

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 21, 2018/Phalguna 30, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and
Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel;
Tourism; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 160

Export of special varieties of rice from Tamil Nadu

2881. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has considered and included the special varieties of rice cultivated in Tamil Nadu for export promotion on the lines of Basmati rice;

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

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to facilitate the export of special varieties of rice from Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Survey/study of industrially backward regions

2882. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has recently conducted any survey/study of the industrially backward regions in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for development of backward regions in the country?

Reduction of subsidies to farmers

2883. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether Government has agreed under pressure from the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to reduce the subsidies provided by Government to farmers below 10 per cent of gross agricultural production;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for compromise with the interest of farmers and food security of the country; and

(c) if not, the year-wise details of subsidies provided by Government during the last three years in percentage of gross agriculture production?

Investment summits under 'Make in India' initiative

2884. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of investment summits held during the years from 2014-15 to 2017-18 under 'Make in India' initiative;

(b) the sector-wise details of MoUs signed during 2014-15 to 2017-18 through investment summits under 'Make in India';

(c) the State-wise details of the number of manufacturing units set up during 2014-15 to 2017-18, how many of these have been set up as a result of the MoUs signed, the details thereof;

(d) details of total amount of investments made by foreign companies under 'Make in India' during 2014-15 to 2017-18; and

(e) details of labour force participation rates during 2012-13 to 2017-18?

FDI inflows

2885. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of total FDI inflow of the last four financial years; and

(b) how much of this is long-term investment?

Impact of GST on India's export performance

2886. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any studies to ascertain the impact of GST on India's export performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any measures have been taken to address the adverse impacts, if any; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Grant of loan against forged documents by PEC Limited

2887. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Project Equipment Corporation (PEC) Ltd. has granted a huge loan against forged land documents pledging entire village in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the primary duties of PEC and how the PEC is sanctioning huge amounts of loan without verifying the authenticity of documents; and

(c) whether Government has any control over the PEC and how Government is planning to recover the loan?

Deriving advantages from the impacts of WTO policies

2888. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been able to derive

any decisive advantages from the impacts of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) policies, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any serious conflict in the WTO between rich and developing countries in respect of retention of subsidies and resisting opening of the markets of the former; if so, the details thereof?

WTO's agenda for resource poor farming families

2889. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has any visible agenda for the resource-poor farming families;

(b) whether the WTO Agreement requires India to pay more attention to quality, value addition and the sustainability aspects of its agriculture, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is a mismatch between production and post-harvest technologies and lack of infrastructure for handling perishable commodities affecting India's exports?

Merger of Commodity Boards

2890. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to merge Commodity Boards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding last merger of such kind which took place, along with the outcome of that merger;

(c) whether this merger has been proposed to Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this merger would help these organisations, if so, the details thereof along with any study which Government has done regarding the same?

Impact of Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor on the economy

2891. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor will improve the economy and also create job opportunities in the States through which the corridor is being set up;

(b) if so, to what extent, the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated period for completion of this corridor in its entirety;

(d) whether Government is also planning to extend the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor from Kolkata to Siliguri and Siliguri to Guwahati in phases to boost up the economy of North Bengal and North-Eastern Region; and

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

Assessment of production capacity of SEZs

2892. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the production capacity, employment generation,

expansion of economic activity, earning of foreign exchange, etc. of various Special Economic Zones (SEZs) that have been set up in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many developers/promoter of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are seeking concessions one after another from Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Change in Special Economic Zone Rules

2893. 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 change the Special Economic Zone Rules, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has constituted any Panel for suggesting modifications in the existing rules;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the details of the Panel; and

(d) whether the Panel has submitted its recommendations?

MEP for export of onion

2894. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had fixed the Minimum Export Price (MEP) for export of onion at US dollars 850 per tonne;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rate was applicable on shipment of this commodity till January, 2018;

(c) whether Government is considering to extend the above stipulation further

because of increasing trend of onion price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Issues faced by exporters due to GST

2895. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the issues faced by exporters due to GST, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps Government has taken to address the issues and revive exports, the details thereof?

Mid-term review of Foreign Trade Policy

2896. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted mid-term review of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the review reflects the GST related changes for exporters;

(c) whether adequate provisions have been made for refund of taxes paid on transactions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and whether the provisions have been made to the satisfaction of the exporters?

Package for leather industry

2897. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently

announced package for the leather industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this will benefit the leather industry in general and Kolhapur in particular in the State of Maharashtra?

Steps to boost export of spices

2898. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of item-wise total quantum of spices exported from the country during the last three years, year-wise and countries to which they were exported;

(b) the details of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;

(c) what efforts are being made by Government and the Spices Board to boost the export of spices from the country; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take to promote production of spices in the country, particularly in Maharashtra?

Fall in export of honey

2899. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of honey is expected to fall;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its effect on producers thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to tackle this situation?

Status of IT tower at Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone

2900. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposed IT tower at the Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone, Duvvada;

(b) the funds allocated, released and spent by the Ministry towards the project during the last three years and the current-year, year-wise; and

(c) the expected time-line for completion of the project?

Diamond cutting and polishing trade

2901. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of diamond cutting and polishing trade in the country during last three years and current year and how this can be compared with other competitive countries of world;

(b) what impact Nirav Modi's scam will have on diamond cutting and polishing sector in the country;

(c) whether there are strong rumours/indications that diamond cutting trade may be shifted to Israel and Belgium in view of tightening of credit line from banks;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Trade deficit

2902. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a 1.12 per cent decline in the overall exports to 23 billion US dollars with an increased trade deficit at 7.16 per cent to 37.11 billion US dollars in October, 2017 from 34.5 billion US dollars in the year-ago period, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the reasons for slump in demand of gold and the rise of oil and non-oil imports which grew by 27.89 per cent and 2.19 per cent to 9.28 billion US dollar and 27.83 billion US dollars, respectively in October, 2017; and

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

Introduction of new industries

2903. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Industrial Policy to be released next year will completely revamp the Industrial Policy of 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in floated a draft Industrial Policy in August, 2017 with the aim to create jobs for the next two decades, promote foreign technology transfer and attract 100 billion US dollars FDI annually, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government's new Industrial Policy is planning to introduce new industries currently in focus, if so, the details of industries thereof?

CII Partnership Summit, 2018

2904. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CII Partnership Summit, 2018 has been held at Visakhapatnam recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the matters which came up for discussion with the participating countries; and

(d) whether any MoUs have been entered into, if so, the details thereof?

Coastal Employment Zones in Andhra Pradesh

2905. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is going to set up Coastal Employment Zone in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh by acquiring about 30,000 acres of land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any farm land is proposed to be acquired for this purpose as has been done in the case of new capital;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government for giving concessions to entrepreneurs who set up industrial units in the above CEZ; and

(f) if so, details thereof and the steps Ministry has taken thereon so far?

Setting up of White Category Units

2906. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of industries being set-up during the last three years under 'White Category Units' of Startup India; and

(b) the main facilities provided by Government to set up such 'White Category Units'?

Export of gemstone ornaments

†2907. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of gemstone ornaments is not showing any improvement despite the rise in the demand of Indian products in the international market;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any concrete step to improve the export of gemstone ornaments; and

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

Setting up of industrial units

2908. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the major and medium industrial units are being set up in different States of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the numbers of major and medium industrial units set up and established during the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 in the country, the State-wise details thereof?

Promotion of agricultural and processed food products

†2909. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to promote agricultural and processed food products;

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

(c) whether small and marginal farmers have been benefited by such export promotion initiatives taken by Government, if so, the details thereof for last three years; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken/ considered to promote the export of agricultural and processed food products from Uttar Pradesh and whether the farmers of Uttar Pradesh have been benefited from such steps, the details thereof?

Export of duty free products to US under GSP

2910. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was exporting duty free products to the US under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) which has dwindled drastically during the last year,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to enhance exports again; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Invitation to Pakistan for WTO
Ministerial meeting in Delhi**

2911. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has extended invitation to Pakistan to participate in the informal WTO Ministerial meeting in New Delhi on 19th and 20th March, 2018; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expected outcomes from Pakistan's participation in the meeting?

**New avenues under 'Make in India'
programme**

2912. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Make in India' programme is likely to create an environment of trust to convince industry leaders of Government's commitment to developing the industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country has slipped low in the list of countries in terms of 'ease of doing business' across the world;

(d) if so, whether the 'Make in India' campaign will open new avenues of doing business; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Trade Infrastructure for Export
Scheme (TIES)**

2913. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released under the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) since its launch, year-wise;

(b) the number of projects sanctioned under the scheme; and

(c) the number of projects completed under the scheme?

**Unprotected monuments in
Maharashtra**

2914. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the unprotected monuments and sites located in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has framed any specific guidelines for the preservation and restoration of these monuments and sites in the State; and

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

**Bringing back of ancient idols,
sculptures and statues from
foreign countries**

2915. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to bring back the ancient idols, sculptures and statues from Tamil Nadu which were smuggled to foreign countries;

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

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to bring back the ancient idols, sculptures and statues deposited in various museums across the world as well as in private possession; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Promotion of Mithila region of Bihar under Intangible Cultural Heritage Scheme

‡2916. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Scheme named 'Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India' has been launched for activities/projects to strengthen, protect, preserve and promote the intangible cultural heritage of India; and

(b) whether there is also a proposal to initiate activity/project for intangible cultural heritage and promotion of Mithila region of Bihar under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment a museum at the birth place of Sita at Sitamarhi, Bihar

‡2917. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether strengthening of museums working for protection and development of culture and heritage of country and construction of new museums is one of the major activities under the purview of Ministry ;

(b) whether Government is running a museum grant scheme for construction and strengthening of museums;

(c) whether there is a provision for private sector partnership for financing under museum grant scheme at present and if not, whether there is any proposal in this regard; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish a museum at the birth place of Sita at Punaura in Sitamarhi, Bihar under museum grant scheme?

Permitting construction activities near heritage sites/ancient monuments

2918. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of construction activities permitted by Government in and around/near the heritage sites/ancient monuments which are under the control/authority of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for permitting such construction activities?

World Heritage Sites and National Cultural Heritage Sites in the country

2919. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of World Heritage Sites and National Cultural Heritage Sites in the country, what are the most recent heritage sites which have been added to the lists, if so, the details thereof along with their names and places thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the maintenance of these National and World Cultural Heritage Sites for the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is aware of the heritage buildings which are on the verge of collapsing, if so, the details thereof?

Scholarship scam in CCRT

2920. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scholarship scam in Centre for Culture

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Resources and Training (CCRT) which runs into lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any culprit was caught; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the culprit and how CCRT is going to release scholarship to those budding artists who have suffered due to this?

Smuggling of arms to the capital

2921. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that big guns of Delhi's underworld are now getting their arms from Ajmer, Bharatpur and Alwar in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested for smuggling of arms in the capital during the last two years along with the details of arms seized; and

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Government of Rajasthan where such arms are being manufactured and if so, with what results?

Shelling by Pakistani Army

†2922. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been huge increase in incidents of shelling by Pakistani army and infiltrations since the start of January, 2018 forcing a large scale migration of local people;

(b) the measures being taken for protection of civilians from losses caused by violation of ceasefire and what is being done to reduce their difficulties; and

(c) the quantum of loss of life and property due to violation of ceasefire and terrorist incidents during last three years and the current position of migration on the border?

Opposition against Ram Raj Rath Yatra

2923. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether opposition against Ram Raj Rath Yatra was made by political parties and NGOs apprehending communal tension and violence;

(b) if so, response of Government thereto;

(c) what measures have been taken to strengthen law and order apparatus on the route of the Yatra to ensure that communal peace is not disturbed and individual right to life and liberty is not violated;

(d) whether permission of Election Commission has been obtained for Yatra through Karnataka since elections are to be held there in April this year, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bombs found at Bodh Gaya

2924. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bombs were found near a camp in Bodh Gaya in Bihar;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is investigating into this incident as to how it happened and to unearth the forces behind; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal immigrants in the country

2925. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:
SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has information about illegal immigrants residing in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) how many illegal immigrants are currently in the Indian prisons for crime conviction, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of measures adopted by Government in helping them return to their home countries?

Communal violence in Uttar Pradesh

†2926. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to resolve the questions arising out of communal violence of Kasganj in Uttar Pradesh and to deal with such elements; and

(b) the details of action taken against the alleged organisations so that such events do not recur and a sense of terror does not spread in society and the spirit of brotherhood and goodwill remains unaffected?

Jawans of BSF awarded punishment

†2927. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jawans from Border Security Force who were awarded punishment in last three years after lodging various complaints on issues like taking officers' dogs on stroll, polishing of boots and other complaints of similar nature and the details of steps taken to resolve their complaints;

(b) the basis of dismissing the jawan from service whose video on low quality food being served to jawans in Border Security Force got viral last year and whether this punishment has been given to jawan as a lesson for highlighting the shortcomings in the system; and

(c) the details thereof?

Rape and crime against women

2928. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the cases related to rape and crime against women pending in the country during the last three years; and

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(b) the details of the effective steps taken to prevent rape and crime against women in the country during the last one year?

Crimes against women and children

2929. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crimes against women and children in the last three years;

(b) were they of a sexual nature in majority of cases or of physical violence;

(c) what is the main reason for such attacks on them; and

(d) whether Government has seriously examined the reasons for such a trend?

Extension of the tenure of Sheela Bhide Committee

2930. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the tenure of the Sheela Bhide Committee dealing with division matters between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, is ceasing by the end of this month, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has written to Government for extension of the tenure of the Committee for further six months in view of the unsettled matters as per the Ninth Schedule of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 with

regard to division of assets and liabilities, division of employees, etc.; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Committee on internal security challenges

2931. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Committee under former Home Secretary to review the organisation, structure and processes to meet the growing internal security challenges; and

(b) if so, by when the Committee has been asked to submit its report and for taking corrective steps?

Pending OCI applications

2932. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any details about the pending Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) applications in Britain during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for pending OCI applications; and

(d) the details of the plan to give the OCI Card on the pending applications?

Occupancy rate in jails

2933. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of jails where

the occupancy rate is more than 100 per cent; and

(b) Government's plan to urgently reduce overcrowding in these jails?

Grey Hounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh

2934. 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 agreed to set up a Grey Hounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh has allocated land for the purpose, if so, the details thereof?

People killed in encounter in Jharkhand

2935. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people and of what age were killed at the Bokaria village of Palamu district, Jharkhand on 8 June, 2015, ostensibly in an encounter;

(b) of the above, how many had a criminal past as per records maintained by the Police;

(c) the details in terms of names, their residential address, school going record of those killed; and

(d) whether it is a fact that National Human Rights Commission has indicted the police in this matter?

NSG and CISF to handle VVIP security

2936. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to engage only NSG and CISF to handle VVIP security;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has relieved the paramilitary forces *i.e.* CRPF and ITBP from VVIP protection jobs, and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the process may take time and hopefully be completed by the end of the year 2018?

India's crime statistics

2937. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's crime statistics presented by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is deceptive;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that old and wrong population figures, misleading classifications distort the results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Transfer/posting of IPS officers of AGMUT cadre

2938. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines for transfer/posting of Indian Police Service (IPS) officers of AGMUT cadre issued in year 2010 are being followed;

(b) the details of officers in various levels who are working in Delhi beyond tenure in contravention to the above policy; and

(c) whether the concept of posting in A, B and C areas is being adhered to in IPS cadre as per guidelines laid down, the details of exceptions in posting, if any?

Acid attacks on girls/women

2939. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that incidents of acid attacks on girls/women has not reduced in spite of the curbs imposed by Government in the sale of acids by retailers;

(b) if so, the details of acid attacks during past three years;

(c) whether Government will come forward to prescribe stringent punishment of life imprisonment to both retail acid seller and its purchaser, who are two important links in acid attack incidents, in which victims are girls who incur heavy expenditure on recovery;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy of granting medical visas

2940. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imposed a condition that medical visa request by Pakistani nationals need authentication of Pakistani Foreign Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is present policy of granting medical visas to foreign nationals; and

(d) how many foreign nationals were granted medical visas during last two years, country-wise?

Israel's help in enhancing skills of security forces

2941. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has offered to enhance the skills of Indian police officers in counter terrorism, sniper operations, urban combat, intelligence, IED cleaning and understanding the *modus operandi* used by global terror outfits like IS terror group and Al-Qaida;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to send officers from all the States/Union Territories and central police organisations, paramilitary forces, Parliament security and other agencies to Israel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi

2942. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints were received by the investigative agencies against Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi or their firms/companies before the CBI registered an FIR in the said case in 2018; and

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

Look out Circular against Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi

2943. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Look Out Circular (LoC) was issued against Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi by any investigating agency after receipt of complaints against them in respect of the multi-thousand crore bank fraud scam; and

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

Overcrowding in jails

2944. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that all the jails across the country are overcrowded and the number of inmates in jails are beyond the sanctioned strength;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to solve the problem of overcrowding in Indian jails and to achieve the prescribed international occupancy rate for jail inmates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Female undertrials

2945. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of female undertrials are languishing in various prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to provide legal aid to such female prisoners who have completed their jail term but are languishing in prison for want of completion of legal formalities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Provisions to cancel/withdraw Padma awards

2946. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to cancel/withdraw Padma award from those who indulged in criminal activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that many number of Padma awardees are black listed or jailed in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Creation of India-Myanmar Border Force

2947. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the creation of a 29 battalion India-Myanmar Border Force to patrol India's 1643 km. long mountainous border with Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(c) the composition of the proposed battalion;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred for raising this battalion;

(e) whether Government is considering

putting entire ITBP to the Myanmar border, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which this new battalion will be created and put into operation?

Women police stations

2948. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of women police stations functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) total number of women police personnel deployed in such police stations as on date, State-wise;

(c) total number of cases registered in such police stations and action taken against guilty persons during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has advised State Government to set up exclusive crime against women and children desk in each police station;

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

(f) whether these women police stations have achieved the objective of protecting women against crime, if so, the details thereof?

Separate State for tribal people of Tripura

2949. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is forming a high level monitoring Committee to look into the demand of Indigenous People Front of Tripura (IPFT)

to create a separate State for the tribal people of Tripura;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Claims of victims of anti-sikh riots

2950. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the claims for assistance to next kith and kin of persons killed during 1984 anti-sikh riots in various States, have since been settled as per Government's directions to settle the cases in a time-bound manner; and

(b) if so, the cases pending in each State and the reasons therefor?

Manhandling of Chief Secretary of Delhi

2951. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Secretary of Delhi had been manhandled by AAP MLAs at the residence of Chief Minister of Delhi on 19th February, 2018;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this incident has drawn widespread condemnation and protests from IAS officers and other Government employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

NIA chargesheet for terror funding

2952. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National

Investigation Agency (NIA) has recently filed the chargesheet for terror funding against certain persons including some Kashmiri separatists for receiving funds from Pakistan based outfits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that main accused, like senior Hurriyat leader Syed Gilani have not been chargesheeted and if so, the reasons therefor?

Stopping Chinese companies' entry into SCADA system

2953. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of Chinese companies' in roads into Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System being added to smarten up city grids from security point of view;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian Power Equipment Manufacturers have raised objection to above due to vulnerability of country's transmission network to hacking;

(c) if so, whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Power in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the same and steps taken/proposed to be taken to stop Chinese companies' entry into SCADA system?

Casualties occurred in paramilitary forces in J&K

2954. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casualties

occurred in paramilitary forces in Jammu and Kashmir State in the year 2018;

(b) the benefits given to their families, the details thereof; and

(c) how many of these families got any Government job either in Jammu and Kashmir State or in Central Government, the details thereof?

Filling up of vacant posts of IPS

2955. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total shortfall in the sanctioned Indian Police Service (IPS) posts in various States at present; and

(b) by when the vacant IPS posts will be filled, specially in Jammu and Kashmir State, if any?

Sivaramakrishnan Committee report

2956. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Sivaramakrishnan Committee envisioned a development package of ₹ 4.5 lakh crores to make Andhra Pradesh a significant competitor to Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and cost effective manufacturing hub for Japan, South Korea, European countries and United States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee strongly feel that this will help to achieve the objectives of 'Act East Policy' of Government; and

(c) if so, how Government is planning to help Andhra Pradesh to develop as India's primary economic entity on the Eastern side?

Measures taken to liberate PoK

‡2957. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is still committed to the resolution on Jammu and Kashmir passed by the Parliament on 22nd February, 1994; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to liberate Pakistan Occupied Kashmir from Pakistan?

Review of implementation of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014

2958. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a review meeting with Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana recently on progress of implementation of matters as per AP Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(b) matters that have come for discussion and views expressed by Chief Secretaries of both States;

(c) whether any consensus has been arrived at on division of assets between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, special status to Andhra Pradesh, Polavaram project, compensation of revenue deficit, establishment of central institutes in Andhra Pradesh, division of High Court, establishment of special railway zone in Andhra Pradesh, etc.; and

(d) stand of Government in this regard?

Adoption of J-e-M by China

2959. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

Jaish-e-Mohammed (J-e-M), the group responsible for most of the terror attacks, has been adopted by China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is expanding its role in Jammu and Kashmir; and

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

Hiring of aircraft for transporting paramilitary personnel

‡2960. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to hire aircrafts for transporting paramilitary personnel to the places which are not easily accessible;

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

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

FIR in recruitment scam of NCCT

2961. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an FIR has been lodged by Parliament street police station of Delhi Police in respect of complaints dated 7th December, 2017 filed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare regarding recruitment scam of National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) as per advice of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and Delhi High Court; and

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details and follow up action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor and by when FIR would be lodged?

Custodial deaths

2962. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise, year-wise number of custodial deaths, during last three years in the cases namely persons remanded to police custody by court, the persons not remanded to police custody by court;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of cases filed against police officers accused of causing custodial death, cases where prosecutions were initiated and convictions and acquittals in such cases;

(c) why Government has not ratified United Nations Convention against Torture which also include torture and deaths in custody; and

(d) when will Government bring a law to prevent such instances and take action in cases of custodial death?

Erecting new fence along India-Bangladesh border

2963. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Bangladesh have agreed to erect a new fence to secure over 250 villages ahead of the present barbed wire fencing along the international border to curb cross-border crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) have signed an agreement in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ratio of women among police personnel

2964. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether data from the Bureau of Police Research and Development reveals that women account for 7.28 per cent of all police personnel;

(b) whether at the top of police hierarchy, the numbers are even more dismal, with less than one per cent of senior positions being occupied by women; and

(c) whether it is high time that the traditional patriarchal notion that the police work is a man's job be debunked and gender equality in policing be enforced?

Youths joining terrorist groups

2965. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as compared to previous years, in the year 2017, 126 youths joined the terrorist groups putting the figure at an all time high;

(b) whether the efforts of the State as well as the Central Government have failed to motivate the youths to join the mainstream of the society instead; and

(c) whether Central Government along with the State Government would make

efforts to identify the reasons for such failures and bring more effective measures to prevent the youths from getting misled?

Helicopter for rescue and evacuation work

2966. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to provide a dedicated military helicopter for rescue and evacuation work during natural calamities; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed on this request?

Additional battalion of CAPF to Odisha

2967. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government for induction of two additional battalions of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for deployment in the districts like Malkangiri and Nuapada to contain Left Wing Extremism (LWE) activities; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

Identification of terrorist groups and unlawful organisations

2968. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified

several terrorist groups and unlawful organisations responsible for anti-national secessionist activities under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against such groups and organisations till date to stop their unlawful/terror activities along with the extent to which these actions have been successful in containing their activities; and

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from various State Governments to declare some more organisations as terrorist outfits?

Smuggling of poppy powder/poppy husk from Rajasthan

2969. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poppy powder/poppy husk is being smuggled in large quantity from Rajasthan to other States in the country;

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

(c) whether there has been a demand for imposing a ban on the sale of poppy husk in Rajasthan; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to impose a ban on the sale of poppy husk and for strengthening the Narcotics Control Bureau to check smuggling of the same?

Attacks on paramilitary forces in J & K

2970. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incidents of attacks

on paramilitary forces by terrorist outfits in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) the number of jawans martyred or got injured grievously and the number of deaths of terrorists in each incident;

(c) the details of recent terrorist attacks at Sunjwan Army camp and at Karan Nagar, Srinagar; and

(d) the precautions taken to foil such attempts by terrorists and to minimise the damage to the jawans and collateral damage to civilian properties?

Contract labourers working in Railways

2971. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of the contract labourers are working in the Railways;

(b) if so, the number of said labourers as on date, zone-wise;

(c) whether these labourers are paid wages and provided facilities according to the prescribed rules;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Creation of salaried jobs

2972. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of salaried jobs have been created in the country in the last three years;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Asbestos related disorders among workers

2973. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of factory workers affected with Asbestosis and Asbestos related disorders while working on Chrysotile asbestos fibres in the processing units for the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is ensuring that asbestos processing industries have minimum safety and health standards at the workplace for the workers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the initiatives adopted by the Ministry for the workers who have already been affected by asbestos, if so, the details thereof?

Jobs lost in manufacturing sector

2974. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

(a) whether Labour Bureau's Quarterly Survey for the period April-June, 2017 has shown an increase of 64,000 jobs across eight leading sectors and also 87,000 jobs lost in the manufacturing sector during the same quarter;

(b) whether this is an indication that the 'Make in India' project being PM's pet project has proved to be 'damp squib',

despite all efforts pushed by Government to make it a success; and

(c) whether most of jobs were created in Education and Health sectors since April, 2016, whereas the manufacturing sector showed a reverse trend by losing jobs severely affecting the 'Make in India' project?

Inclusion of self-employed in Government's job data

2975. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to add self-employed retail traders, construction workers, taxi drivers, 'pakoda' sellers, tea sellers, etc. to Government's job data;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the self-employed sectors which have been included;

(c) the reasons and rationale for the same; and

(d) the reasons for repeated failure of Government to provide salaried jobs in organised sectors?

Minimum wages in States and UTs

2976. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the present status of minimum wages in each of the State and Union Territory in the country with details of when these

wages were fixed by each State and UT Government;

(b) whether Government proposes to advise the States and UTs to revise the minimum wages to give relief to workers; and

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

Quarters in ESI hospital at Gulbarga, Karnataka

2977. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many quarters are there in ESI hospital at Gulbarga in Karnataka, the details thereof;

(b) how many of these are occupied and how many are vacant; and

(c) what is the plan for their full utilisation?

Creation of more jobs in the labour intensive sectors

2978. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Confidence Survey(CSS) by the RBI stated that the people are beginning to realize themselves that the Indian economy is not creating jobs;

(b) what is the Government doing for creating more jobs in the labour intensive sectors; and

(c) by when is Government planning to reform the labour laws so that the legislative compliance for industrial units is reduced?

Issuance of appointment letters through employment exchanges

‡2979. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made arrangements to issue appointment Letters through the employment exchanges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of percentage of registered persons holding degrees of different categories like matriculation, graduation, post-graduation and diploma in technical fields during the last three years?

Inspections conducted under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act

2980. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of inspections under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, the State/UT-wise and year-wise details about the number of convictions under the Act; and

(b) the State/UT-wise and year-wise details for the last three years?

Meetings and report of Monitoring Committee on construction workers' fund

2981. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times has the Centre's

Monitoring Committee for proper utilisation of the construction workers' corpus met since its inception in September, 2015 and whether the committee has submitted any report as yet; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is expected to submit the same?

Retrenchment of labour without seeking Government approval

2982. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the proposal of various States to amend the Industrial Disputes Act so that factories employing upto 300 workers can close or retrench labour without seeking Government approval; and

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

Rising unemployment rate in 2018

2983. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's unemployment rate is on the rise in 2018 creating more joblessness;

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

(c) the measures adopted by Government to curb unemployment and generate employment; and

(d) the sector-wise details of employment generation?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Non-compliance with labour laws

2984. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether advisory issued by Ministry of Labour and Employment regarding self certification about six labour laws for five years are not being complied by Uttar Pradesh Government, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-compliance therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Union Government on such non-compliance?

FICCI-NASSCOM study on changing job roles of Indian workforce

2985. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the study conducted by Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) — The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) concluding that 37 per cent of Indian workforce would be employed in new job roles by 2022;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to constitute a panel of experts to study the findings and make recommendations for preparedness?

Request of Southern States' SME Associations

2986. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Southern States' Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Associations requested the Central Government to extend the notice period given to industrial units declared as non-performing assets (NPAs) to settle the dues within 180 days from the existing 60 days;

(b) whether they have also demanded simple exit policy for SME entrepreneurs due to change of technology, improved methods of production and imports from cheaper sources; and

(c) if so, the response of Government to the request of SME Associations?

Persons employed in new MSME units

2987. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new MSME units started during last three years;

(b) how many persons were employed in them;

(c) how many persons lost their jobs in MSME sector during the last three years;

(d) whether there is any connection of loss of jobs with demonetisation of currencies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**MSME companies affected by
demonetisation and GST**

2988. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of companies of MSME have been affected due to demonetisation and GST during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to include more branches of business under MSME in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PMEGP projects per district

2989. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 200 of 676 districts achieved the objective of setting up 75 Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) projects per district;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with steps taken to monitor implementing agencies like Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC); and

(c) the number of units set up under PMEGP, which lasted beyond three years and graduated to become MSMEs, State-wise during past three years?

**Research and development
programmes**

2990. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced any research and development programmes for production and service rendering sectors in MSMEs;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes or steps taken during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Enterprises/units under MSME
category in Jharkhand**

†2991. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is provision to include/define an enterprise within the ambit of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) on the basis of its plant, machinery, investment, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of enterprises/units under MSME category in the country, particularly in Jharkhand on the basis of this definition; and

(c) whether Government proposes to define MSME on the basis of turnover of an industrial unit instead of its plant, machinery or investment, if so, the time by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Immediate reform required in energy sector

2992. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an interaction meeting was held with experts and global oil and gas Chief Executives;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the interaction it was felt that the energy sector in India is highly uneven and needed immediate reform; and

(d) if so, the action proposed by Government to tackle the situation?

Setting up of LPG bottling plant at Chanddeer, Ballia

2993. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 605 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th February, 2018 and state:

(a) whether revenue officials in response to IOCL letter no. LPG/GKPO/BALLIA PLANT/01 dated 24th July, 2015 to District Magistrate, Ballia for survey of land for setting up bottling plant have reported in 2017 that proposed land at Chanddeer, Ballia is fully suitable for the said plant;

(b) if so, the basis on which the Ministry has stated that said land is not suitable for the same; and

(c) the action Government would take

to set up the said plant at Chanddeer in view of report of revenue officials?

Fall in ONGC's standalone crude oil production

2994. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC's standalone crude oil production stood at 20.855 million metric tonnes during the year 2016-17 which was 1 per cent less than the previous year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that way back in 2016 ONGC had signed agreements with foreign companies for enhancing its crude oil and gas production, but the agreements were later cancelled; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Offering of exploratory blocks to foreign oil companies

2995. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is offering exploration of oil and gas blocks to foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the response received by Government in oil and gas sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether some global oil giants have shown keen interest thereon, if so, the details of such companies and the extent of investment made?

Privatisation of prime fields of ONGC

2996. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is being considered by Government to privatise 11 prime fields of the ONGC;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this move will strip the company of its valuable strategic assets, India's flagship explorer with mature blocks nearing the end of their productive lives;

(c) whether it will also result in new prospects that will need huge investments to develop; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy changes in exploratory work

2997. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has embarked on a new path in the field of exploration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how far the earlier system has helped in inviting investment in the field of exploration; and

(d) the details of need to replace the existing system?

Reduction of dependency on petroleum imports

2998. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand for petroleum products in the country has been increasing by about 10 per cent per annum and

domestic production of crude oil and gas is almost stagnant or declining;

(b) whether the Prime Minister has given a call to reduce import dependency on petroleum imports by 10 per cent by the year 2022;

(c) if so, the measures taken to implement the vision of Prime Minister;

(d) the annual target fixed for reduction of imports of crude oil during the period leading upto 2022, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of crude oil imported during last three years, year-wise?

Decline in crude oil and natural gas production

2999. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of crude oil and natural gas is declining and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the domestic production of crude oil and natural gas; and

(c) whether Government has decided to reduce crude oil imports by 10 per cent by the year 2022 and if so, details thereof?

Enhancing crude oil and natural gas production

3000. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by Government so as to enhance crude oil and natural gas resources/production in the country, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether Government in coordination with the State Government of Gujarat has identified such places in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof along with production data of the last three years?

Supply of ethanol by sugar industry

‡3001. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise details of ethanol supplied by the sugar industry during the last three years and current year;

(b) whether sugar industry had given consent to supply 104 crore litres of ethanol between December, 2015 and November, 2016 to be blended with petrol;

(c) if so, whether it was supplied;

(d) to what extent it has helped to meet target of blending ten per cent ethanol with petrol; and

(e) the details of special allocation/ additional fund sanctioned during the Annual Budget 2017-18 for blending ethanol with petrol?

Investment by ARAMCO in Indian oil refineries

3002. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has offered Saudi Arabia a stake in the future strategic oil reserves and has also offered investment opportunities in the West Coast refinery and the proposed Kakinada petrochemical project;

(b) whether the flagship company of

Saudi Arabia, ARAMCO plans to invest in Indian oil refineries apart from West Coast refinery; and

(c) whether India has already signed a business agreement with Abu Dhabhi National Oil Company to fill the Mangalore storage facility?

Impact of GST on claiming tax credit by IOC

3003. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that impact of the Goods and Services Tax would be nearly ₹ 4,200 crore as Indian Oil Corporation would not be able to claim Input Tax Credit (ITC) for automotive fuels that fall outside the ambit of GST;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IOC was also not able to claim ITC; and

(c) whether the permanent long term solution is to bring everything under GST?

Privatisation of ONGC oil fields

3004. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is among the few in the world to maintain and rejuvenate decade old oil fields;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) is ignoring failures of private players to push privatisation of ONGC fields;

(c) whether DGH had admitted in the past that technology can be inducted and Government's objective of raising

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production can be met without ceding ownership of fields to anyone; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ujjwala beneficiaries

3005. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries and citizens giving up LPG subsidy, State-wise;

(b) the number of PMUY beneficiaries availing for third and fourth cylinder, State-wise, since 2016;

(c) the State-wise details of the number of citizens who have given up LPG subsidy voluntarily;

(d) whether it is a fact that the beneficiaries under PMUY have to buy the gas cylinder at market price without any subsidy; and

(e) if so, whether it is contrary to the objective of the scheme to provide subsidised clean cooking gas?

Ministry's Official Language Implementation Committee

†3006. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Ministry's Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) set up since the work period of 2014 at initial stage, the details regarding the numbers and dates of meetings held so far as per rule and the persons under whose Chairmanship such meetings were held; and

(b) the details pertaining to each

meeting in view of the targets set under annual programme issued by the Department of Official Languages?

Employment to women under skill development programme

3007. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of widows/destitute women provided/proposed to be provided employment under skill development programme in the country;

(b) whether the branches of skill development programme have started functioning in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of branches of skill development programme operational in Himachal Pradesh?

Need for quality training in skill development

3008. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need of quality training in skill development and entrepreneurship to meet the development goals in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making more trained manpower in the country;

(c) whether Government is partnering with foreign countries and big industrial organisations for the training of youths in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Setting up of 1500 multi-skill training institutes

3009. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up 1500 multi-skill training institutes in unserved/underserved areas across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such training institutes set up so far and proposed to be opened in the State of Odisha;

(d) the time by when the process of setting up of these institutes is likely to be completed; and

(e) the funds released to States and spent so far in this regard?

MoU signed between NSDC, GAIL, SDI and LabourNet

3010. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), Skill Development Institute (SDI) and LabourNet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said MoU was meant to promote and enhance skill development activities related to Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of IISD

3011. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up an Indian Institute of Skill Development (IISD) in every State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to take up certification of passion-driven skills of those like carpenters, ironsmiths, masons and agriculturists among others to augment their livelihood opportunities as well as to enable them to become entrepreneurs?

Launch of German dual vocational education and training system

3012. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Training (DGT) has launched a pilot project for German dual vocational education and training system (Dual VET) in industrial clusters for automotive components and electronics in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the project including the number of ITIs involved and the targeted number of students for skills training; and

(c) whether Government has engaged with the stakeholders in industry to enhance availability of trained manpower and increasing employability of the ITI trainees under the Dual VET?

Empowerment of informal economy through skill training

3013. SHRI SAMBHAI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to empower informal economy through skill training to barefoot entrepreneurs;
- (b) if so, the details of plan being formulated;
- (c) whether the step in store is likely to ease problem of unemployment to some extent; and
- (d) what are the main areas being identified under the plan?

Skill development schemes in LWE affected districts

3014. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry is implementing special skill development schemes in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the district-wise number of Skill Development Centres operating in LWE affected districts along with number of people trained and subsequently placed;
- (c) whether Government is implementing any special scheme to promote entrepreneurs in LWE affected districts, if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries of such schemes, district-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assessment of skill level of students from ITIs

‡3015. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is no provision for assessment/examination by any outside agency of technical ability/skill of students who passed out from ITIs, especially ITIs of private sector;
- (b) whether complaints regarding lack of required ability and skill in students possessing passed out certificates from private ITIs and sale of certificates by private ITIs without imparting any training have also been received during last three years; and
- (c) whether Government would consider to make provision for assessment/examination of ability/skill of students passing out from private ITIs by some outside agency, if so, time by when and if not, reasons therefor?

Induction of young professionals in SAIL

3016. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that *in lieu* of retired professionals, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has not undergone any recruitment process so far for the induction of young professionals in the industry, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) if so, the details of percentage or number of professionals aged between 25-40 years, recruited so far since the introduction of modernisation and expansion in 2012?

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Job loss in April-June quarter of 2017

3017. SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a loss of 87,000 jobs in April-June quarter of 2017 according to sixth round of Quarterly Employment Survey released by Labour Bureau in February, 2018; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the growth rates in employment in view of rapidly increasing workforce, the details thereof?

Jobs affected due to disinvestment of Alloy Steel Plant

3018. SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE:
SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of jobs including contractual labour which will be affected due to the Government's decision of disinvestment of Alloy Steel Plant located in Durgapur in West Bengal;

(b) whether Government has assessed the impact on the lifestyle of the daily wage earners and staff including contractual labour, due to such a decision, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intends to provide for compensation to those affected due to such a decision, the details thereof?

Establishment of Steel Plants at Kadapa and Bayyaram

3019. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the task force constituted to evaluate on the feasibility of steel plants at Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh and Bayyaram in Telangana has submitted its report to the Ministry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both the State Governments have provided the necessary information to Mecon Ltd. on the establishment of steel plants, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has arrived at a decision to announce the establishment of steel plants at Kadapa and Bayyaram at the earliest, if so, the details thereof?

Revival plan for Alloy Steel Plant

3020. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed alternative plans to revive the Alloy Steel Plant in Durgapur before planning its strategic disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details of such alternative plans and the reasons for their falling short of the requirements; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Employment of labourers of ASP,
Durgapur**

3021. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plan to ensure the employment of existing labour at the Alloy Steel Plant (ASP) in Durgapur after the disinvestment of the steel plant;

(b) if so, the process through which Government plans to ensure the same for regular and contractual labour;

(c) if not, whether Government has alternative plans to provide employment for labourers who will lose their jobs due to disinvestment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Modernisation and expansion plan of
SAIL**

3022. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount has been spent so far by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) on modernisation and expansion programmes of its projects;

(b) if so, the names of these plants where the SAIL has undertaken the expansion and modernisation programme; and

(c) whether this effort has achieved any success in the last three years?

**Development of spiritual circuits in
Himachal Pradesh**

3023. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced

Swadesh Darshan Scheme to expedite work on the development of spiritual circuits in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified theme based circuits across the country and if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(d) the details of the projects sanctioned under the Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme since its launch in Himachal Pradesh, project-wise; and

(e) the details of funds allocated/ released and utilised in Himachal Pradesh for the development of the spiritual circuits during the last three years and the current year?

**Development of tourism in
Uttarakhand**

†3024. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether utilisation certificates for the funds provided to Uttarakhand for the development of tourism are pending;

(b) if so, the names of the respective schemes for which the funds were released; and

(c) whether schemes related to tourism have been received from the State for inclusion in the financial year 2018-19, if so, the names of the same?

**Tourist places in Hyderabad-
Karnataka region of Karnataka**

3025. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) which are the tourist places in

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Hyderabad-Karnataka region of Karnataka, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(b) what is the potentiality of these tourist places and what steps have been taken by Government for their full utilisation?

Development of iconic tourism destinations

3026. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to develop about 10 prominent sites as iconic tourism destinations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether important places/sites for tourism in Karnataka have also been identified to be developed as one of such iconic tourism destinations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Collaboration with private sector to promote tourism

3027. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to collaborate with private sector to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Promotion of beach tourism

3028. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to promote beach tourism;

(b) if so, the financial assistance extended to the States for development of sea beaches during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the other steps being taken for the development and promotion of beach tourism in the country, particularly in Gujarat?

Setting up of budget hotels

3029. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of budget hotels set up in order to maintain India's competitiveness as a tourist destination;

(b) whether assistance is extended to facilitate identification of hotel sites and their allocation by State Governments to deserving entrepreneurs and single window clearances; and

(c) whether there is any policy in place for national level tourist vehicle registration with provision for free movement without taxes at entry and exit points for tourists?

Theme Tourism Circuits

3030. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to enlist 10 Theme Tourism Circuits for the year 2018-19;

(b) whether Government would provide a list of those 10 Theme Tourism Circuits along with the theme that has been envisaged; and

(c) what is the budget allocation for these 10 Theme Tourism Circuits and the theme-wise breakup of the allocation of funds?

Safety of tourists

3031. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists attacked, injured or killed since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to increase safety of tourists in India beyond current measures being undertaken;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Programme to promote pilgrimage and spiritual augmentation

3032. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started any programme to promote pilgrimage and spiritual augmentation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding budget allocation made for this purpose in the recent budget; and

(d) the details regarding places of pilgrimage identified for this purpose, including places of pilgrimage in Rajasthan?

Programme for integrated development of tourist circuits in Rajasthan

3033. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started any programme for integrated development of tourist circuits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any financial allocation for this purpose in the recent budget;

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

(e) whether Government has identified any such tourist circuits in Rajasthan; and

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

Developing Aero Science Sports in the country

3034. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of water sports included in the competitions at State/National level;

(b) whether Government is aware that Aero Science Sports are not developed in the country due to lack of Government support; and

(c) if so, the action taken to develop Aero Science Sports in the country?

Development of sports grounds at district and block level

‡3035. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been chalked out for developing sports grounds at district and block level across the country to promote the interest of youths towards sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allotted for the development of sports grounds in the budget of 2018-19, the complete details thereof?

Transparency in selection of deserving players under Khelo India

3036. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of players selected so far in various streams under Khelo India initiative and provided scholarship, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received certain complaints that deserving players are not getting selected and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure transparency in selection of deserving players under the Khelo India initiative?

MoU signed with Canada on sports

3037. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a

Memorandum of Understanding with Canada on sports recently;

(b) if so, the details of sports in which the two countries have agreed to cooperate; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to seek help from Canada in the field of sports education in our schools and colleges?

Parents taking bank loans to support sports training of children

3038. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parents are taking bank loans to support sports training of their children, one of them has won gold medal in international event recently;

(b) if so, the details of such cases that have come to notice so far; and

(c) why Government does not support such cases?

Action plan for forthcoming international tournaments

‡3039 DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of places where from participants will come and the games and competitions in which they would participate, including the venues for training in the country in view of forthcoming international tournaments; and

(b) the international events along with venues thereof and the sports in which the

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country would be represented in the next three years including 2018 and the details of the action plan chalked out for the purpose?

Proposals regarding sports and youth received from Odisha

‡3040. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding sports and youth received from Odisha

during the last three years and the value of those proposals;

(b) the details of the proposals out of the above which have been approved and the subject for which those are related;

(c) the details of the proposals which are pending with the Central Government for their approval as on date; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that as a result of pendency of proposals, there is likelihood of delay in achieving the purpose of the proposals and cost-overrun thereof?

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