

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 28, 2018/Chaitra 7, 1940 (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

Criteria for companies to be part of 'Make in India' programme

3681. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any basic criteria for the companies to be a part of 'Make in India' programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of companies which have been associated with the 'Make in India' programme;

(c) the details regarding the formation of these companies along with the details of Board of Directors; and

(d) the details regarding the expertise of these associated companies in their respective fields along with the volume of business they were provided under 'Make in India' programme?

Impact on black pepper due to imports from Vietnam

3682. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Indian black pepper continue to sink due to high imports from Vietnam routed through Sri Lanka because of duty concessions under South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) and hitting the pepper growers in south Indian States;

(b) whether this will also reduce the demand of Indian black pepper prices in domestic market; and

(c) what steps are taken by Government to address this issue and protect the domestic farmers from getting hurt?

Measures to make SEZ policy feasible

3683. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the panel

appointed by Government had suggested various measures to make Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy more attractive and feasible;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many Special Economic Zones were not operating successfully due to several lapses and loopholes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Imposition of tariffs by the US on imported steel and aluminium

3684. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:
SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

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

(a) how Government looks at the order signed by the US President imposing heavy tariffs on imported steel and aluminium;

(b) the details of steel that India exported to the US during the last four years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) what impact the order will have on India;

(d) whether the tariff is permissible under World Trade Atlas (WTA);

(e) whether it is a fact that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is opposing the tariff on steel and aluminium; and

(f) if so, whether India intends to appeal to the US for exemption to its steel exports to the US?

Slowing of foreign investments

†3685. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) the increase recorded in foreign investment after 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in single brand retail sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the speed of foreign investment in the country is not as per expectation; and

(c) the details thereof?

Improvement in exports

3686. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the details of quantity and value of exports of major items during the last two years;

(b) whether Indian exports have improved during the last six months;

(c) if so, the details thereof in percentage of improvement in comparison to last year;

(d) whether Government has made any assessment of the sectors affected by the shrinking global demand and export potential of the country during the last two years; and

(e) the steps being taken to reduce trade deficit and boost export performance, till date?

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WTO restrictions on food procurement at administered prices

3687. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether WTO has imposed any restrictions on food procurement at administered prices for food security programme by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has accepted the restrictions imposed by WTO on food procurement at administered prices for food security programme by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in farm exports

3688. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline in farm exports during last year;

(b) what export restrictions are put on farm exports; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these export restrictions have disadvantaged farmers in the international market?

FDI investment

3689. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of FDI investment in the country during last three years, State-wise;

(b) what was the stimulated expectation;

(c) whether the goal has been reached, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether every year investors' meet is needed at State and National level?

Status of 'Make in India' Programme

3690. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Make in India' programme announced by Government to attract foreign investors in India has yielded any investments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of manufacturing companies which came forward under this programme, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the incentives and subsidies offered to them and the foreign companies which have utilised these benefits to manufacture in the country; and

(e) the details of manufacturing units established in the country, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Target for 'ease of doing business' rankings in the world

†3691. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target to join top 50 countries of the world in 'ease of doing business' in coming years;

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

(c) the details thereof?

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Impact of decision of the US to increase tariffs on imported steel and aluminium

3692. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision of the US to increase tariffs on certain imported steel and aluminium products has created any impact on India's foreign trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this US tariff barrier on these products has violated the mandates of World Trade Organisation on free trade;

(d) if so, whether Government is contemplating imposition of new tariff on imported goods from the US; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

New policy on EXIM

3693. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new policy on EXIM is to be formulated in favour of exporters and importers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are alarming number of pending cases on export subsidy to exporters in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Holding of mini-ministerial meeting of WTO members

3694. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is

considering to hold a mini-ministerial meeting of about 40 World Trade Organisation members to discuss ways to increase global trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the idea of the meeting is to deliberate on ways to create bigger markets, rather than finding out grounds on contentious issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of reciprocal tax and protectionist measures by the US on Indian economy

3695. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total exports of the country to the US from 2014-15 to 1st January, 2018;

(b) how much of the exports will be affected by the US threat of imposing reciprocal tax and protectionist measures;

(c) how much Indians employed in the US will be affected by this;

(d) the total expected impact on Indian economy; and

(e) the intended steps India is adopting to tide over the crisis, if any?

Closure of Price Stabilisation Fund Scheme

3696. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) Scheme, 2003 was closed on 30th September, 2013, if so, the status of the corpus of the fund amounting to ₹ 1,011 crores;

(b) whether the said amount of ₹ 1011 crores was utilised for the new Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) covering rubber, tea, coffee, cardamom and tobacco, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the RISPC Scheme including its date of commencement and the number of beneficiaries of RISPC both crop-wise and State-wise, till date?

Assistance to Bengaluru for Startups

3697. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance that Bengaluru has become a hub and first choice among the entrepreneurs of Startups;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has extended any special assistance/support to Bengaluru/Karnataka as encouragement to Startups there; and

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

Promotion of 'Startups' in the country

3698. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to encourage and promote 'Startups' in the country;

(b) the details of 'Startups' State-wise, that have been set up after Government's initiative in this regard;

(c) the details of employment generated by these 'Startups'; and

(d) the details of earnings/income generated by these 'Startups'?

Promotion of entrepreneurship under 'Startup India' Scheme

3699. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote social entrepreneurship under 'Startup India' Scheme by encouraging entrepreneurs/investors to cater to demands of the rural market place by capitalizing on the increased mobile proliferation; and

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

Concessions for industries in backward districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

3700. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given several tax breaks exemptions and concessions for the industries established in the notified backward districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to promote industrialisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total value of tax exemptions/concessions availed by the industries from these backward districts in the two States during the last three years?

**Imports from ASEAN countries
originating from China**

3701. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a lot of imports taking place from some ASEAN countries with whom India has signed Free Trade Agreements are actually originating from China; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to check this menace as they harm the domestic industry of India?

Effects of GST on foreign trade

#3702. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the GST Facilitation Cell constituted by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) is supposed to assist stakeholders regarding issues relating to GST;

(b) whether Government plans to come up with a forecast regarding the effects GST will have on the foreign trade of country by the end of the decade; and

(c) how does Government plan to educate the masses and rural India, in particular, about the repercussions of this change in the tax regime?

**Unauthorised constructions in
prohibited and regulated area of
protected monuments**

3703. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prohibition and restrictions on construction activities in prohibited and regulated area of monuments are not

getting implemented on ground resulting in unabated construction activities thereon;

(b) if so, the main problems being faced by Government to implement the law on ground; and

(c) what concrete measures Government proposes to take to overcome with the problems and stop unauthorised constructions in prohibited and regulated areas?

**Suggestions of Multi-disciplinary
Committee**

3704. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 17 member Multi-disciplinary Committee appointed by Government had given various suggestions about the origins of Sanskrit, the Indo-European confluence and references of findings of the Kushan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given any further extension to the said Committee's period; and

(d) whether the said Committee is yet to submit its report?

**Revolutionaries executed by hanging
in the Cellular Jail**

3705. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many revolutionaries were executed by hanging till death from the year 1910 to 1921 in the Andaman Cellular Jail; and

(b) the name-wise and year-wise details thereof?

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Books published by Sahitya Akademi

3706. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the books written in Hindi are the majority of the ones published by the Sahitya Akademi in the last two years;

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

(c) the language-wise details of the books published?

Committee for study of cultural evolution

3707. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a 17 member Multi-disciplinary Committee that was mandated to verify facts that establish the rich history of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the findings of a Committee set up to conduct a holistic study of the evolution of 12,000 years of Indian culture are due to be placed in public soon in the midst of contentions;

(c) whether Government intends to rewrite ancient Indian history and textbooks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Opening of more public libraries in rural and semi-urban areas

3708. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a library has been described as the wardrobe of literature and the consulting chamber for the wise;

(b) the reasons for the popularity of public libraries in India being on the wane;

(c) whether the need for public libraries is more in rural and semi-urban areas where access to internet and print material is limited; and

(d) what suitable steps the Ministry is taking to open more public libraries in rural and semi-urban areas?

Coordination mechanism in respect of monuments

3709. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no institutionalized coordination mechanism between Ministries of Culture and Tourism in respect of monuments, etc.;

(b) if so, whether such a mechanism could be created; and

(c) whether these two can be put under a single Ministry for better coordination between them?

Issue of license for problem-oriented excavations based upon long term vision

3710. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any document listing out archaeological problems of different regions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of different regions thereof;

(c) whether Government permits excavations keeping in mind the

archaeological problems as part of long-term vision and to bridge the gaps in history; and

(d) if the above mentioned aspects are not adhered to, whether initiative would be taken to identify the archaeological problems of different regions and if so, the details thereof?

**Constructions and encroachments
around protected monuments**

‡3711. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new construction is banned around protected monuments, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large number of illegal encroachments and shops have been built around protected monuments, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to remove these encroachments and make separate rules, the details thereof?

**Creation of national register to preserve
rare heritage documents and
manuscripts**

3712. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts have called for creation of a national register to preserve nation's rare heritage documents and manuscripts like Ramayana, Mahabharata, Gita, traditional and cultural aspects;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereon;

(c) how many countries have their

national registers for registering their documentary heritage;

(d) whether the present repositories of cultural documentary heritage are accessible to public and are protected from natural and man-made disasters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the measures proposed to protect them from disasters?

**Preservation and promotion of
languages, folk dances, art
and culture of tribals**

3713. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any action plan for the preservation and promotion of languages, folk dances, art and culture of tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the assistance given to various agencies/NGOs by Government for the said purpose during each of the last three years in Rajasthan?

Death of CBI Judge

3714. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any person accompanied the dead body of CBI Special Judge B.H. Loya and whether he gave any history of the deceased to the doctor at Meditrina Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur and if so, name of the said person(s) along with the details, particularly, whether he signed any document in the hospital; and

(b) the time of death of the deceased as

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per the hospital records and whether the different time of death is mentioned therein and also state whether the cause of death is stated in the hospital records?

Communal incidents

3715. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of people killed, injured and number of communal incidents during last three years;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to minimise incidents of communal violence under 15 Point Programme for welfare of minorities, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) if so, what has been the progress so far; and

(d) the year-wise details of number of special courts set up that were earmarked to try communal incidents and number of victims that were provided with financial assistance and rehabilitation support along with amount of financial assistance provided during the said period?

Illegal infiltrators in North-East States

†3716. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal infiltrators in North-East States of the country and by when they would be ousted from these States;

(b) the concrete strategy being chalked out by Government to check illegal infiltration so that such activities can be arrested completely in future; and

(c) whether Supreme Court of India

has ordered ouster of Rohingya muslims from India and by when they will be ousted completely?

Encounter in Palamu district, Jharkhand

3717. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the incident in Bokaria village of Palamu district on 8 June, 2015, the team which was involved in the encounter was commended by Government for their gallantry;

(b) if so, the details of award, if any, conferred on the team;

(c) whether Government has re-opened and reviewed the matter subsequent to the National Human Rights Commission indictment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Drug smuggling in the country

3718. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered for drug trafficking in the country during the last three years, the details thereof along with percentage of Indian nationals and foreign nationals among them;

(b) whether all international borders are considered as the highest gateways for smuggling drugs into the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures adopted by Government to curb drug smuggling in the country, if so, the details thereof?

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Police-population ratio

3719. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the police-population ratio and sanctioned strength in the country, State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and how it can be compared to national average;

(b) whether it is a fact that no State has requisite sanctioned strength of police-population ratio;

(c) if so, how Government is supplementing the efforts of the States to achieve the sanctioned strength; and

(d) why can Government not have a provision under modernisation of police force to provide financial assistance to States to improve police-population ratio?

Increase in crime graph in North District of Delhi

3720. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crime graph of theft, burglary, rape, murder, snatching, looting, etc. has increased in North District of Delhi, particularly under Timarpur police station;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that took place during last one year in North District of Delhi particularly under Timarpur police station, month-wise;

(c) what kind of measures have been taken by Delhi Police to eliminate such crime in the area; and

(d) the number of cases solved by Delhi Police so far and number of convictions of

criminals during the past one year, month-wise?

Maoist activities in the country

3721. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether maoist activities are still witnessed in the different States in the form of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the country;

(b) if so, how many maoist incidents took place in various States in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 till date, State-wise; and

(c) how many civilians, how many jawans of central forces and State police personnel and maoists were killed in different incidents during the said period, State-wise?

Teachers of municipal corporation schools not getting salaries

†3722. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the teachers of municipal corporation schools in Delhi have not been getting their salary on time for several months for which they have been expressing their anguish through various media;

(b) the reasons behind delay in payment of teachers' salary and the steps being taken to avoid this along with the factors due to

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which such situation is arising out ultimately;

(c) the person(s) responsible for poor financial condition of the teachers who have not been getting their salary in time; and

(d) the details thereof?

Police action on demonstrators during sealing in Delhi

†3723. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during demonstration against the sealing in compliance of Delhi Master Plan, several people including women got injured in the action taken by Delhi Police;

(b) whether it is also a fact that police high handedness with journalists when they were taking photographs during sealing drive in Lajpat Nagar, also came to light; and

(c) the details thereof?

Vandalising of statues of great personalities

†3724. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that statues of great personalities have been vandalised in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the names of States along with the names of great personalities whose statues were vandalised;

(c) the persons who were found involved in vandalising the statues; and

(d) the details thereof?

More officers and jawans of paramilitary forces leaving jobs

3725. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of officers and jawans of paramilitary forces who have left their job in the year 2017 has seen an increase of around 500 per cent in comparison to year 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof paramilitary force-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether worse service conditions and lack of proper amenities is the main reasons thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed in this regard?

Proposal for inclusion of more languages in Eighth Schedule

3726. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government

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for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) the details of the proposals/requests received from the States and others for inclusion of more languages along with the response of Government thereto, State-wise and language-wise?

Hiring of helicopters to ferry troops

3727. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has permitted the States to hire helicopters to ferry the troops deployed in anti-naxal operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any proposal is lying with Government seeking permission to hire/lease out helicopters to the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the time by which the necessary approval is likely to be given?

India's low rank in 'Rule of Law' index

3728. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Rule of Law' has rightly been argued to be part of the basic structure of the Indian Constitution;

(b) whether the World Justice Project Index, based on 44 parameters ranks India at dismal 62 among 113 countries with our criminal justice system ranking even lower at 66 with Nepal faring better; and

(c) whether India's numerous 'police

encounters' contribute to our low rank on the 'Rule of Law' index?

Inhuman condition in jails

3729. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the 1382 prisons in the country are overcrowded by more than 15 per cent of their capacities;

(b) whether the global human rights agencies have observed that conditions in most Indian jails/prisons are inhuman;

(c) whether jail manuals have been revised and updated with standard operating procedures for undertrial review Committees in place; and

(d) whether the slow and tortuous pace of Indian judicial system has made the plight of the undertrials much horrendous?

Compensation to victims of acid attacks

3730. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Supreme Court has asked the National Legal Service Authority to submit a response on frequent acid attacks on women despite the acid ban, what is the stand of Government on the rising acid attacks;

(b) whether the petitioner demanded compensation to the victims to be increased from ₹ 3 lakh to ₹ 12 lakh and single window clearance of relief measures to victims; and

(c) Government's response on both the demands made in the petition and the steps taken thereon?

Gap between missing children and rescued children

3731. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gap between missing children and rescued children has increased over the years which reflects that Government has miserably failed in rescuing/tracing missing children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to augment the mechanism to trace the children or put new proposal replacing the existing mechanism to trace the missing children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amendment to CrPC

3732. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to implement the recommendations of the 268th Law Commission report on bail, especially on the proposed amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement the proposed amendments; and

(c) if not, what steps Government intends to take on the report?

Protection to journalists

3733. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is collecting statistics about cases of attack on journalists across the country, if so, year-wise, State-wise and Union Territory-wise details of attacks during the last three years;

(b) if Government is not collecting these statistics, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases in which FIRs have been registered, chargesheets filed, trials initiated, convictions or acquittals during the period;

(d) whether Government is issuing an advisory to offer/provide better protection to journalists, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to prevent such attacks?

Security cover to politicians

3734. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:
SHRI MANISH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the updated list of politicians who are provided security by various forces in the country; and

(b) the number of politicians who receive security from each force like the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force and other such forces?

Recruitment of women police personnel

3735. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any drive to recruit women police personnel at the lower and upper subordinate level to overcome the acute shortage of women police officers in the rural and the interior areas;

(b) whether Government would consider increasing the sports quota for tribal women in the police for recruiting women police personnel for deployment in the tribal areas to overcome the acute shortage; and

(c) if so, by when would Government take steps to fill such vacancies of immediate nature?

Talks with Pakistan for peace in J&K

3736. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has recently asked the Central Government to talk to Pakistan for peace in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Evidence safety rules on the basis of NIA Act

†3737. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when evidence safety rules will be granted on the basis of 'NIA Act, 2008, in the country, the details thereof;

(b) the number of witnesses and members of their families who have been given protection by Government during the last three years, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of witnesses and members of their families who were

attacked during protection, the number out of the same who were related to high profile cases, the details thereof?

Non-registration of FIR by police

3738. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police do not register the complainants' complaint so that the figures/numbers of crime do not increase;

(b) whether action has been taken against such police officials who do not register complaint or FIR of the complainant during the last three years in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Children staying with mothers in jails

3739. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of innocent children accompany their mothers in jails who are imprisoned for various crimes in Maharashtra and rest of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such children in the country at present, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to provide education and other basic facilities to such children and to save them from the vicious atmosphere of jails in the country, particularly in Maharashtra?

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Terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir

3740. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been steady increase in the instances of terrorist attacks especially on army camps in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with instances of terrorist violence since last six months;

(c) whether these terrorists are getting support of the local people; and

(d) if so, whether Government has drawn any concrete plan involving army, local police and paramilitary forces to isolate terrorists from local people?

Photographs and names of political leaders on official stationery

3741. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is permissible for the Ministers of Government under extant Rules/Regulations/Guidelines to print photographs and names of political leaders who have not held public post, in their respective official stationery along with the National Emblem;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action so far for violation of such Rules/Regulations/Guidelines, if any?

Cases of rape of minor girls

3742. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rape cases/crime

against women registered in the country during the last two years;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of cases of rape of minor girls reported in the same period;

(d) the details thereof, State-wise and whether it is a fact that crime against women in the country has increased manifold during the last five months; and

(e) the action taken by Government to address the issue?

Duty allowance of Home Guards

3743. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of directive given by Supreme Court to increase duty allowance of Home Guards;

(b) the reasons for Government washing off its hand by simply saying that Home Guards is a State Subject;

(c) why can Government not extend some financial help to States as matching grants so that States can give the same to Home Guards which will boost their morale in working; and

(d) how Government thinks that reimbursing 25 per cent to normal States for raising, training and equipping of Home Guards which comes to just ₹ 11 of daily allowance fixed way back in the year 2000 is sufficient?

Measures for ensuring better security to women

3744. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken/being taken by

Government for upgradation of internal security to ensure better security to women in the country;

(b) whether Government is considering to formulate any new scheme for the modernisation of police force in all the States of the country with regard to safeguard and safety of women in view of the increasing incidents of crime against women in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

SSB losing troops in motorbike accidents

3745. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has lost ten times more troops in motorbike accidents in last three years than at the borders or during operations/law and order duties in States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those getting killed in such road accidents were in the prime of their lives, about 30-40 years of age;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the SSB has come out with a report on these bike accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Srinagar central jail becoming base for recruitment of terrorists

†3746. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the central jail of Srinagar has become a base for recruitment of terrorists,

(b) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the report prepared by the Director General of Police under the direction of the Inspector General of Crime Investigation Department (CID), received by the Principal Secretary (Home) last year;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to search the prisons thoroughly and to keep vigil on every activity carried out in prisons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sealing of parts of hotel Le Meridian in Delhi

3747. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) is frequently sealing parts of hotel Le Meridian and its commercial tower in New Delhi even when the matter is *sub-judice* in the court;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action against officers of NDMC for not giving opportunity to occupants by issuing show cause notice to each sub-licensee; and

(c) whether management of Le Meridian has offered any package to settle the long pending dues to NDMC as recommended by former Lt. Governor of Delhi and if so, details thereof and reasons for not accepting the recommendation of former Lt. Governor of Delhi?

Playing of National Anthem in cinema halls and public places

3748. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ministry has appointed an inter-ministerial panel and asked it to draft guidelines for playing of National Anthem in cinema halls and public places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee is likely to seek information for study from States and Union Territories about cases of alleged attacks or harassment for not standing up during National Anthem;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the panel is likely to give its report?

Plan to curb naxal movement in Chhattisgarh

3749. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxal activities are under control in the country;

(b) how many naxals have surrendered in the country last year and till date; and

(c) whether Government has any foolproof plan to curb naxal movement in Chhattisgarh?

Assault on collection representatives of NBFCs by cheated people

†3750. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people cheated by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) throughout the country including Maharashtra have made assault on collection representatives of the said NBFCs after losing their deposits in fund scams committed by those companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to prevent the incidents of attack on the collection representatives of the said NBFCs?

Fund for enhancing safety and security of women

3751 SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Women and Child Development has allotted ₹ 2900 crore for enhancing safety and security of women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is utilizing this fund for the modernisation of police infrastructure in various major cities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Preparedness of NDMA to deal with heat wave conditions

3752. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heat wave conditions prevail every year since last few years causing disastrous situation in various parts of the country during summers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is fully equipped to face such disastrous heat wave situation in the country in the coming summer months of year 2018; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Student Police Cadet Programme

3753. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch a Student Police Cadet (SPC) Programme across the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the programme; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to encourage students to understand the importance of rule of law and its role in peace, development and sustained creation of new income and employment opportunities?

Information provided by IB on naxal attack in Chhattisgarh

†3754. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Intelligence Bureau (IB), an investigating agency under Ministry of Home Affairs has any set up in the naxal affected areas of Chhattisgarh for collection of secret information;
- (b) if so, the total number of secret information collected by IB during April and May, 2013 regarding movement of armed naxal parties in Bastar division, details thereof;
- (c) details of further action taken on information collected by IB ; and
- (d) whether any alert had been issued by IB regarding probable naxal attack on congress leaders in the year 2010-11, if so, the action taken thereon and the details thereof?

Review on insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir

3755. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made a review on the prevailing insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has initiated any peace talks with the rebel groups, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government for alleviating the disturbances in Jammu and Kashmir?

Commissionerate system of police organisation

3756. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any decision to introduce commissionerate system of police organisation in more parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has made an assessment of working of commissionerate system in Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government proposes to introduce commissionerate system in any other part of Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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Fund released for MPF scheme

3757. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of funds released for Modernisation of Police Force (MPF) scheme under various components such as mobility, weaponry, equipment, communication, etc., to various States, with particular reference to Karnataka, during last four years and current-year, year-wise and component-wise;

(b) whether the sharing pattern has been reduced from 75:25 to 60:40 under MPF Scheme;

(c) how Government justifies reducing this to 60:40 by taking shelter under increasing share of States in central taxes to 42 per cent;

(d) whether many States are demanding to revert back to 75:25 sharing; and

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

Jobs to family of personnel martyred on border

†3758. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had declared that one person from the family of the personnel martyred on the border would be given a job and would be provided compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the total number of people belonging to the family of the martyred personnel who have been given jobs timely and provided compensation?

Unauthorised parking on roads in NCT of Delhi

3759. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of unauthorised parking on roads in the major cities in the country including NCT of Delhi;

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

(c) whether Government has issued directions to the State Governments to tackle unauthorised parking on roads and for improving the traffic movement for public at large;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

False complaints under SC/ST Act

3760. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people are being falsely implicated under the stringent 'no bail' Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act;

(b) if so, the number of cases which were found to be false by the courts during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the said act so as to provide punishment for false complaints and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Rohingyas' entry into Indian territory from Bangladesh

3761. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than 6,00,000 members of the minority muslim group have fled across the border from Myanmar into Bangladesh since August, 2017;

(b) if so, the number of Rohingya Muslims crossed over to India keeping in view the fact that Indo-Bangladesh border is porous; and

(c) the preventive measures being taken by Government to arrest further crossing of illegal Rohingya muslims into Indian territory from Bangladesh?

Human trafficking in the country

3762. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that human trafficking in the country has seen a sharp rise in the past year as recorded by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, 2016 and still remains highly unreported;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) what steps have been taken so far by Government to arrest the cases of human trafficking in the country and how successful they have been in this regard; and

(d) what is the future course of action with which Government aims to tackle this serious issue?

FIR by Delhi Police Cyber Cell

3763. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police Cyber Cell has registered an FIR for reports on leakage of millions of Aadhaar details on Whatsapp for ₹ 500 only on 5th January, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the progress and newspapers against whom FIR has been filed; and

(d) the details of the progress of investigation in the allegations against accused since 5th January till 12th March, 2018?

Comprehensive database of occupational accidents in the country

3764. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a comprehensive database of occupational accidents in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to improve workplace safety in the country, the details thereof?

Structure of National Career Service

3765. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Career Service (NCS) launched by Government is just an

internet portal without any infrastructural supports across the country and it has been facing shortage of funds;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) if not, the details of the organizational structure and funds allotted for setting up of NCS along with details of its geographical catchment, sectoral thrust, special focus groups, etc.;

(d) whether the National Skill Development Corporation will play any role in effective implementation of the NCS; and

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

Permanent status for workers in private sector

‡3766. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision to give permanent status, after a certain period, to workers who work regularly in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government proposes to make any provision in this regard;

(d) whether there is any provision by Government regarding appointment and removal of workers in private sector and whether Government agency scrutinizes the same regularly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Centralized data on job creation

3767. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government records data of the total jobs created in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there exists no centralized data on job creation in the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to create a database which records the total jobs being created and the sector in which the jobs are created?

Annual employment growth rate

3768. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) the details of annual employment growth rate in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of total employment generation in the country during the said period;

(c) the position of the States on the front of annual employment growth rate during the last three years; and

(d) the position of the States on the front of total employment generation during the last three years?

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**Upgradation and modernisation of
employment exchanges**

‡3769. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment exchanges functioning, presently, in the country, State-wise/Union Territory-wise including those in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the State-wise/Union Territory-wise status of upgradation and modernisation of employment exchanges in the country;

(c) the State-wise/Union Territory-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised in each year of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether modernisation work in this regard is under progress as per target in all the States including Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Transforming of Employment Exchanges
into Model Career Centres**

3770. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned the Transforming of Employment Exchanges into Model Career Centres for various districts in Rajasthan except Jaipur;

(b) whether Government intends to consider the proposal for Transforming of Employment Exchange of District of Jaipur also into Model Career Centres;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of fixed term contract
for workers**

3771. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has called a consultation meeting with the representatives of State Governments, trade unions and industry for implementation of the proposed fixed term contract workers as announced in the Budget 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions, that took place and the outcome thereof?

**Benefits for migrant construction
workers**

3772. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the labour laws, migrant construction workers are entitled to housing and other social security benefits apart from minimum wages, overtime payments and weekly offs;

(b) if so, the measures that have been taken in the last three years to ensure that these benefits are extended to migrant construction workers;

(c) whether any action has been taken against erring construction companies in the last three years in this regard;

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

(e) whether there is any fund exclusively available for construction workers?

Details of unemployment

3773. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND

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EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed in the country as on 1st January, 2014 and 1st January, 2018;

(b) how many of them are in the age group of 18-40 years;

(c) how many of them became unemployed during this period;

(d) how many of them are women, differently-abled; and

(e) the number of people who got employment between 1st January, 2014 and 1st January, 2018?

**Encouraging alternate employment/
self-employment among the youth**

3774. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to encourage alternate employment/self-employment amongst the youth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government to help the youth in seeking future employment?

Increasing of pension for labourers

†3775. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of retired labourer pensioners of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is about 28,50,000 at present;

(b) whether the retired labourer

pensioners of EPFO are getting only ₹ 1000/- per month pension at present;

(c) whether it is impossible for any family to survive on ₹ 1000/- monthly pension;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to increase the pension of the retired labourer pensioners of EPFO upto an amount needed for the survival of their family;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Payment of enhanced wages

3776. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had increased minimum wages for workers engaged in sweeping and cleaning activities by 40 per cent w.e.f. 19th January, 2017;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the notification by the contractors engaged by Central Government offices and agencies particularly the Indian Railways; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the notification and to ensure payment of wages at enhanced rates to workers engaged in sweeping and cleaning activities?

Vacant posts in PSUs

3777. MS. DOLA SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the actual number of employees in Central Government Public

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Sector Undertakings (PSUs) every year for the last four financial years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) what will be the exact number of Central Government employees in 2018-19 financial year; and

(c) what are the actual number of vacant posts in Central Government sector?

Private Provident Fund Trusts

3778. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has permitted several private firms to establish their own trusts to manage Provident Fund (PF) contributions instead of depositing them to Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of firms given such exemption, year-wise; and

(c) whether there is any check on these trusts to verify any misuse of these funds by the firms?

Uploading of the unemployment data

3779. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is maintaining the employment, unemployment and unemployed youth data, if so, the year-wise details thereof since 2014 till date along with the reasons for the same not being uploaded on the website of the Ministry; and

(b) the State/UT/district-wise and union vacancy details for all the sectors since 2014 till date, also the details of the

vacancies that have been converted to contractual system and details of the posts that have been filled from the above mentioned list with date?

Stressed loans of MSMEs

3780. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while number of accounts covered under Central Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises increased, the guarantee amount has decreased between 2012-13 to 2015-16;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has conducted survey to assess impact of GST and demonetisation on Non Performing Assets (NPAs) of MSME sector;

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

(e) details of number of NPA accounts under CGTMSE and NPAs of MSME sector in past three years; and

(f) details of stressed loans of MSMEs that were restructured and MSMEs that were rehabilitated in past three years?

Financial problems of MSMEs in the country

3781. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that

MSMEs in the country are passing through acute financial problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to protect the MSMEs in the country; and

(d) the incentives, rebates and discounts being offered to the MSMEs?

Definition of MSMEs

3782. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently redefined the definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the new definition would help the MSME sector in 'Ease of Doing Business', particularly in Assam and other North-Eastern States;

(d) whether Government feels that the sector can create job opportunities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Credit inflow to entrepreneurs in MSME sector

3783. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit inflow to the entrepreneurs in MSME sector has been found to be inadequate;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the

employment opportunities have been adversely affected due to inadequate inflow of funds in general in Assam and other North-Eastern States in particular; and

(d) if so, what remedial action has been taken by Government to safeguard the MSME sector?

Public procurement policy

3784. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Public Procurement Policy effective from 1st April, 2012, all the Central Ministries/ PSUs or Government Departments must procure minimum 20 per cent of their annual requirement from the MSMEs;

(b) if so, whether the said Departments are following this policy in letter and spirit; and

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

Funds for development of MSME sector in Tamil Nadu

3785. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated funds for the development of MSME sector in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any special initiatives and comprehensive scheme for the development and welfare of MSME sector in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amount spent by MSMEs for imparting skill development training

3786. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been spent by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for imparting skill development training to unemployed youths, particularly in Maharashtra State; and

(b) the details of achievements thereof during the last two years?

Preference to small entrepreneurs in Government procurement

3787. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to give preference to small entrepreneurs in Government procurement;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any initiatives to promote small enterprises, especially in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Theft of gas in Krishna Godavari basin

3788. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 440 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th November, 2014 and state:

(a) the updated status of the probe

conducted by Government in respect of theft of gas in the Krishna Godavari basin;

(b) the further action taken/proposed by Government in case the inquiry has been completed and report submitted to the Ministry; and

(c) the estimated loss of revenue to Government due to this theft of gas in this region along with the steps taken/proposed to recover such loss?

Withdrawal of exploratory oil companies from Mizoram

3789. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three companies were engaged to work in Mizoram for exploration of oil and natural gas in Mizoram;

(b) if so, the details of the companies and the areas they were engaged in;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they have all withdrawn from their engagements without properly intimating the State Government; and

(d) if so, what is/are the reason(s) behind their sudden withdrawal?

Blending of ethanol with petrol

3790. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether countries like Brazil blend 25-30 per cent of ethanol in petrol, 15 per cent by the US and 85 per cent being planned by Thailand;

(b) if so, reasons why after 13-14 years of our programme we have not been able

to achieve even 6 per cent blending of ethanol into petrol;

(c) in view of above, why Government has decided to withdraw ₹ 5 incentive per litre and restoring 12.5 per cent excise duty on ethanol;

(d) whether it discourages sugar mills from submitting Expression of Interest to supply ethanol and thereby impact blending with petrol; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

Reservation for allotment of LPG agencies, petrol pumps and CNG pumps

†3791. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government to allot LPG agencies, petrol pumps and CNG pumps in the country;

(b) whether any type of reservation/ quota has been fixed for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes/ Ex-servicemen/Defence personnel in the allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies/ CNG pumps and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any restriction on increasing the number of LPG agencies/ petrol pumps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to increase the number of LPG agencies and petrol pumps in the country including Maharashtra, State-wise/area-wise?

Non-provision of subsidised refills under PMUY

3792. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), women from the BPL category were provided with one filled LPG cylinder with gas stove but no subsidized refills were provided;

(b) what provision Government has made to provide the subsequent gas cylinders as the beneficiaries under the PMUY will not be able to buy the LPG cylinders on regular rates; and

(c) if this scheme was with a genuine intention of helping the needy, then why no follow up programme was chalked out right in the beginning?

Policy for blending of ethanol with petrol

†3793. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to make any policy regarding mixing ethanol with petrol;

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

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

Auction of oil and gas blocks for exploration

3794. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for putting on auction, a large number of blocks for exploration in oil and gas at the beginning of this year, 2018;

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(b) whether any block in West Bengal has been included in the blocks listed for auction;

(c) whether any foolproof regulations have been prescribed to avoid future complications under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP), if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any Energy Regulator is being appointed to oversee the block awarding activity and when is this procedure likely to take place?

FDI in oil and gas sector to meet demand

3795. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil and gas sector has received any FDI in the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) by what extent will reliance on oil imports be reduced in the next three years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India's Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for oil is expected to expand rapidly by a large amount in the next few years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to meet the ever-widening gap between supply and demand?

Crash of ONGC helicopters ferrying officers from Mumbai

†3796. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of helicopters which

crashed in recent years carrying ONGC officers from Mumbai;

(b) the number of officers who died therein; and

(c) the company to which these helicopters belonged and the facts which came forth in investigation reports thereon?

Shifting to gas based economy

3797. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has embarked on a plan to shift to a gas based economy in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far completion of national gas grid is concerned?

Increase in LPG connections

3798. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sharp rise in the number of LPG connections in the last four years;

(b) if so, the details of the rise of LPG connection trends in rural and urban areas;

(c) whether Government has received any accident reports in the LPG usage in the last four years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government has taken to stop such accidents in the near future?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Shortage of 5 kg. subsidised LPG gas cylinder

3799. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage in the supply of 5 kg. subsidised LPG gas cylinder in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps oil companies are taking to boost the supply of 5 kg. subsidised LPG cylinders in the rural areas?

Implementation of MMABY by Karnataka

3800. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka is unilaterally implementing Mukhya Mantri Anila Bhagya Yojane (MMABY) much on the lines of the Centre's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) programme directly through the network of distributors without involving public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(b) whether the Karnataka Government obtained the concurrence of Central Government and followed established modalities for implementing the Mukhya Mantri Anila Bhagya Yojane (MMABY) in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Exploration of new reserves of oil and gas

†3801. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of

PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the locations where new reserves of oil and gas have been explored during the financial year 2014-15 to January, 2018, the list thereof;

(b) the names of places where oil and gas reserves have been found;

(c) the quantum of oil and gas available in those reserves; and

(d) whether in exploring them public sector oil companies are involved or the private players are involved and the reasons behind involvement of private players?

Increasing penetration of PNG

3802. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of consumers are covered by PNG as compared to LPG consumers in the country;

(b) whether Government is making any effort to increase the penetration of PNG in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Commissioning of petrol bunks in the country

3803. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol bunks commissioned in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has been able to achieve the target fixed by it in this regard; and

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(c) if not, whether any fresh steps are being taken by Government to achieve the desired targets in this regard?

Establishment of new petrol pumps and gas agencies in J&K

3804. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing new petrol pumps and gas agencies for General, SC and ST categories owners in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of petroleum products

3805. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total value of import of petroleum products during the last three years; and

(b) what is Government's estimate of total imports in 2017-18 in view of the strengthening oil prices?

Steps to boost culture of entrepreneurship

3806. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to boost the culture of entrepreneurship in rural areas of the country; and

(b) the details of the schemes, if any, drawn up by Government in this regard and the details of its implementation in various States in the country including Maharashtra, State-wise?

Optimising functioning of skill development programmes

3807. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of Government appointed Committee, the targets set for the skill development programme by Government in the year 2015 is too large to achieve and it is finding it difficult to reach the targets as they have been fixed without any basis;

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

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to optimize the skills and rationalise the functioning of skill development programmes in the country?

Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

3808. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including flagship programmes being implemented at present; and

(b) the scheme-wise details along with the details of targets and allocations made, funds allocated, disbursed and utilised in these schemes during the last three years including the present year, State-wise and UT-wise?

Proposals sent by Madhya Pradesh for skill development

‡3809. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of the proposals sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding skill development and entrepreneurship to the Ministry along with the amount released; and

(b) in context to above the details of the grant and the status of payment in terms of establishment and development of skill development activities as per the national standards?

Empowering women with skills

3810. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how many women in the country have been empowered with skills under Government's Skill India Mission;

(b) how many women out of them have secured placement/jobs after getting skill training in different fields; and

(c) how many training centres are engaged for these purposes?

Training under skill development programmes

3811. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of persons trained under various skill

development programmes during the last three years;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise number of trainees who have successfully completed training;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise number of trainees who have received job placement; and

(d) the State-wise and year-wise number of trainees who have started self-employment initiatives?

Steel import and responsible pricing

3812. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of steel from steel production units of the country, its consumption and available stock during each of the last two years and the current year;

(b) the quantum and value of various types of steel imported in the current year by the country and foreign exchange spent thereon, country-wise; and

(c) with import restrictions and price preference, what is Government's preparedness to curb the unfair pricing by domestic producers like Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)?

Domestic production of iron ore and steel

3813. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India exports iron ore to several countries including Japan, China and South Korea at cheaper rates and in turn imports steel from such countries comparatively at much higher prices;

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(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and country-wise and the reasons behind such practice; and

(c) what steps Government has taken/ proposes to take to substantially improve the domestic production of iron ore and steel in the country?

Steel making capacity

3814. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's current steel making capacity stands at 130 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is making all efforts for enhancing the domestic demand;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in India, steel is not cyclical and that we are going to consume 90-95 per cent of the steel over the next 20-30 years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of domestic steel making capacity

3815. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target of more than doubling domestic steel making capacity to 300 million tonnes by 2030-31 as envisaged in the New Steel Policy, 2017, could be met smoothly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian steel companies need to have raw material linkages at affordable prices in order to become globally competitive;

(d) whether the current year is going to be a landmark year for the Indian steel industry as consolidation will be helped by non-performing asset resolution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of methanol production and coal gasification for steel plants

3816. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is carrying out a technical assessment of methanol production and coal gasification processes to make integrated steel plants more lucrative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has set up a task force to explore the feasibility of producing methanol from coal in Mozambique and domestically in India, replacement of natural gas by coal gas through gasification process in steel plants and carbon dioxide capturing from steel plants into methanol liquid fuel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demands of Executive Association of RINL

3817. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Executive Association (SEA) of RINL has been requesting to remove 'affordability clause' in the Pay Revision order of DPE issued in August, 2017;

(b) whether SEA is also requesting to implement Superannuation Benefit Scheme as per the recommendations made by 2nd PRC;

(c) if so, what has Government done in this regard;

(d) whether in spite of Cabinet recommending that scales of pay should not exceed the existing scales of pay of executives/officers, scales of some workmen have crossed scale of executives up to manager level; and

(e) if so, how Government is going to remove this anomaly?

Iron ore mine to RINL

3818. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to turn around RINL, which otherwise was making profits for nearly one-and-a-half decades in spite of high raw material cost;

(b) whether it is a fact that RINL has been demanding for long for allocation of captive iron ore mine;

(c) if so, the plans Government has to sign an MoU between RINL and NMDC;

(d) whether it is also a fact that RINL invested ₹360 crores in Odisha Mineral Development Corporation but due to legal tangles, mines have become inoperative; and

(e) whether Government would think of allocating this to RINL?

SAIL's Pension Scheme

3819. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL's Pension Scheme as per 2nd PRC DPE OM No. 02/70/08-DPE(WC)-GL-XVI/08 dated 26th November, 2008 and DPE OM

No. 02/70/08-DPE (WC)-GL VII/09 dated 2nd April, 2009 has been cleared by SAIL Board in its 439th meeting on 9th February, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all other Maharatna and some Navratna companies have implemented the said pension scheme *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2007; and

(c) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the SAIL's Pension Scheme *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2007?

Rationale behind strategic disinvestment of SAIL units

3820. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, although global oversupply of steel and demand regression started in 2012, Government was late in taking appropriate safeguard measures only in February, 2016, by which time, damage was already done to Indian steel industry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian steel industry is stressed like Telecom industry; and

(c) if so, rationale behind strategic disinvestment of three SAIL units, Salem Steel Plant, Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) and Chandrapur Ferro Alloy Plant on one hand and opening of 11 new Steel Processing Unit (SPU) by SAIL in non-steel producing States?

Steel industry dependent on coking coal imports

3821. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic steel industry is highly dependent on coking coal imports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that efforts were being made to reduce reliance on imported coking coal by producing more steel in the BF-BOF (blast furnace-basic oxygen furnace) route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Plans to develop and diversify steel companies

3822. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to develop and diversify the steel companies and encourage the private players in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether domestic steel industry is facing acute shortage of iron ore and processed steel;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to meet the growing need of high quality iron ore and processed steel in the domestic market;

(e) whether Government proposes any exclusive policy or norms for re-use and reprocessed iron from scraps for domestic industry; and

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

Production of iron ore

3823. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of iron ore in the country is more than the requirement of steel industry; and

(b) if so, why Government has kept the

Steel in deregulated sector and confined its role to that of a facilitator, when the consumption of steel in the country is constantly increasing?

Strategies to augment tourism

3824. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Indian city is in the list of top 20 most visited cities in the world, a list topped by Hong Kong, London, Bangkok and Singapore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has devised a strategy to deal with issues such as shortage of accommodation at different budget levels, poor infrastructure and connections, filth on the roads and in public places, lack of clean toilets during travel, unhygienic food and safety of female tourists, etc., plaguing Indian tourism industry?

Important heritage places in Karnataka

3825. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the important heritage places like Pampa Sarovar, Anjanadri Parvatha, etc., at Kishkinda in Karnataka;

(b) whether any plan and allocation of funds has been made by Central Government on this, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is going to take any programme on it as a National heritage place?

**Promotion of conventions for
attracting tourism**

3826. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government mulls to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) which are the conventions which Government intends to promote nationally and internationally to attract tourism in Gujarat and Jharkhand; and

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof?

Safety and security of tourists

3827. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the incidents related to safety and security of tourists, the number of foreign tourists is on the decline in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken/proposed to take any remedial steps to tackle with the offensive incidents against domestic and foreign tourists in several religious tourist places in different States of the country; and

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

**Formulating separate policy for
homestays for promoting
rural tourism**

†3828. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to formulate a separate policy for homestays which is the aspect of rural tourism having maximum potential and to provide financial assistance thereto;

(b) whether Government is considering to make an integrated website by listing facilities of proper homestay in different parts of the country including Maharashtra so that the business of homestays may increase rapidly; and

(c) whether Government and local administration are considering to create a 'Shilpgram' among 40-50 villages and to link it to homestay, if so, the details thereof and the total number of 'Shilpgrams' planned to be created in the country?

**Formation of tourism police in
States/UTs**

3829. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism police has not been formed by all the States/UTs;

(b) if so, the names of States thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what kind of assistance is given to the States/UTs in this regard?

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Improving infrastructure in the country to promote tourism

3830. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government to improve infrastructure in the country to promote tourism;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and disbursed thereof during the years from 2015 to 2017;

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines to State Governments to improve facilities for the use of domestic tourists;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the State Governments thereto?

Funds for Rural and Spiritual Circuits in Odisha

3831. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to sanction funds for development of Rural Circuits and Spiritual Circuits of Odisha under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds to be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dearth of hockey players in the country

†3832. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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

hockey players is being realized in the country;

(b) if so, whether dearth of players can be attributed to the fact that hockey players are appointed in Railways only and not in any other Department;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to appoint hockey players in other Departments also; and

(d) if so, the time by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Training institutions for sports promotion in the country

3833. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of training institutions including provisions of sports education for promotion of sports in the country;

(b) the details of various centrally sponsored schemes implemented for sports, sports education and training institutions in the country;

(c) the present status of implementation of these schemes in Jharkhand and Gujarat and outcome thereof and the deficiencies identified therein; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

Training centres under SAI in Himachal Pradesh

3834. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH

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AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of training centres under Sports Authority of India (SAI) working in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether training centres are facing a great shortage of sports facilities as well as instructors;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to address the problem;

(d) whether any irregularities have been reported in these training centres during the last three years and current year; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

Fund allocation for athletes

3835. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether this year budgetary allocation for sports does not find any specific mention of the athletes who are preparing for the upcoming Commonwealth and Asian Games; and

(b) whether the Ministry would consider making special provisions in the fund allocated to this Ministry for the athletes, particularly the women athletes who have performed very well in the international games in the recent past?

Centralising sports at National level

3836. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether Government has any proposal of centralising sports at National level as now it is under States?

Fund allocation to provide state-of-the-art sports arenas

3837. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of fund allocation made to provide state-of-the-art sports arenas and recreation facilities for the youth in the Smart City Projects; and

(b) if so, whether foreign companies will be invited for collaboration with Indian companies for utilising their expertise on constructing the sports and recreation facilities in the Smart Cities?

Lack of good quality sports equipments and support staff

3838. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is a lack of good quality sports equipments and non-availability of competent support staff in required number and if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Expert coaching for next Olympic Games

3839. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started any expert coaching for probable participants in the next Olympic Games to be held in 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Institutes for providing international
standard training**

†3840. DR. SATYANARAYAN
JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to
state:

(a) the names of the countries providing
training facilities at the level of

international standards for sporting
activities and the names of sports for which
these training institutes are providing
training; and

(b) the names of institutes in the country
having same standard and/or the places for
which measures are being taken to establish
such centres?

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