

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, July 26, 2017/Shravana 4, 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

Steady drop in growth rate of GVA

1121. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steady drop in the growth rate of overall share of Gross Value Added (GVA) in manufacturing sector during the year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to provide more policy or administrative support to manufacturing sector under the 'Make in India' vision'?

Investment agreements with foreign countries

1122. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to enter into agreements with foreign countries especially with Russia, USA, Germany and France and for mutual

investments particularly, in the area of infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how these investment agreements are beneficial to the country?

Amendment of Rule 47 of SEZ Rules

1123. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended Rule 47 of SEZ Rules in August, 2016 which facilitated M/s Adani Power Limited to get refund of more than ₹ 500 crore on customs duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons and rationale for the same?

Ventures set up under 'Startup India' programme

1124. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many ventures have been set up under the new 'Start-up India' programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) how much amount of funds have been allocated for the said programme; and

(c) how much amount has finally been allocated to ventures set up till June 2017, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Downfall in Gross Value Addition of manufacturing

†1125. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that continuous downfall has been recorded in Gross Value Addition of manufacturing;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that industries are not getting policy and administrative support at practical level and due to which industries are not able to flourish and their production is declining;

(d) the details of the steps taken to address this problem; and

(e) the details thereof and the reasons therefor for the decline in production?

Denotification of SEZs in States

1126. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given approval for denotification of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in some States and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether in some States where SEZs were approved, land acquired for the purpose was never used for SEZs and instead has been used for real estate purpose;

(c) if so, details of such instances and whether the purpose of SEZs has been defeated by land conversion for real estate purpose;

(d) whether Government has taken any action/proposes to take any action in this regard; and

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

Credit Guarantee Fund for Startups

1127. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce Credit Guarantee Fund that will enable Startups to get collateral free loans for their business purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the norms and pre-conditions of this scheme?

Assistance to exporters of agricultural and horticultural produce

1128. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has provided

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

any assistance to the exporters of agricultural and horticultural produce since the demonetisation of 500 and 1000 rupee notes on 8th November, 2016;

(b) if so, the details and the quantum of assistance thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds disbursed to industrial corridors

1129. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the six Industrial Corridors being set up under the 'Make in India' initiative and date of completion of the same;

(b) the amount of funds disbursed for each of these corridors during the financial year 2016-17; and

(c) the details thereof?

Expenditure on CSR by PSUs

1130. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of expenditure on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by each Maharatna PSUs during last three years;

(b) the total expenditure on CSR to SC/ST by each Maharatna PSU during last three years;

(c) the total expenditure on CSR to SC/ST by each Navaratna PSU during last three years;

(d) the total expenditure on CSR to SC/ST by each Miniratna PSU category-I during last three years; and

(e) the total expenditure on CSR to SC/ST by each Miniratna PSU category-II during last three years?

Slowdown in SEZs

1131. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified the reasons for the slowdown in the Special Economic Zones in last financial year; and

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

Acquisition of single and dual crop land for SEZs

1132. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) details of land area notified, utilised and lying vacant in respect of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, including Karnataka;

(b) the total area of waste land, single crop land and dual crop land out of the above, category-wise; and

(c) reasons for acquiring single crop land and dual crop land for being notified for SEZs?

Import of crops

1133. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which are the agricultural crops imported in the country during 2014-15 and 2016-17 and at what rate; and

(b) names of the importers and quantum of imports, country-wise?

Steps to increase export of marine food products

1134. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is the second largest producer of marine food products in the country after Gujarat in 2015-16;

(b) if so, details thereof and seafood production by other States in the country during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and product-wise;

(c) how Government is helping the States to push export of more and more marine food products; and

(d) details of countries to which maximum marine food products were exported during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise and how much foreign exchange the country could earn through this?

Export of fish from Goa

1135. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of fresh and dry fish exported from Goa during the last three years;

(b) the value of fresh and dry fish exported, year-wise;

(c) whether any fish export policy has been prepared by Government; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Reducing stake of foreign retailers under FDI

1136. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to reduce the stake of foreign retailers with multi-brand retail stores under Foreign Direct Investment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Slowdown in industrial output growth

1137. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial output growth is witnessing a continuous slowdown;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the percentage growth or decline in output observed in the light core industry sector in the financial year 2016 and 2017?

FDI inflows

1138. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the details of deployment of this FDI, sector-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to make amendments in the standard operating procedure for clearance of FDI proposals; and

(d) if so, the existing procedure and

amendments proposed to be made with reasons therefor?

Steps to improve 'ease of doing business'

1139. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken more than 7,000 steps to improve the 'ease of doing business' in the country;

(b) if so, the details of each of 7,000 steps taken by the Ministry; and

(c) what are the reasons for not improving the business climate in the country and also the rank remains stagnant in the recently released World Bank's Doing Business 2017 Report in spite of taking 7,000 steps?

Separate logistic unit for exporters

1140. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to set up a separate logistic unit to deal with the issues impacting global competitiveness of Indian exporters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Start-up business started by young entrepreneurs

†1141. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Start-up businesses started by young entrepreneurs during the last three years;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof and total amount spent thereon so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor or their failure and the action taken to bring improvement in it?

Improvement in 'ease of doing business' index

†1142. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India could not bring any improvement in ranking regarding 'ease of doing business' index recently issued by World Bank despite many measures taken by Government;

(b) the shortcomings which are pushing India's ranking backward; and

(c) the views of the Ministry regarding this issue and the plan of the Ministry to show the world what the country has done so far?

Import of pesticide laden pepper from Vietnam

1143. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that pepper from Vietnam, which is banned by countries like the US due to excessive presence of pesticides is exported to India through Sri Lanka at cheap prices; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any concrete measures to halt such cheap and inferior quality import of pepper to India?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Merger of DGFT with CBEC

1144. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to merge the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) with Central Board for Excise and Customs (CBEC);

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

(c) Steps taken by Government to ensure that all trade facilitation related work comes under a single body to promote 'ease of doing business' for exports and imports?

Decline in industrial growth rate

1145. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial growth has declined during the first quarter of the current fiscal as compared to that of the previous year;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what has been the trend of the industrial production during the last two years *i.e.* in 2015-16 and 2016-17?

New Industrial Policy for domestic industries

†1146. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to chalk out new Industrial Policy

to provide modern technology etc. to the domestic industries;

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

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

Tenure of Secretary of Sahitya Akademi

†1147. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards the fact that the permanent post of Secretary in Sahitya Akademi is causing anger and discontent among the litterateurs;

(b) whether Government would consider to continue the post of Secretary of Sahitya Akademi for a shorter period of two or three years;

(c) if so, the time by when such a proposal is likely to be considered; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Protection of monuments from climatic change and air pollution

1148. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified the monuments which are vulnerable to climatic change and air pollution in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, details of such monuments;

(c) whether Government has also fixed any norms for setting up of industries/

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

restriction on industries functioning near such monuments; and

(d) if so, details thereof along with the measures taken by Government to protect these monuments?

World Heritage status for cities

1149. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has selected some of the cities, including some from Tamil Nadu, to be declared as World Heritage Cities;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to get world heritage city status to some of the cities of India?

Amendment of the AMASR Act, 2010

1150. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved an amendment of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 2010 with a view to allow construction of Centrally funded projects within 100 metres of protected monuments;

(b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor despite the danger of damage to such sites due to construction work;

(c) details of consultation process with archaeologists, historians, etc. which was undertaken before the Cabinet approval was given; and

(d) whether Government has received any objections from concerned citizens, if

so, details thereof and its response to the same?

Digitization of impressions of inscriptions on paper

1151. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that invaluable impressions of inscriptions on paper so painstakingly taken from different regions of the country are lying with ASI;

(b) if so, the number of each of such impression in Sanskrit, Prakrit, Dravidian, Arabic and Persian languages;

(c) whether it is a fact that many of these are getting damaged due to improper care and maintenance; and

(d) whether there is any plan to digitize such impressions and if so, details thereof?

Artefacts unearthed in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu for carbon dating

1152. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sent the artefacts unearthed in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu for carbon dating;

(b) if so, details thereof and the report of carbon dating of those artefacts; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Ahmedabad as world heritage city by UNESCO

1153. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ahmedabad has been inscribed as a world heritage city in the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO recently; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

Places to be listed under UNESCO's World Heritage Site list

1154. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has pitched for places to be listed under the UNESCO's World Heritage Site in the last session of the Committee; and

(b) if so, site-wise details thereof?

Scheme for Financial Assistance for Digitisation of Museum Collections

1155. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether museum collections have been digitised under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Digitisation of Museum Collections, if so, the present status of the scheme in terms of proposed and pending projects; and

(b) whether Government is planning to utilise the national database created under this project to work on art thefts in the country, if so, details thereof?

Evaluation system for artists and writers under National Mission

†1156 DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the time by when it would be

considered to start evaluation system for the artists and writers under the ₹ 470 crore National Mission of the Ministry of Culture for the cultural mapping of India;

(b) the number of artists of different art forms likely to be awarded under this scheme to be launched with a view to encourage the artists of various forms of art; and

(c) the details thereof?

Promotion of Cultural, activities by the UNESCO

1157. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) names of the countries contributing to UNESCO for promotion of cultural activities and the criteria adopted by the UNESCO for the same;

(b) whether Government contributes to UNESCO for promotion of cultural activities;

(c) if so, details of the contribution made by Government to UNESCO during the years from 2014 to 2017;

(d) the extent to which the objectives of such contribution have been achieved during the said period; and

(e) details of assistance provided by UNESCO during each of the last three years and the current year?

ASI ban on selfie sticks in Museums

1158. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has banned selfie sticks at its

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

46 Museums across the country to restore a semblance of discipline among the self-obsessed tourists;

(b) whether the ASI will consider ban on all kinds of photography within the monuments/museums/galleries premises; and

(c) whether all across Europe use of selfie sticks in Museums and art galleries is banned to curb narcissistic photography?

Disinvestment of Scooters India Limited

1159. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is ready to disinvest its 100 per cent equity in Scooters India Limited;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to revive this kind of Public Enterprises; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Steps to enhance competitiveness of capital goods sector

1160. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to enhance the competitiveness of Indian goods in the capital goods sector;

(b) whether any step is being taken in this direction for the benefit of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) feeding raw material to heavy industries;

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

(d) whether there are any collaborations with leading technical institutes, such as IITs, for research and development in this field; and

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

Vacant posts of CMDs/EDs

1161. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of posts of CMDs/ Executive Directors etc. of Public Sector Enterprises which are lying vacant and since when;

(b) the specific reasons for not filling up those posts;

(c) whether Government has prescribed any criteria/qualification for the selection of these posts from the private companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to appoint CMD of Banks from the private sector and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Internal security challenges

1162. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to review the state of internal security in view of increasing internal security challenges in the country;

- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has constituted any team of security experts in this regard;
- (d) if so; details thereof; and
- (e) other measures taken by Government for reforms in police and intelligence gathering mechanism?

Deaths due to sunstroke, heat and cold

†1163. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of deaths occurred due to sunstroke, heat and cold in the country during the last three years; State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been day by day increase in the deaths of very poor people and labourer residing close to cities in comparison to those living in rural areas which are naturally less vulnerable areas; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Robberies and rapes on highways and expressways

1164. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that robberies and rapes are taking place on the highways and expressways particularly in those passing through the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, details thereof for the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to curb these incidents?

Killing of tribals by Maoists

1165. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoists killed one civilian every day in 2017;

(b) whether the victims of Maoists attacks were tribals branded as police informers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the majority of the victims were tortured before being killed, with a few cases of beheadings in Chhattisgarh similar to those carried out by the Islamic State terror groups; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Infiltrators using SIM card of Bangladesh based mobile companies

†1166. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infiltrators from across the Bangladesh border adjoining the territory of district Malda of West Bengal are using the SIM cards of Bangladesh based mobile companies to execute their activities like terrorism and smuggling and these SIMs remain untraceable by security forces;

(b) if so, whether the local administration and Border Security Force have been engaged in consultation in this regard to prevent such a phenomenon; and

(c) if so, details thereof and measures being adopted by Government to jam the Bangladeshi mobile network?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Attack on security personnel

1167. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the security personnels in the country are the most targeted people by the insurgent groups;

(b) if so, insurgency attack on the security personnel during the last three years therefor;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) whether compensation to the families have been made therein?

Open border of India and Nepal

†1168. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the open border of India and Nepal has been misused by the terrorists and criminals for a long time and it has been a challenge before the Government of India;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as a result of strict steps taken by the Government of India, situation has improved considerably and cases of misuse of open border of India and Nepal by terrorists and criminals has also been decreased considerably as compared to cases reported earlier; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Extremist organisations in Kerala

1169. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been caught as Maoist in various States during last three years;

(b) how many Maoist attacks were reported during last three years;

(c) how many Maoists died in police encounter in different States during last three years;

(d) how many organizations have been identified as extremist; and

(e) the number and names of extremist organizations identified in Kerala State?

Cases registered under SC/ST Act

1170. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in the past three years;

(b) details of the conviction rate in these cases registered in the past three years;

(c) details of compensation given to the people in such cases alongwith the time of disposal of these cases; and

(d) whether Government has any scheme to expedite these cases?

Cases investigated by NIA

1171. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many and which are the cases of acts of terror being investigated by National Investigation Agency (NIA);

(b) in how many and which cases challan has been filed in the Court;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) names of the accused; and
 (d) what are reasons that challan has not been filed in other cases?

Rate of crime against women

1172. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite the best efforts, Government has failed to contain the rate of crime against women in the country;
 (b) the new measures introduced by Government to address the increasing crime against women in the country; and
 (c) whether any coordinated effort has been made by the Central Government along with the State Governments to jointly address the issue?

Validation of NGOs' bank accounts

1173. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has requested all NGOs registered under FCRA to validate their foreign contribution designated bank accounts by giving a fixed time-frame;
 (b) if so, details thereof; and
 (c) how many NGOs have registered under FCRA to receive donations and how many of them have been validated till now?

Probe into encounter of alleged SIMI terrorist

1174. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the probe into the encounter of the alleged SIMI terrorist in Madhya Pradesh is not being done by NIA but Madhya Pradesh police, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government agrees to the statement made by the State Home Minister 'The encounter is unquestionable and it will not be probed by NIA', if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) details of encounter report which was to be submitted to National Human Rights Commission within six weeks, if no report has been submitted, the reasons therefor?

Security of Indo-Pak border in Punjab

1175. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what measures are taken up by Government for the progress of pilot project operational for the security of Indo-Pak Border in Punjab; and
 (b) details thereof and if no measure is being taken, reasons therefor?

Installation of FBTS at ICP Attari

1176. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the long delayed process for the installation of two Full Body Truck Scanners (FBTS) at ICP Attari, Amritsar;
 (b) the progress of the construction of covered shed for the handling of hazardous cargo entrusted to CPWD on 26th July, 2016 at ICP Attari, Amritsar; and
 (c) the progress of the work of open yard flooring for the storage of loose cargos

also been entrusted to CPWD on 26th July, 2016 at ICP Attari, Amritsar?

Crimes against children

1177. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether crimes against children are on the rise during the last two years;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) details of the cases of crimes reported during the same period, year-wise, crime-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) steps taken by Government to curb crimes against children?

Meeting with CMs of States bordering China

1178. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government held the first security review meeting with Chief Ministers of five States bordering China recently;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that during the meeting many Chief Ministers have complained about the frequent intrusion of Chinese Army into their States recently; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Constitution of Hindi Advisory Committees

†1179. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) dates of constitution of Hindi Advisory Committees in pursuance of annual programme issued by the department of official language, Ministry-wise, the details thereof and dates of meetings held including details of non-Government members participated in the meetings; and

(b) the status of basic correspondence, total correspondence in Hindi and English separately A, B and C—region-wise, the details of letter replied in Hindi and English for the letters received in English in view of A, B and C region as per the latest meeting held?

IR battalion of women cadre

1180. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up India Reserve Battalion of women cadre for special security;
- (b) if so, details of proposal therein; and
- (c) the target to provide all India basis job and budget recommendations therefor?

Non-submission of records by NGOs

1181. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many NGOs have not submitted their annual income and expenditure records under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act; and
- (b) if so, the number of such NGOs and action taken against them so far?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Proposal from Manipur for establishing IRB

1182. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) objectives for establishing India Reserve Battalions (IRBs) in different States;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from Manipur Government for setting up of new IRBs in the State; and

(c) if so, details thereof and by when request of the State would be fulfilled and necessary findings would be done?

Flooding of Imphal valley

1183. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of assistance provided to Manipur as relief and rehabilitation measures in connection with the recent large scale flooding of Imphal valley;

(b) details of proposals from the State Government to mitigate the crises in the State and the response of Central Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Central Government has been requested to declare the flood in Imphal valley as a calamity of severe nature, if so, details thereof and response thereto?

Meeting of NAC

1184. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the National

Advisory Council (NAC) was held to discuss the issues pertaining to increasing incidents of lynching and atrocities unleashed on dalits and minorities across the country, as a result of which the minorities, SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society are living in the climate of constant fear; and

(b) if so, efforts being made on the part of Government to control these barbaric and shameful killings?

Pakistani internet services along Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan

†1185. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani internet services in Barmer, Jaisalmer and Sriganganagar districts of Rajasthan along the Indo-Pak border is posing biggest threat to the security of the country and Pakistan is alluring youths of bordering areas to connect to Pakistani sites and network through whatsapp, Facebook and internet; and

(b) whether post offices, Patwari, ex-Servicemen, police stations along the bordering areas and the journalists etc. are at the target of ISI, if so, the steps taken by Government to check the activities of ISI and the Pakistani internet service?

Cases of human rights violations

1186. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of cases of human rights violations registered with NHRC in the last three years; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that of the 1292 cases recommended by NHRC for compensation from 2013 to 2016, more than 45 per cent are still pending, if so, reasons therefor?

Budget for MPF in States

1187. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise budget details of the Modernization of Police Force (MPF) in the previous three years and its status of implementation;

(b) the State-wise status of implementation of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS); and

(c) whether Government is taking any step to enhance district cyber security cells, if so, details thereof?

Dispute regarding distribution of properties between Uttarakhand and UP

†1188. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether disputes regarding distribution of properties between Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been resolved;

(b) if so, whether all resources located in Uttarakhand State have come in jurisdiction of State;

(c) if not, whether it is not the violation of section-3 of Constitution of India in which it is explained that all the properties and resources located in new State would be under the jurisdiction of that State; and

(d) if so, whether Uttarakhand State should expect justice according to Constitution?

Time for filing ITRs by NGOs

1189. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given a month more for NGOs to file ITRs and renew Foreign Contribution Regulation Act license;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the total number of NGOs complied with the directions of Government so far in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the NGOs which have failed to comply with the stipulations?

Fake encounter

1190. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fake encounter has been carried out jointly by CRPF, SSB, Assam Police and the Army;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a report from Central Armed Police Forces in this regard; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the views of Government in this regard?

Attack on journalists

1191. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether India ranks 136 in recently released World Press Freedom Index by "Reporters Without Border", and one of the major reasons for the poor ranking is threat to the journalists and bloggers and the silence of Government on the same;

(b) year-wise details of the number of journalists killed or attacked in last three years;

(c) whether any compensation was given to the family of the journalist who was killed;

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

(e) what steps have been taken to ensure such incidents do not take place in future?

Unified Service Rules for teachers

1192. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs has forwarded the "Teachers Unified Service Rules" to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for approval;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the PMO has given its approval to the said file, details thereof; and

(d) by when these rules would come into effect, details thereof?

Action against organizations involved in lynching

1193. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister on 29th June 2017 said that killing of people in the name of cow is not acceptable, how has the Union Government translated this statement of honourable PM into an actionable agenda, details thereof; and

(b) whether involvement of particular groups/organizations has been reported in media in various cases of recent mob attack and lynching in different parts of the country and whether Government has taken any action against such organizations to put an end to organized mob attack and lynching, if so, details thereof?

Bank robberies by terrorists in Kashmir valley

†1194. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists in the Kashmir valley have been carrying on bank robberies these days;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, sources wherefrom the funding of terrorists is going on subsequent to the demonetisation and the reasons of failure of Government in checking the same?

Communal incidents

†1195. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of communal incidents in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana and Rajasthan have witnessed a two fold increase during last three years;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if not, year-wise details of communal incidents that took place in above States during last three years?

Road accidents and deaths by under age drivers

1196. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing number of road accidents and deaths by under age drivers has become a major issue of concern these days;

(b) what specific regulatory mechanism Government proposes to create deterrence amongst the minors and their parents/guardians for driving on the streets without supervision with no licence or a mere learning licence; and

(c) whether Government proposes stricter regulations and guidelines to deal with police personnel who cause delay in investigations?

Talks with Kashmiri separatist groups

1197. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any talk/proposals to talk to the leaders of Kashmiri separatist groups with a view to bringing peace and normalcy in the valley;

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

(c) other steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to bring normalcy in the Kashmir valley?

Failure of authorities in tackling insurgency

1198. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a number of attacks on army camps in Jammu & Kashmir and on CRPF jawans in Chhattisgarh killing a number of jawans and showing the failure of the authorities to effectively tackle the insurgency in the country;

(b) if so, details of such incidents taken place during the current year so far and number of jawans killed/injured; and

(c) measures being taken to improve the country's security infrastructure?

Funds for development of border areas

†1199. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme/project to meet the special developmental needs of remote and inaccessible areas along the international border and the welfare of people so as to check the migration;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated during the last three years to achieve the targets of the said schemes and projects?

NSG operating without helicopter

1200. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Security Guard, India's counter-terror force, set up

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

in 1984, had opened regional hubs, prompted by 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, in Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata to reduce reaction time;

(b) whether the NSG requires air mobility to cover short distances in case of terror attack and if so, whether the force is operating without a helicopter for the past two years, with both of its helicopters having been grounded earlier; and

(c) whether Government would address this pressing issue early to keep the NSG combat ready at short notice?

Divisions of assets and liabilities as per AP Reorganisation Act

1201. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Section 47(3) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, Schedule IX properties in AP and Telangana, assets and liabilities have to be divided between the States on the basis of population ratio;

(b) if so, details of institutions, companies, etc. having been identified and status of division of their properties;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh has written a letter to Government for giving share in Singareni Collieries to Andhra Pradesh as it is mentioned in Schedule IX of above Act; and

(d) if so, what steps Government has taken on the above request?

Extending Section 108 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act

1202. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has written to extend Section 108 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act for two more years and also extend local issue for two more years; and

(b) if so, details thereof and action taken by Government on the same?

Increase in crime rate in Uttar Pradesh

1203. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that as per National Crime Records Bureau Reports, crime rates have increased in Uttar Pradesh during last four months as compared to corresponding period of 2015 and 2016;

(b) if so, details of crimes reported from Uttar Pradesh during last four months and corresponding period of 2015 and 2016; and

(c) reasons for such increase in crime rates?

Cases of financial fraud in Delhi

†1204. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted enquiries into the accounts of company accused of financial fraud in report registered in Geeta Colony police station of Delhi in Indusind Bank, Chandani Chowk, in Canara Bank, Green Park Extension and in Syndicate Bank, Geeta Colony in which a big amount fraudulently got deposited from people and usurped by the above company; and

(b) details of cases of financial fraud

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

registered in Delhi in which people were cheated in last three years?

Incidence of suicide in Jharkhand

1205. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the incidence of suicide per lakh population in Jharkhand;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the suicide rate prevalent in Jharkhand is the highest amongst the States in the country;
- (c) whether reasons for this has been examined by Government;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons therefor?

Specific schemes/plan for removal of unemployment

1206. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any action plan to remove unemployment in the country both in urban and rural areas;
- (b) if so, details thereof with State-wise number of persons provided employment during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, details thereof with specific schemes for removal of unemployment?

Employment opportunities in industries and private and public sector

†1207. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

- (a) details of employment opportunities created in the industries and businesses of private sector in the last three years and the status of fluctuation in job opportunities in public sector during the same period;
- (b) whether workers engaged in agriculture are continuously migrating to cities and whether the condition of such workers is getting very pathetic due to the meagre chances of jobs in cities; and
- (c) if so, details thereof?

Survey on child labour

1208. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey on child labour in various States of the country recently;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of distribution of child labour at different age groups in different States; and
- (d) whether anomalies will be addressed in the proposed amendments to labour laws and related policies, if so, details thereof?

Declining trend in job prospects

1209. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government has noted a declining trend in the job prospects in the country which has been reported in the media;

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

(c) steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to deal with the downward trend in the job prospects?

Taskforce on employment

1210. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a panel/taskforce on employment;

(b) if so, details thereof and the terms of reference of the panel;

(c) whether taskforce has submitted its report and if so, the recommendations of the taskforce; and

(d) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of the taskforce and if so, by when these would be implemented?

Registered unemployed persons in the country

1211. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered unemployed persons both in rural and urban areas in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether employment opportunities have not increased in the country in the recent years; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up employment exchanges exclusively for women and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Registered/unregistered women domestic workers in the country;

1212. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered/unregistered women domestic workers including minors in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware of such workers including minors being exploited and ill treated in various work places/households in the country including NCR of Delhi; and

(c) if so, details thereof and steps being taken to regulate placement agencies particularly with regard to domestic workers?

Central assistance for Awas Insurance Project in Kerala

1213. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is aware that an Awas Insurance Project has been prepared by Kerala Government to register, issue identity cards and ensure health security to workers in Kerala from other States who are of age 18 to 60 years: and

(b) whether Central Government will extend help to meet 60 per cent of the costs to provide free treatment of ₹ 15,000 per annum in all Government hospitals in the State and to extend a risk insurance of ₹ 2 lakhs?

Investment of EPFO funds in ETFs

1214. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) invested ₹ 6577 crores in the first year *i.e.* 2015-16 while the figure for 2016-17 was ₹ 14,982 crores in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs);

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the EPFO is considering to invest a sum of ₹ 20,000 crores in ETFs during 2017-18; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Reducing employment opportunities due to automation

†1215. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trend of using automation *i.e.* machines is increasing in sectors like engineering, manufacturing, automobile, IT and banking and whether this increasing use of machines is reducing employment opportunities;

(b) whether nearly two lakh engineers would be retrenched in Indian IT sector in the next three years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that today around eleven per cent of population *i.e.* twelve crore people in the country are deprived of jobs, if so, steps taken by Government to reduce the unemployment?

Making national licence mandatory for staffing firms

1216. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed up plans for making a national licence mandatory for staffing firms but without any net-worth threshold;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also considering a rollout of the draft of the amendments to the Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act paving the way for the new framework for staffing firms;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether this will encourage unscrupulous players as per the Industry;

(f) if so, details thereof;

(g) whether any time-frame has been fixed for renewing the licence: and

(h) if so, details thereof?

Child labour due to poor condition of their families

1217. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite existing laws child labour has still not stopped because of poor economic condition of their families;

(b) if so, details thereof and also what special measures Government plans to introduce to stop child labour and rehabilitate such children; and

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce relevant laws more strictly by amending them wherever necessary and making the law enforcing agencies accountable for showing laxity in implementation of the law?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Registration of workers of unorganised sector

‡1218. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still no robust system in place for the registration of the workers of the unorganised sector throughout the country;

(b) whether the workers of the unorganised sector are not able to receive the benefits of schemes for their welfare and other schemes as they are not registered;

(c) if so, whether Government will assign the task of registration of the workers of the unorganized sector to the labour department and will arrange to get them registered at their work place itself;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds deposited under the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996

‡1219. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds deposited with various State Governments and the Central Government till 31st , March, 2017 under the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 which was enforced in the year 1996;

(b) the quantum of funds spent for the welfare of the workers out of the above, details thereof; and

(c) reasons in case this fund was not spent for the welfare of the workers, details thereof?

Child labour existing in the country

1220. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child labour still audaciously exists in our country;

(b) if so, what steps has Government taken to completely do away with such a menace of human existence; and

(c) in addition to whatever Government is trying to do, will it consider creating a flying squad to apprehend those involved in such acts?

Labour Code on Social Security, 2017

1221. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the concerns raised by trade unions about the role of non-State intermediary agencies mentioned in the draft Labour Code on Social Security, 2017; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering any step to ensure that funds meant to extend social security to workers do not end up in speculative markets at the behest of non-State private intermediaries?

Revision of base year of WPI

1222. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised the base year of All-India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) from 2004-05 to 2011-12;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the new features of the new series of WPI;

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the major conceptual difference between WPI (2004-05) and WPI (2011-12); and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to modernise the country's data collection methods and also the way it calculates various economic indices?

ESI hospital at Gulbarga in Karnataka

1223. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of actual capacity of building of ESI hospital, Gulbarga, Karnataka for the service of labourers for their treatment;

(b) what is the actual utilization of the campuses;

(c) details of permanent and *ad-hoc* staff thereof, post-wise; and

(d) whether there are any grievances of employees when the hospital works with full capacity?

Abolition of child labour

†1224. 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 total abolition of child labour;

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

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

Child labour in the country as per NSSO survey

1225. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of child labour between the age of 5 and 14 years in the country as per 2001 and 2011 Census, State-wise;

(b) details of child labour in the country as per the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) survey conducted in 2009-10, State-wise;

(c) details of monitoring mechanism that Government has to control child labour in the country; and

(d) whether it is a fact that containing child labour is also important in view of UN's Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved by 2030?

National Employment Policy

1226. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will frame a new sector-wise National Employment Policy in this financial year even as it grapples with low employment generation;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposed National Employment Policy will ensure that a shift from informal to formal jobs takes place in the country;

(d) whether Government held discussions with the trade unions in this regard; and

(e) if so, the opinion of the trade unions in this regard?

Export of coir and products

1227. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the total export worth of coir and coir products for the financial years 2014-17;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coir Board plans to double its exports in the next couple of years;

(c) whether the export of coir and coir products is going to increase by 17 per cent in the coming financial years, if so, details thereof; and

(d) how Government proposes to extend these benefits to the coir producing farmers and its laborers?

Rehabilitation of stressed MSMEs

1228. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of stressed MSMEs are increasing year by year in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof, sector-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any step for rehabilitation of these stressed MSMEs; and

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

Tie-up between KVIC and Khadi institutions

1229. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to improve design development and training in different khadi institutions in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there is any tie-up made between Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Khadi institutions in this regard; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Corporatisation of Khadi and village industry

†1230. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of Khadi has increased, the details of sale, profit and expansion of Khadi during the last three years;

(b) schemes of Government to promote various Khadi products, details thereof; and

(c) details of Government's vision for corporatisation of Khadi and village industry on the lines of Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies?

Taxes on petroleum products

†1231. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether various taxes on petroleum products levied by the Centre and State Governments are equivalent to their basic prices;

(b) the basic price of petroleum products and State-wise prices thereof after levy of State and Central taxes;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the date-wise quantum of increase in prices of crude oil in international market per barrel in last one year;

(d) whether in current status of tax slabs in GST there will accrue less taxes on petroleum products and that is why Government has kept them out of GST purview for the time being; and

(e) details thereof?

Dilution of stake in HPCL

1232. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to dilute its major stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) in favour of ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the future of HPCL, whether to remain a holding company or coordination body;

(d) how will Government ensure protection of its interest in the strategic sector, the details thereof; and

(e) whether all the stakeholders in HPCL have been consulted before taking a decision, including labour unions, if so, details thereof?

Enrolment order 'Give it up' campaign

1233. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals who are enrolled under 'Give it up' campaign for providing subsidies on LPG connections;

(b) if so, the number of individuals who are not interested to enroll under 'Give it up' campaign; and

(c) if so, reasons therefor?

Investment in Gujarat refinery expansion by IOC

1234. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation propose to invest ₹ 15,000 crore in Gujarat refinery expansion project;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) what is the total amount invested by the IOC during the last two years in many refineries across the country;

(d) whether the IOC has any further plans to invest in refineries abroad; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

Steps to cut down LPG import bill

1235. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to cut down the LPG import bill; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

Complaints against non-supply of LPG

1236. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding non-supply of LPG to the consumers by the LPG dealers regularly in various parts of the country, particularly in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, action taken against the erring LPG distributors during the last three years and the current year, OMC-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether these distributors are also involved in black-marketing/diversion of LPG cylinders for commercial purposes; and

(d) if so, details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard?

Increase in domestic oil production

1237. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after allowing 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in exploration and production sector, any substantial increase has been achieved in domestic oil production in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

100 per cent LPG coverage in domestic sector

1238. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more and more LPG connections are being released daily under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and under the general category in the domestic sector to achieve 100 per cent LPG coverage to every households in the country;

(b) if so, the number of LPG connections being released daily under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the general category;

(c) whether Government has set any time-frame to achieve 100 per cent LPG coverage in domestic sector; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Impact of pipeline of PSU oil companies on fishermen in Andhra Pradesh

1239. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fishermen are facing umpteen problems as they are not able to catch fish since fish are going back to sea and not coming to shore/nearby shore due to laying of pipeline under sea/dredging sea near East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh by ONGC, GAIL, OIL and other PSUs;

(b) whether Government is aware that due to pipeline, mechanized boats are getting damaged, severely;

(c) whether this issue has been brought to the notice of companies by fishermen time and again and requested for paying compensation on monthly basis; and

(d) if so, what has Government done in this regard so far?

Urging OPEC to remove Asian premium on crude oil supply

1240. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to remove the Asian premium on the crude oil supplied to Indian and Asian buyers;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India had urged the OPEC for due acknowledgement through discount in prices for the large volumes that India imports and that India makes timely payments and has honoured all its contractual commitments; and

(d) if so, the response Government received from OPEC in this regard?

Surge in export of petroleum products

1241. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how Government look at the surge in export of petroleum products, as per Bloomberg Report, by China in the last quarter of 2016-17;

(b) what is the status of its exports in the first quarter this fiscal;

(c) how Indian export of petroleum products can be compared with Chinese petroleum products and what impact the country's refineries have with this new trend; and

(d) in view of the above, how Government is planning to protect Indian refineries?

Subsidy for equipments under PMUY in Madhya Pradesh

†1242. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) details and present status of subsidy grant paid for equipments provided under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Madhya Pradesh with reference to total Ujjwala KYC enrolled and SV issued; and

(b) details of action plan meant for benefiting the 72 lakh families of the State from the said Yojana?

GST rates on bio-diesel and ethanol

1243. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are rates of GST applicable on bio-diesel, ethanol and other mixing products;

(b) whether these rates are more than the taxes applicable earlier on bio-diesel, which is considered a greener fuel;

(c) if so, reason for high GST rate on bio-diesel which is likely to make it uncompetitive;

(d) whether Government has received representations from bio-diesel industry for cutting the GST rate;

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that rates are cut; and

(f) if no steps are being taken, the reasons therefor?

Encouraging use of CNG

1244. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to encourage the use of CNG in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to make CNG easily available in various parts of the country?

Export of petroleum products

1245. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the net quantum of export of petroleum products during the last three years;

(b) whether India which imports more than 80 per cent of crude oil also exports multiple petro products;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, details of the petroleum products exported;

(d) whether net export of petroleum products has fallen 42 per cent during the last three years and the current year;

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

(f) the other steps taken by Government to shrink the import and export gap and to boost export of petroleum products?

Beneficiaries under PMUY

1246. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of households benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana up till now;

(b) total number of beneficiaries of the scheme who have not booked even a single refill up till now;

(c) total number of beneficiaries of the scheme who have booked less than or two refills in span of one year from the date of benefiting for the scheme; and

(d) reasons for the same and details of solution Government is looking at?

Purchase of stake in Mozambique gas field

1247. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is investigating Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC's) 2.475 billion dollar purchase of Videocon Group' 10 per cent stake in a giant Mozambique gas field;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that ONGC Videsh has overpaid Videocon Group and if so, what was the basis of valuation of the deal?

Losses to ONGC due to cut in natural gas prices

1248. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has lost ₹ 5010 crores in revenue on natural gas business and about ₹ 3000 crores in profit in last one and a half years due to the cut in prices of the natural gas by Government;

(b) whether the natural gas business is no more a profitable business as the cost of production is significantly very high as compared to the current gas prices; and

(c) whether Government would consider reviewing the natural gas policy and bail out one of the premium Public Sector Undertakings of the country?

Action against petrol pumps indulging in under measurement

1249. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of petrol pump operators have been found selling short fuel to the consumers especially in the State of U.P. and Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any step to counter the short supply menace detected in U.P. and Maharashtra recently and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some of the petrol pumps have been sealed and if so, details thereof in each State?

Impact of GST rates on bio-diesel

1250. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the GST rates bio-diesel would be charged at 18 per cent while earlier there used to be zero excise duty on bio-diesel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this high taxation would render bio-diesel costlier and uncompetitive affecting its production and sale; and

(c) if so, the rationale behind such a move and steps proposed by Government to address the concerns regarding bio-diesel?

Target for LPG consumption

1251. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the second largest domestic LPG consumer in the world and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government for rapid rollout of clean fuel plan for poor households and fuel subsidy reforms;

(b) whether Government has set a target of 29 million tonnes of LPG consumption by 2022; and

(c) if so, details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to achieve the same?

Launch of DBTK

1252. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched/proposes to launch Direct Benefit Transfer in Kerosene (DBTK) if so, details thereof along with norms/criteria and number of States covered including quantum of funds transferred under DBTK so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) if so, details thereof and quantum of kerosene quota allocated/consumed by various States during last two years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether Government has noticed any shortage of kerosene in backward/rural areas wherein people depend on kerosene for lighting their houses, if so, the details thereof and steps taken to ensure adequate and regular supply of kerosene in such areas, State/UT-wise?

Gas connections to families with female member

†1253. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BPL families without a female member, who applied for a gas connection under Ujjwala Scheme and the number of such applicants who have been given gas connections and the number of applicants whose applications are pending, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of families who have not been able to get a gas connection due to non-availability of necessary infrastructure for gas connection, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government has made the said infrastructure available to such families, if so, from which schemes and if not, reasons therefor and details thereof?

Oil leakage at ONGC pipeline in Tamil Nadu

1254. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the leakage of oil in the ONGC pipeline near Kathiramangalam in Thanjavur district in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, details of the assessment such as the extent of oil leakage and possible impact to the environment; and

(c) measures taken/considered to be taken by Government in controlling the environmental damage due to the oil leakage?

Steps to increase LPG production

1255. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how LPG infrastructure is compared with the increased domestic demand, more particularly after increasing the targets under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana;

(b) how Government is planning to push production from the present 11 million tonnes to 15 million tonnes in 2017-18 as it is the requirement of LPG this fiscal;

(c) whether any consultation has been held with domestic LPG producers; and

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

Revival of SAIL and its subsidiary companies

1256. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken adequate measures to revive the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and its subsidiary companies including the Salem Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, details thereof and the loss incurred by both SAIL and Salem Steel Plant in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the interest of the employees working in Steel PSUs; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

SAIL dealers scheme and modernisation programme

1257. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of dealers (retail/outlets) under SAIL dealers scheme have increased since last two years, if so, details thereof, State and district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that SAIL failed to meet the demand for rails to the tune of 2,50,000 tonnes in 2016, if so, details thereof;

(c) what is the cumulative expenditure by SAIL for various modernisation and expansion till date; and

(d) what steps are taken by Government to increase the domestic demand of steel after completion of 70,000 crore modernisation programme?

Steps to increase Consumption of steel

1258. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is increasing use of plastic in place of steel due to which steel consumption has decreased drastically; and

(b) whether Government will come forward to arrest this trend and take necessary steps to increase the consumption of steel in the country which is very low compared to the world average of 225 kg?

Recession in steel industry

1259. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the recession in steel industry; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor?

Expansion of Nagarnaar steel plant

†1260. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expansion of Nagarnaar steel plant is being carried out, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the area of land acquired for this expansion work and the area of land out of total land acquired belongs to tribals; and

(c) whether Government has provided compensation, rehabilitation and job to the displaced tribals, if so, details thereof?

Bringing down cost of steel production

1261. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's steel products are costlier than other nations like China which hampers consumption; and

(b) if so, measures taken by Government to bring down the cost of steel production in India and make it more competitive?

Medical and Wellness Tourism policy

1262. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to standardize cost of medical and wellness tours for foreigners who visit the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether draft Medical and Wellness Tourism policy has been finalized, if so, details thereof;

(d) whether information regarding qualification of medical experts, specialists, kind of services available and location would be made available on the website for tourists, if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) the number of tourists visiting India for medical tourism services in the last three years and the estimated number to be increased along with details thereof?

Water sports activities in Goa

1263. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether any water sports activities are undertaken by Government in Goa;

(b) details of these sports;

(c) the beaches on which these sports are undertaken; and

(d) the financial assistance given by Government for water sports during the last three years?

New tourist circuits in the country

1264. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present day Government had announced to establish 50 tourist circuits in the country;

(b) if so, details of the funds allotted for this project and the deadline fixed, the detailed list of those 50 tourist circuits, as announced; and

(c) how many tourist circuits have been established in the last three years ending 31 March, 2017?

Study to identify tourist concerns in the country

1265. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to identify tourist concerns in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) steps proposed to be taken in the light of findings of this study?

Financial assistance for tourism projects

1266. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion being followed by the Central Government to provide financial assistance to tourism projects in different States/UTs;

(b) whether Government has provided financial assistance to all tourism projects received from State/UT Governments during each of the last three years;

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

(d) whether Government has received proposals from State/UT Governments for additional funds for tourism related projects during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other steps taken/being taken by the Central Government to promote tourism in the country, especially in Rajasthan?

Development of Micro Tourism Spots

1267. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided special financial package to various State Governments for the promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, details thereof for Karnataka and the extent by which the economic growth and employment is likely to be benefited; and

(c) whether Government provides financial assistance to State Governments to develop 'Micro Tourism Spots' and if so, details thereof?

NITI Aayog proposal to develop five exclusive beach tourism zones

1268. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NITI Aayog is considering a proposal to develop five exclusive beach tourism zones in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) which are these proposed beach zones and what steps are being taken in this regard?

Development of Buddhist circuit

1269. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any plan for development of Buddhist circuits and heritage tourist places and cities related to Lord Buddha under Swadesh Darshan Yojana;

(b) if so, State-wise details of Buddhist sites and steps taken for development and promotion of these sites along with funds/grants allocated during last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Buddhist circuit development project is under consideration of Government and criteria for selecting tourist centres/sites; and

(d) whether famous Buddhist sites like Sanchi Stupa, Sanchi Nagri and places in district Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh have been included in Buddhist circuit, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

National Tourism Policy

1270. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India does not have a National Tourism Policy;

(b) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be introduced; and

(c) the likely basic tenets and salient features of the proposed policy?

National Tourism Authority

1271. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create National Tourism Authority;

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) if not, Government's response to the need of such an authority?

Providing of facilities for tourists at temples, monuments and tourist spots

1272. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme/has taken any initiatives to provide more facilitation to tourists and to make all tourist centres/places accessible to differently-abled persons;

(b) if so, details of works started for providing adequate security and facilities to tourists visiting temples, monuments and other tourist spots in the country;

(c) funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during last three years; and

(d) details of facilities being provided to tourists visiting temples of Maharashtra especially Siddhivinayak temple in Mumbai, Ganesh Tekdi in Nagpur and also Historical Forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj along with funds allocated by Government during last three years?

Rehabilitation of displaced tribals

1273. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tribals displaced from their traditional habitats due to various reasons during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the preventive steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for proper rehabilitation of such displaced tribals, State/UT-wise?

Employment to tribal people

1274. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many tribal people got employment during the last three years and how many lost jobs during these years;

(b) what was the budgeted amount for them during these years and how much was spent; and

(c) how much money was spent for their education and health during these years?

New monitoring system for funds earmarked for tribals

1275. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced a new system to streamline and to monitor the spending of the funds earmarked for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether the new monitoring system ensures accountability under targeted spending?

Proposal from Chhattisgarh for inclusion in ST list

†1276. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals from the State of Chhattisgarh have been received for the incorporation in Scheduled Tribes list and those proposals are still pending, if so, the details thereof proposal-wise and the reasons for their pendency;

(b) whether Government proposes to change the process of providing status of Scheduled Tribe; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Assistance to tribals engaged in agriculture

†1277. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of tribals are engaged in agriculture, if so, whether Government has any plan to provide them assistance and training for adopting modern technology/process of agriculture, if so, details of the said plan;

(b) details of the schemes being run for welfare and safety of tribals in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for providing assistance to the unemployed and underemployed tribals for gaining secondary source of income, if so, details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Schemes to promote tribal heritage and culture

†1278. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running any schemes in the country to protect and promote the traditional tribal heritage and culture;

(b) if so, details of the said schemes; and

(c) State-wise details of the funds allocated/utilised for this purpose during the last three years and current financial year?

Tribal students enrolled for education

†1279. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the drastic change that has come about on the grassroot level by the campaign of Government to educate the Scheduled Tribes in Scheduled Tribes dominant States/districts;

(b) the total number of tribal students registered for imparting education during

the last three years, State-wise, district-wise;

(c) the amount spent for this purpose from the total budget of Central schemes during the last three years; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Objective of 100 per cent enrolment of tribal girls

1280. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is able to fulfill its objective of facilitating 100 per cent enrolment of tribal girls in the identified districts or blocks under the 'Scheme for Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe (ST) Girls in low Literacy Districts';

(b) if not, reasons therefor;

(c) the year-wise, State-wise and district-wise number of enrolment of tribal girls during the last three years under the scheme; and

(d) the year-wise, State-wise and district-wise number of dropouts before the completion of middle school during last three years under the scheme?

NEW DELHI;
The 20th July, 2017
Ashadha 29, 1939 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

Commerce and Industry	:	1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1222,
Culture	:	1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158,
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	:	1130, 1159, 1160, 1161,
Home Affairs	:	1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205,
Labour and Employment	:	1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226,
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	:	1227, 1228, 1229, 1230,
Petroleum and Natural Gas	:	1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255,
Steel	:	1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261,
Tourism	:	1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272,
Tribal Affairs	:	1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280.