi in the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the incidents of murder, loot, rape, etc. in Delhi have still not abated; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Women police stations in Goa**

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

(a) the number of women police stations functioning in the State of Goa;

(b) the total number of personnel functioning in each of the police stations;

(c) the financial assistance given by the Central Government for establishing the police stations;

(d) the facilities available at these police stations; and

(e) the efforts made or being made to make these police stations women-friendly?

**Roadmap for introducing police reforms**

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

(a) in total, how many Committees or Commissions have been established since 1975 to look into the subject of police reforms, and the details about the date of their appointment, date of submission of report and the status of the implementation of their recommendations;

(b) the view of Government with regard to the implementation of the report submitted by the Dharmaveera Commission and the Malimath Committee; and

(c) the details of a roadmap, if any, Government has prepared to work for introducing police reforms?

**Detention of minors under P.S. Act**

399. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4534 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th April, 2017 and state:

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(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that as per police and court records as many as 6 minors were detained under Public Safety Act (PSA) in different parts of Kashmir; and

(b) whether the Ministry will inquire from the State Government for verification of this fact and provide complete details of all minors who were detained under PSA any time after July, 2016 along with periods of detention?

#### **Bangladeshi infiltrators**

†400. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information regarding the number of Bangladeshi infiltrators entering the country everyday and the big cities where they are particularly taking refuge;

(b) whether Government is making any plans for identifying the people who have got documents like ration card, PAN card and voter ID cards prepared; and

(c) if so, by when this work would be accomplished and the methodology by which it could be ensured that these people are repatriated from the country?

#### **Seizure of drugs/narcotics**

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

(a) the details of major seizure of drugs/narcotics effected during the last three years and initiatives taken by the Narcotics Control Bureau, to curb illegal traffic of narcotics particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the number of cases of smuggling of narcotics that came to light or were registered and the quantum of narcotics seized during the last three years, year-wise and State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the States for preventing smuggling of drugs and carrying out anti-narcotics operations and if so, the amount of assistance provided during the said period, State-wise?

#### **Emergency Response Centres in States/UTs**

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

(a) whether Government of India has introduced Nationwide Emergency Response System (NERS) across the country, which aims to establish a single emergency number for all kinds of emergencies across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up Emergency Response Centres in all States/UTs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when these ERCs are likely to be set up?

#### **Lynching of persons by cow vigilantes**

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

(a) whether the cases of lynching of persons of a particular community particularly by the cow vigilantes have increased manifold in the recent past;

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(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

**Report on attacks on minority community**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sought report from the Governments of Jharkhand and Rajasthan over alleged attacks on minority community in separate incidents;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not seeking reports on these unfortunate incidents?

**Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

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

(a) whether Government in collaboration with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) has hosted the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR);

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed, suggestions made and outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to review the disaster management policy of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Action against culprits involved in lynching**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of lynching have increased in the last three months;

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

(c) whether action against culprits have been initiated; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Terrorist attack on security personnel in J & K**

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

(a) whether incidents of attacks on the security forces and police personnel in the State of Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists have increased in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the current year;

(c) the number of security personnel killed in these attacks and also number of terrorists killed by security personnel during the above period; and

(d) the details of concrete steps taken by Government to check infiltration of terrorists from the Pakistani side?

**Regulation of NGOs through legislative measures**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that guidelines

prepared by Government may not be truly systematic and sufficient with regard to the entire process of accreditation and the manner of utilization of funds and audit of the NGOs;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to regulate the NGOs through legislative measures; and

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

#### **Deteriorating condition of jails**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of deteriorating conditions of jails in the various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the appalling conditions of jails in the country?

#### **Assets bought by naxalites**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that movable and immovable assets have been bought by the naxalites in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States along with locations therein where assets have been bought, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken over/ would take over the assets of naxalites; and

(d) if so, the assets which have been taken over or proposed to be taken over, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacant posts of Presiding Officers in Labour Courts**

411. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present a number of posts of Presiding Officers are lying vacant in Labour Courts across the country, particularly, in the backward tribal areas;

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

(c) the dates since when these posts are lying vacant along with the details of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes posts out of the same; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Impact of demonetization and meat ban on workers of unorganised sector**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that slow pace of Industry-business and traditional employment has shown negative impact on workers of unorganised sector after demonetization and meat ban and they have to face difficulties in getting employment and the opportunities of employment have decreased after the above steps;

(b) the details of steps taken to create employment after negative impact on Industries post November, 2016 *i.e.* after demonetization and meat ban;

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(c) the details of steps taken to enable Industry-business to recover from demonetization and meat-ban; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Unemployment in Uttar Pradesh due to demonetization**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that after effect of demonetization on unemployment in Uttar Pradesh is visible now; and

(b) if so, the steps Government wish to take to improve employment situation in Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Scheme for single earning mothers**

414. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes provided by Government to the single earning mothers to sustain their family;

(b) what steps Government has taken to provide professional/vocational training to such mothers; and

(c) if so, the details of such professional courses being imparted thereof?

#### **Creation of employment opportunities**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering about the status of creation of employment in various sectors of the economy and collecting reliable data regarding jobs in the country;

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

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

#### **Mechanism to assess job demand**

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

(a) whether Government considers that the employment exchanges truly reflect the job demand in the country; and

(b) if not, what steps are proposed to create a mechanism to measure/assess job demand across sectors, particularly under-employment?

#### **Employment in organized and unorganized sectors**

417. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of employment in the country in the organized and unorganized sectors;

(b) what is the criterion adopted to assess the employment in the unorganized sector; and

(c) what is the effect of demonetization in the unorganized sector?

#### **Settlement of PF/EPF, etc. on retirement**

418. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to settle the PF/EPF, Gratuity

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etc. of retiring person on the day of retirement itself; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Number of employees in small and medium sized enterprises in the country**

419. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and medium-sized enterprises in the country having less than 50 employees;

(b) the number of women in the country, as per the Ministry data who are currently working in enterprises with less than or equal to 50 employees;

(c) how will the Ministry ensure that the employment preferences for women would not reduce with reference to the new Maternity Bill coming into force; and

(d) whether Government is planning to draft a Paternity Bill too, if so, the details thereof?

**Number of unemployed persons**

420. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of unemployed and under employed workforce in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of rural and urban unemployment in the country as on date, State-wise;

(c) the details of employment provided by Government during 2015, 2016 and 2017, till 30th June, 2017, year-wise; and

(d) the reasons for failure of Government to provide adequate employment?

**Substantive reforms in labour sector**

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

(a) whether Government proposes for substantive reforms in labour sector; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals therein and the benefits for the labourers thereof?

**Benefit for contractual workers of ECHS under social security scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bring in the contractual workers of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) for ex-servicemen under the ambit of social security scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also considering to bring many other workers falling in various other segments under the ambit of social security scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ILO convention on Child Labour**

423. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ratified International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions on Child Labour;

- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and  
 (c) the punishment provisions made under the amended law?

**Establishment of 500 bedded ESI Hospital at Visakhapatnam**

424. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on establishing a 500 bedded ESI Hospital at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked and the status of the project as of now?

**Number of Call Centres and Helpdesks under NCS project**

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

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the Call Centres and Helpdesks that are established under the National Career Service (NCS) project to support the employment aspirants; and

(b) the State/UT-wise details regarding the counselling carried on by NCS during 2014-15 and 2015-16 for employment aspirants along with the online registrations during this period?

**Safety of labourers working at construction sites**

426. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of construction workers in the country at present;

(b) whether deaths of workers at construction sites are increasing in the country;

(c) if so , the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of guidelines issued to private and public construction majors on the safety and security of construction labourers at construction sites?

**Proposal to bring private Provident Fund Trusts under EPFO**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to bring about hundreds of private Provident Fund Trusts under Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO); and

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

**Review of draft Labour Code on Social Security, 2017**

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

(a) whether Government is considering the concern raised by trade unions about the proposal to cut down the maternity benefits mentioned in the draft Labour Code on Social Security, 2017; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering review of the current draft?

**Growth in rate of unemployment**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of

unemployment grew steadily from 3.8 per cent in 2011-12 to 5 per cent in 2015-16; and

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

#### **Employment in the country**

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

(a) the number of people who got employment in the last three years;

(b) how many people lost employment during the same period;

(c) what has been the number of those who gained employment and those who lost employment in primary, secondary and tertiary sectors; and

(d) what have been these figures for 2016-17?

#### **Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils**

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

(a) whether the Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils have been established in all States and Union Territories as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of delayed payment cases filed with the said Councils have been disposed of, so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for

speedy disposal of delayed payment cases by the Councils?

#### **Self employment scheme of KVIC**

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

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched a scheme to provide self employment to the disabled, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and persons living below poverty line in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scheme for setting up small industry for rural women**

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

(a) whether Government/ Khadi and Village Industries Commission is implementing/ proposes to implement any scheme for setting up small industry for rural women and whether markets are being established for their products in co-ordination with the Ministry of Women and Child Development so that social and economic condition of rural women specially those living below the poverty line can be improved;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the above scheme in the country including Maharashtra; and

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

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**Anti-India slogans raised during funeral of militants**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently militants were present with arms during the funeral of other militants killed by armed forces in Kashmir valley raising anti-India slogans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

**LPG connections to Uttarakhand under PMUY**

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

(a) whether gas connections have been distributed to the BPL card holders under Prime Minister's ambitious Ujjwala Scheme in Uttarakhand;

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

(c) the amount spent on publicity of the Ujjwala Scheme so far, the details thereof from April, 2014 to April, 2017?

**Auction process for fresh hydrocarbon fields**

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

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

(a) whether Government proposes to

start auction process for fresh hydrocarbon fields, to augment capacity, in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be conventional and non-conventional oil and gas exploration, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how the contractors would be selected and on what basis the fields will be offered to them, the details thereof?

**Shifting of IOC's Lubrication Oil Company to Chennai**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that IOC's Lubrication Oil Company at Tadepalli in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh is being shifted to Chennai;

(b) whether it is also a fact that undeclared lockout has been declared since more than two months now;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for shifting this company and causing an undeclared lockout;

(d) whether local people, public representatives, State Government have been requesting not to shift the company; and

(e) if so, why IOC has taken a decision to close the company in Andhra Pradesh?

**Illegal use of chips by petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesh**

438. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether large number of petrol theft

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by petroleum dealers have been found, who have been using some digital chip in petrol vending machines in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported so far;

(c) the details of action taken by Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that hard and quick action against such dealers have not been taken due to some reasons; and

(e) whether Government proposes to check all petrol pumps in the country to ensure that they are not cheating the customers?

#### **Status of LNG pipeline in Kerala**

439. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of laying the LNG pipeline in Kerala;

(b) whether Government has noticed the agitation by the local public against the Gas Tower at Puthuvype in Kochi; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government to the anxiety expressed against the security of the local population living there in thousands around the LNG Terminal?

#### **Actual savings under 'Give it up' campaign**

440. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the claim of Government of saving ₹ 22 thousand crores due to the 'Give it up' campaign is not factually correct;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the actual saving due to the 'Give it up' campaign is only ₹ 1764 crores as per the CAG's report; and

(c) if so, whether Government has issued a corrective statement in this regard, if not, by when does Government plan to do so?

#### **Increasing commission for petroleum/ LPG distributors**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that many number of petroleum and LPG distributors are surrendering their dealership due to low commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the commission for petroleum/ LPG distributors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New open acreage licensing policy**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced a new open acreage licensing policy for oil and gas exploration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new policy will allow bidders to carve out areas where they want to drill as the energy hungry country looks at greater foreign investment to boost output;

(c) whether the country will conduct auction of oil and gas blocks under the new open acreage licensing policy twice a year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Steps to reduce hydrocarbon imports**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to focus on reducing its hydrocarbon imports by 10 per cent by 2022;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether 31 contract areas awarded recently by Government would yield 40 million tonnes of oil and 22 billion cubic metres of gas over a period of 15 years;

(d) whether these fields were discovered by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Oil India but could not be explored due to various hurdles, reasons such as isolated locations, small size of reserves, high development cost, technological constraints and fiscal regime, among others; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

**Clearance to ONGC for drilling wells in KG basin**

444. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has received environmental clearance for drilling wells to explore shale gas and oil in the KG Basin in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total project cost estimated and the details of blocks in various districts of Andhra Pradesh where drilling is proposed; and

(d) to what extent, it is proposed to augment domestic requirements of gas in the country over the next five years?

**MoU with oil companies for extraction of hydrocarbons**

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

(a) whether the Union Government has signed any MoU with public sector and private sector companies in the last three years for the extraction of hydrocarbons in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof and location-wise revenue to be generated in this regard;

(c) whether Union Government has taken notice of the ongoing agitation of farmers against the hydrocarbon project to be implemented at Neduvasal and its surrounding villages in Pudukkottai district of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government to withdraw implementation of the said project at Neduvasal?

**Holiday Scheme for petrol pumps**

446. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with a policy that petrol pumps which are performing below their potential will have to shore up their sales or else they would be taken over and handed to newly appointed dealers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has outlined a Holiday Scheme under which pumps operating under the banner of State run Oil Marketing Companies would be appraised every six months and a list prepared to isolate those that are selling less than 50 per cent of the sales target outlined by the OMCs?

**CSR activities by oil companies in Chhattisgarh**

†447. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL and Oil India Limited carry out/propose to carry out activities related to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for public welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the activities carried out as CSR in Chhattisgarh and the effect thereof on the people of the State; and

(c) the project and the campaign proposed to be started in the form of CSR in Chhattisgarh and the steps taken/being taken to promote the expenditure on CSR?

**Reduction in import of oil from Iran**

448. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Iran has proposed to reduce Iranian oil exports to India;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Iranian Government has also reduced the payment window to 60 days time therein;

(c) the reasons behind such contention and the reply from ONGC Videsh Ltd. therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government with the counterpart to conclude the attrition thereof?

**Investment by ONGC to develop hydrocarbon fields**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has approved investment worth ₹ 7,327 crores to develop five hydrocarbon fields and notified two new discoveries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the fresh investment in the fields are likely to see 14,969 million tonnes of oil and 2.972 billion cubic metres of gas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**'Give it up' campaign for LPG subsidy**

450. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of LPG connections across the country, the total number of LPG connections who receive subsidy under the DBTL Scheme, the details thereof;

(b) amount of money which has been transferred to LPG consumers as subsidy under DBTL Scheme for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17, the details thereof; and

(c) with the new campaign launched by Government to give up the subsidy if LPG consumers are not in dire need of it, how many LPG consumers have so far given it up, the details of amount of money Government saved through this campaign?

**Under measurement of petrol by petrol pumps**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that less quantity of petrol was being dispensed to the customers with the help of a chip at various petrol pumps of the country;

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(b) if so, steps taken by Government to identify the defaulter petrol pumps;

(c) the number of petrol pumps found guilty of under measurement so far; and

(d) the action taken against such defaulters?

**Status of PNG facility in cities and towns**

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

(a) what is the current status of introduction of PNG facility for the domestic consumers, specifically the names of cities and towns in the country where it has already been introduced; and

(b) which are the cities and towns where Government proposes to introduce PNG facility in the next three years?

**LPG connections to poor families under PMUY**

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

(a) how many poor families have been provided free LPG connections throughout the country, State-wise under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana till now;

(b) how many families have been deprived from getting the LPG connections since the launch of this scheme and Government's move towards providing the same to the eligible families; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

**Guidelines for allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies**

‡454. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that norms have been set up by Government for the allotment of LPG agencies, petrol pumps and CNG pumps in the country;

(b) whether reservation quota has been followed by Government in the allotment of petrol pumps, gas agencies and CNG pumps; and

(c) if so, State-wise details thereof?

**Impact of daily revision of petrol and diesel prices**

455. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that now petrol and diesel prices will change daily;

(b) if so, what were the result of the pilot undertaken to determine the impact of daily change, the details of savings for customers, retailer and oil companies as demonstrated by the pilot;

(c) whether retail petrol pumps have raised concerns about logistic difficulties in changing to new prices every night during which they might have to shut down the petrol pump for a few hours; and

(d) if so, how is this concern being addressed?

**Fake websites operating under PMUY**

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

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(a) whether Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is the scheme which is providing LPG gas connections to the weaker sections, State/UT-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are fake websites which are promoting PMUY, the details thereof along with the complaints filed in this regard and action taken; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology was asked to block the fake websites, the details thereof?

#### **Disputes on pricing of gas**

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

(a) the salient features of existing formula to determine price of gas produced in the country;

(b) the details regarding cases of disputes between Government and gas producing companies on pricing;

(c) the company-wise details of such disputes along with their status;

(d) whether Government has maintained a balance between profitability of companies and the need to insulate common man from undue burden of gas price rise after revision of the said formula; and

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

#### **Policy measures for usage of natural gas in power generation**

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

(a) whether Government proposes policy measures for usage of natural gas in power generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the power generating stations do not prefer gas as a fuel for power generation;

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

(e) the details of availability of natural gas in the country and the number of households which use natural gas for cooking?

#### **Action against errant petrol pump owners in Uttar Pradesh**

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

(a) what mechanism is in place to ensure that petrol pumps dispense correct amount of fuel to customers;

(b) how many petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesh were involved in cheating customers in the recently detected case;

(c) what action has been taken against the errant petrol pump owners; and

(d) whether any such incident has been reported from any other part of the country in the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Acquisition of HPCL by ONGC**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC may acquire India's third biggest fuel retailer HPCL in an about ₹ 44,000 crores

deal as part of Government's plan to create an integrated oil giant;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC is also considering to buy other public sector Oil Marketing Companies as well; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**Recovery of value of gas stolen from KG Basin**

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

(a) whether the arbitrator appointed to recover the price of gas stolen from Krishna-Godavari Basin has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the percentage of amount which has been decided to be recovered out of an amount of ₹ 30,000 crores worth value of gas; and

(c) the amount recovered by Government so far?

**Pilot project for promoting steel research**

†462. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started/proposes to start any pilot project/scheme for promoting steel research in the country;

(b) if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof and the locations selected for above projects/schemes; and

(c) the number of steel research projects running in Maharashtra at present?

**Corruption cases in SAIL**

463. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain cases of corruption in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and its ancillary companies have come to the notice of Government;

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

(c) whether Government has ordered an enquiry on the said corruption cases; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government on the basis of the enquiry report on guilty persons?

**National Steel Policy**

464. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to launch National Steel Policy;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed steel policy includes the establishment of steel plants in the States of Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**PSUs lagging behind international benchmarks**

465. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked Public Sector Undertakings including SAIL to perform or perish saying complacency can not be tolerated at a time

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when private players are excelling on various parameters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the PSUs were not only lagging behind on international benchmarks but were also behind their private counterparts and complacent in ramping up capacities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Joint venture of SAIL with private firm**

466. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL is considering to put up a joint venture initiative with a private firm in India;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether SAIL had signed a deal in May, 2015 to set up a plant for automotive grades to tap rising demand in one of the world's fastest growing steel markets and a major car export hub;

(d) whether it is also a fact that now there are some disagreements between SAIL and the private firm on some of the key terms of the said signed agreement; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

**Cruise tourism policy**

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

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to come out with Cruise tourism policy to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey report on Cruise Tourism in India has been prepared by experts, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of cruise vessels operating at present in various ports and the expected increase in the next five years; and

(e) the estimated number of cruise passengers and job creation in the next five years due to steps being taken to boost infrastructure for cruise terminals along with the details thereof?

**Helpline number for international tourists**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced helpline number for international tourists who are visiting India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the helpline number, date of its introduction, number of complaints received and number of complaints resolved during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether introduction of helpline number, if any, for international tourists has helped the country in projecting itself as a favoured destination for international tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of tourism spots along Yamuna river**

†469. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to develop tourism spots along Yamuna river;

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

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

#### **Objectives of Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

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

(a) what are the objectives of Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme with Central Financial Assistance and how many of them are functional;

(c) the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last two years and how many of them were female tourists;

(d) details of arrangements made by Government for the safety of female tourists; and

(e) how many foreign female tourists have been abducted, raped and killed during the last three years and whether the culprits involved in those crimes have been arrested and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Release of funds to tourism projects of Telangana**

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Telangana requesting for release of funds

to the tune of ₹ 400 crores for the development of tourist spots and historical monuments like Golkonda fort, Nagarjuna hill — a Buddhist place, Salarjung museum Charminar, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has taken by Government on such request, the details thereof?

#### **Generation of employment through tourism sector**

472. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to generate employment through tourism sector in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has demanded any financial assistance for development of new tourism spots in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of cultural hubs**

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

(a) what action plan Government has formulated to give virtual push to cultural tourism in the country;

(b) how many cultural hubs have been identified by Government for development during the last three years; and

(c) the physical progress so far made at the locations identified, including any new heritage site which could be taken as model?

**Promotion of Rural Tourism**

474. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of villages identified by Government to promote Rural Tourism in the country;

(b) the total amount of funds allotted by Government for the promotion of Rural Tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the execution of work have begun in these villages for improving the surroundings and roads, if so, the details thereof?

**Disinvestment of ITDC hotels**

475. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved disinvestment of hotels and properties of ITDC;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the value of properties approved for disinvestment and minimum reserve price for auction?

**Development of Dudhsagar waterfalls in Goa**

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to develop Dudhsagar waterfalls in Goa from tourist point of view;

(b) whether the State Government has sought any financial assistance for the purpose;

(c) whether Union Government

proposes to increase transport and stay facility at the waterfalls; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Regulation of service providers in tourism sector**

477. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any steps for proper regulation of service providers in tourism sector;

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

(c) the details of existing mechanism for protection of tourists from unscrupulous elements operating in tourism sector;

(d) whether there are any guidelines for protection of foreign tourists against being fleeced by unscrupulous tour and travel operators, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any mechanism to monitor that such guidelines are adhered to by State administration, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Underutilisation of funds for welfare schemes for tribals**

478. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of underutilisation of funds of many welfare schemes for tribals in recent years;

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

(c) if so, whether misappropriation of funds has taken place in the schemes; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

**₹Funds for tribal schemes in  
Rajasthan**

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

(a) the details of the various  
programmes being run in tribal areas in the  
State of Rajasthan with the assistance of  
Central Government;

(b) the details of the funds released to  
the State Government under these  
programmes by the Central Government  
during the last three years; and

(c) the details of spent and unspent  
funds under the head of above schemes  
during these three years by the State  
Government?

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**Constitution of Forest Rights  
Committees**

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

(a) the States wherein Gram Sabhas  
have constituted/have not constituted  
Forest Rights Committees under The  
Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional  
Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest  
Rights) Act, 2006 till date;

(b) whether Government has taken/  
proposes to take any steps for early  
constitution of these committees in those  
States where Gram Sabhas have not  
constituted the said committees; and

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

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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