

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, April 4, 2018/Chaitra 14, 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**

#### **Tariffs on steel and aluminium imports by the US**

4161. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to World Trade Organisation, its members still have time to discuss the tariffs on steel and aluminium imports notified by the US;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an obligation for a member who takes a measure such as a safeguard or an anti-dumping measure or a countervailing measures to notify the organisation of that measure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Annual growth under the Ministry**

4162. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) in what way production and

transaction under the Ministry has been affected in 2016 and 2017;

(b) what was the annual growth under the Ministry in 2016 and 2017;

(c) what were the reasons for this growth backlog; and

(d) whether introduction of GST has affected work under the Ministry?

#### **Performance of SEZs**

4163. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are wide gaps in the projections about employment generation, production, FDI, export performance and foreign exchange earnings of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, whether any reports are available with Government which document such gaps in employment generation, production, FDI, export

performance and foreign exchange earnings of the SEZs; and

(c) if so, the details of the last three years thereof?

**Manufacturing of physiotherapy equipments**

4164. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether instruments/equipments relating to physiotherapy are being imported;

(b) if so, whether these instruments can also be made in the country;

(c) whether there is a standardisation for these equipments; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in soyabean imports**

4165. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's soyabean imports have hit a record high this year and more purchase is expected as domestic supplies have tightened following lower production last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that traders have signed deals to sell up to 1,00,000 tonnes of soyabean to India since December, 2017, shipping mainly from the African countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of business centres in East Asia**

†4166. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policies of Government for developing business partnership for trade in South- East Asia;

(b) whether Government will abolish the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status of that country which has not given the same status to India; and

(c) whether for promoting trade with countries of East Asia, Government will consider upon setting up of business centres in those countries?

**Consultation with industry prior to trade talks with EU**

4167. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to consult the industry prior to the meeting between India and the European Union regarding Bilateral Trade Investment Agreement on products of its aggressive interest or exports in which it wants tariff concession from the European Union;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many industries do not want their products be opened up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Export of leather products**

4168. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced a package of ₹ 2,600 crore for the leather sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of export of leather sector related items during the last three years and till date; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details about the leather sector units, number of employees along with the details of the units which have been closed post-demonetisation?

**Bracketing of India by the US for retaliatory trade tariff**

4169. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US has bracketed India, for retaliatory trade tariff if India does not ease up on taxing American imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken up with the US Government in this regard?

**Export of pure gold**

4170. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to allow export of pure gold in the course of the proposed Comprehensive Gold Policy of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether this move paves way for the import of raw gold into the country; and

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

**Impact of ASEAN-India FTA on tea sector**

4171. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the implementation of the ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will have an adverse impact on the Indian tea sector due to duty cut on import of tea; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

**Licensing policy for tobacco sector**

4172. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will issue a licensing policy for tobacco to control consumption and to bring products such as 'gutka' and 'pan masala' under Government watch;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has started discussions on the policy implication of licensing for the sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the deadline set for final decision in this regard?

**Impact of global meltdown on production cost of industries**

4173. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to national and international economic meltdown, several Indian industries have started decreasing their production in last financial year;

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

(c) whether Government has issued any instruction to these industries to reduce prices of their products instead of decreasing or stopping production;

(d) if so, the reaction of the industries thereto; and

(e) the details of measures taken by Government so far to reduce production cost and the outcome achieved thereon?

**Taking up import tariff with WTO**

4174. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is waiting for the US notification on increase in import tariff on steel and aluminium, to gauge its impact on domestic players amid a global outcry over America's decision to raise duties beyond its commitment at the World Trade Organisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to take the issue before the World Trade Organisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in tea exports to Pakistan**

4175. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tea exports to Pakistan have increased during April, 2017 to January, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at the same time tea exports to other CIS countries fell considerably;

(d) whether in value terms, exports were to the tune of ₹ 3970 crore in the first 10 months of current fiscal, which was higher than ₹ 3874 crore in the similar period of previous fiscal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Encouragement to young entrepreneurs for starting business**

4176. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to encourage young aspiring entrepreneurs to start their business in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Introduction of new Industrial Policy**

4177. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to introduce a new Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, what is the time line for introduction of such a policy;

(c) whether Government has held consultation with stakeholders or is in the process of holding stakeholder consultations for drafting the policy;

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

(e) what are the broad themes and areas that will be covered under the policy?

#### **Export Oriented Units in MSME sector**

4178. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any 100 per cent Export Oriented Units in MSME sector, across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, product-wise and their location; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Protection to brick and mortar stores from e-commerce sites**

4179. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that offering of discounts by online marketing sites and selling of products by brick and mortar stores has become a bone of contention between both and also between NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;

(b) whether any protection has been given to brick and mortar stores from e-commerce sites in the recently released guidelines for e-commerce players;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what steps the Ministry has taken to have a level-playing field for all players?

#### **Decline in foreign investments**

4180. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investments in various sectors have declined in the country during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of total number of investments made by foreign companies under the 'Make in India' initiative in the country during the said period, company and sector-wise including manufacturing sector;

(c) the details of estimated number of employment generated by foreign investments under the 'Make in India' programme during the said period; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to boost investments including foreign investment under 'Make in India' in the country?

#### **Performance of Startups**

†4181. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Startups in the country at present and the number of new Startups being set up annually;

(b) the names of the States that performed well in making the Startups and their business adaptive and names of the

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States with very poor performance in this regard;

(c) whether norms have been issued in the context of States to decide the ranking of the Startups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Announcement of new packages on FDI**

4182. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced new packages on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in various sectors of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any significant increase has been noticed in the incoming investment since the announcements made by Government;

(d) whether any tracking system exists to evaluate FDI in both the public and private sectors; and

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

**India's stand on e-commerce in WTO**

4183. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had taken a hard stand at the World Trade Organisation meeting held in Buenos Aires on e-commerce, investment facilitation and norms for small firms' access to the global marketplace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on e-commerce, India had laid preconditions for giving its consent for extension of a moratorium that constrains member nations from levying customs duties on electronic transmission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of public infrastructure within 100 metres of protected monuments**

4184. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to allow construction of public infrastructure like highways, bridges and airports, within 100 metres of monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

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

(c) whether this move will affect the aesthetics of the monuments and will also put a lot of strain on some ancient sites; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Tibet Museum in Dharamshala**

4185. DR. SANJAY SINH: SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Tibet Museum emphasising on its history and culture is coming up in Dharamshala; and

(b) if so, the theme-wise details to be displayed in the Museum?

**Disassociating archaeologists in  
conservation of monuments**

4186. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has disassociated archaeologists from conservation of monuments since 2016-17, which is a departure from time-tested procedure since 1902, introduced by Sir John Marshall;

(b) if so, the details thereof duly considering that due to recently introduced procedure the standard of work of ASI is now not much different than PWD or CPWD even in conservation of monuments as evident from ongoing works; and

(c) whether Government has reversed the age-old practice due to some valid reasons or due to pressure from some strong professional lobby?

**Classical language status for Marathi**

4187. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had submitted a report of the Committee for according status of classical language to Marathi in 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in according Marathi the status of classical language when all the impediments have been cleared including disposal of writ petitions filed in Madras High Court in 2016 itself; and

(d) whether Government has fixed any timeline to take a decision in this regard?

**Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav**

†4188. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several policy initiatives have been taken by the Central Government to make the Indian culture popular and famous particularly among the youngsters, during the last three years, that have yielded expected positive results;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' programme is being run by Government; and

(d) if so, the details of the 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' organised under this programme so far and further action plan in this regard?

**Promotion and development of culture  
of Maharashtra**

4189. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any action plan for the promotion and development of culture of Maharashtra in the State in view of its rich heritage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when Government proposes to have such an action plan in place for implementation thereof;

(d) whether Government or any of its autonomous organisations have under taken cultural activities or programmes in the State for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise?

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### **Public Library Systems**

4190. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the major States in terms of population have no Library legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government has taken in the recent years to have professionally managed Public Library Systems all over the country?

### **Setting up of eateries at cultural heritage sites**

4191. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to use the land belonging to cultural heritage sites for the purpose of setting up eateries, etc., at a specified rate while ensuring that no damage is done to cultural heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many such sites have been identified in Gujarat and Jharkhand; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make the said cultural heritage sites more attractive?

### **Renovation, restoration and conservation of ancient monuments in Tamil Nadu**

4192. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has any plans to allocate more funds for the renovation, restoration and conservation of ancient monuments in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase funds for the preservation and maintenance of heritage monuments in Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether Government has allocated any funds for the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Libraries and museums**

4193. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of libraries and museums in the country which are maintained by the Ministry;

(b) the funds allocated for libraries and museums by the Ministry for the last three years;

(c) whether Government intends to construct more libraries and museums in various cities of the country for the increased readership/visitorship and promotion of Indian culture, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all the collections in the museums and books in the libraries are digitized, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Occupancy rate in jails**

4194. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether occupancy rate in various jails was 115 per cent at the end of December, 2015 and in terms of numbers it was more than 60,000 additional inmates;



(b) what is the status between year 2015 and October, 2017, State-wise and jail-wise;

(c) how Government is supplementing efforts of States in constructing new jails, infrastructure and providing facilities to inmates since States have limited finances in this regard;

(d) whether Government will consider new scheme like Modernisation and Expansion of Jails on the lines of Modernisation of Police Force as one time intervention; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Scheduled Tribe prisoners detained for minor crimes**

‡4195. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Scheduled Tribe prisoners detained for less than a year in various jails of the country, particularly in Jharkhand, for not being able to pay penalty or produce a guarantor for their minor crimes, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would provide legal assistance and make other provisions for early release of such prisoners belonging to ST community, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Plan to spend allocated fund effectively**

4196. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government could not spend due to non-availability of appropriately qualified professionals for

various posts in the organisation and due to reduced requirements under the head Machinery and Equipment in 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government plans to spend the allocated fund under the said head during the year 2018-19 effectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds to States affected by natural calamity**

4197. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides funds to various States which are affected by natural disasters/calamities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of funds given to various States during the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise?

**Provision for communities living along banks of Brahmaputra**

4198. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are special provisions for communities living alongside the banks of the Brahmaputra river who have lost documents to annual flooding, if so, details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are special provisions for communities from remotest regions of Assam where officials compiling the 1951 National Register of Citizens (NRC) were

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not able to reach, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Incidents of jail breaks in the country**

4199. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of jail breaks in different jails in various parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the security scenario in the jails of the country; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Social media posing challenge to policing in the country**

4200. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the social media has posed serious challenges to policing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that social media had been increasingly used in the country to instigate communal riots; and

(d) if so, whether Government has any plan to contain the influence of social media?

**Delay in release of report of NCRB**

4201. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Accidental Deaths and

Suicides of India Report for the year 2016 released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has been delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed time of release; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Villagers living in state of terror due to ceasefire violation**

†4202. 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 most of the villages adjoining Jammu and Kashmir border are lying vacant due to the increasing incidents of violation of ceasefire by Pakistan and that those who are staying over there, they have been forced to live in state of terror;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan is instructing on loud speakers to the people living in villages of Uri Sector to vacate it; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Security personnel killed in Sukma attack**

4203. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of security personnel

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killed in maoist attack at Sukma, Chhattisgarh on 13th March, 2018;

(b) the details of *ex-gratia* announced and paid so far, to kins of victims, victim-wise;

(c) whether there were repeated intelligence inputs regarding the attack;

(d) if so, the reasons for not taking any action on intelligence inputs; and

(e) the details of action Government has taken against the guilty who ignored the repeated intelligence inputs?

#### **Vacancies in CAPF**

4204. SHRI MANAS RANJAN  
BHUNIA:  
PROF. M. V. RAJEEV  
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several vacancies in the different wings of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) such as BSF, CRPF, etc. as on date;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies in the different wings of Central forces as on date; and

(c) what steps Government is contemplating to take to fill the vacancies?

#### **Crimes against SC/ST women**

4205. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise total crimes against women registered and out of them how many were against SC/ST women, number and percentage, during past three years;

(b) the disposal of above, category-wise, the number and percentage of challan conviction;

(c) the above statistics for rape, total cases against SC/ST women, their disposal, State-wise and year-wise, including Haryana; and

(d) whether SC/ST women are easy victims of crime?

#### **Incidents of lynching**

‡4206. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of lynching continue to take place in the country on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such incidents during last three years; and

(d) the State-wise details of any strict action taken against the persons committing such crime?

#### **Report on 2013 naxal attack in Bastar**

‡4207. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CRPF had also prepared an enquiry report at its own level on the incident of naxal attack at Jheeram valley of Bastar district on 25th May, 2013 in which 29 people were killed, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether, lack of coordination between the State Police Force and Central Armed Forces of not taking prompt action on the secret information already available have been cited as reasons in the said report; and

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(c) the action taken by Central Government on the said internal report and details of measures taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

**Request for extension of Section 108 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act**

4208. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the request from Government of Andhra Pradesh received to extend Section 108 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, for two more years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision not to accede to this request; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the justification thereof?

**Cancellation of FCRA registration of educational institutions**

4209. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has cancelled registration under FCRA of many educational institutions, including JNU, IIT-Delhi, ICMR, IGNOU, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of each of the institution whose registration has been cancelled and reasons therefor, institution-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that merely not submitting annual returns is the cause for cancelling registration; and

(d) if so, how is it justified?

**Delay in operationalisation of NATGRID**

4210. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to delay in operationalisation of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), there has been poor expenditure and reduction in allocation at Revised Estimates stage continues in 2017-18 as well;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the allocation of ₹ 45.57 crore granted in 2017-18 was substantially cut down to ₹ 22.77 crore during the Revised Estimates in 2017-18; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**NDMA equipped to deal with natural calamities**

4211. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is adequately equipped to deal with natural calamities particularly earthquakes, floods, cyclones, etc. in the country;

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

(c) the year-wise and State-wise details of rescue operations undertaken by NDMA during the last three years and the occurrence of natural calamities during the same period?

**Allocation granted under capital component**

4212. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was able to spend only 61.58 per cent of the allocation granted under the capital component in Revised Estimates of Budget 2017-18;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any plan to spend the nearly 40 per cent of the allocated fund during the financial year 2017-18 itself; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Modernisation of police stations in Maharashtra**

4213. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any roadmap for modernisation of police stations in Maharashtra, National Capital and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given financial and material assistance to the States for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and State and Union Territory-wise;

(e) whether Government proposes to provide modern vehicles and arms and ammunition to improve mobility and performance of police stations, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Radicalisation of youth**

4214. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has realised that the radicalisation of the populace, particularly youth, has emerged as one of the most challenging problems in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken measures to check and control the process of radicalisation in the country; and

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

**Shortage of police forces**

4215. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has a shortage of police forces;

(b) if so, the details of the shortage of police force, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps in this regard to overcome the shortage in various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, especially in Jharkhand?

**Human trafficking cases**

4216. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of human trafficking had been registered in the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise, including Maharashtra;

(b) how many cases have been solved by Government during the last three years and how many cases are still pending including Maharashtra, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan or policy to stop the cases of human trafficking which are increasing day-by-day in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Trafficking of young girls and children**

4217. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trafficking of young girls and children is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported, cases solved/pending, accused arrested and the action taken against the guilty persons during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the trafficked girls and children are forced into prostitution, begging and organ trade, etc.; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to curb such incidents?

#### **Authorised immigration checkpost in Andhra Pradesh**

4218. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced Krishnapatnam port as authorised immigration checkpost; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Guidelines for granting parole to prisoners**

4219. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing rules and the guidelines laid down for granting parole to prisoners convicted for heinous crime including anti-national activities;

(b) whether there are reports that the status of the convicts often affect the decision for grant of parole; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for giving preferential treatment to such criminals?

#### **Study on improvement in working of police personnel**

4220. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently conducted any study on the requirement of police personnel, police stations and improvement in the working of police personnel in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made on the basis of such study; and

(c) the follow-up action taken/being taken by Government thereon?

#### **Harassment in process of identification of foreigners in Assam**

4221. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about

the harassment of some ethnic groups by the police in the process of identification of foreigners in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, whether these people are forcefully tagged as 'D' (doubtful) voters in the voters' list and are being sent to the detention camps in an inhuman manner as part of the process of identification and deportation of foreigners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Naxalites organising afresh in the country**

‡4222. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the information available with Government regarding the recent report that the naxalites are again organising afresh in different States including Kerala;

(b) the States in the country where naxal effect has decreased or increased; and

(c) the factual position of naxal effect in Bastar area?

**Modern weapons to tackle terrorist and naxalite activities**

4223. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the police personnel have adequate and modern weapons to tackle the increasing terrorist and naxalite activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to further modernise the police force; and

(c) the funds allocated and utilised in this regard for modernisation of police forces during the last three years in the

country in general and Jharkhand and Gujarat in particular?

**Coastal Security Scheme (CSS)**

4224. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the comprehensive and integrated Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) to strengthen security infrastructure of police in coastal States;

(b) how many coastal police stations have been operationalised, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from State Governments during the last two years; and

(d) the target fixed for implementing the scheme and the achievements made so far?

**Safety and protection to foreign women**

4225. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases reported about foreign women being victims of rape, loot and cheating in India in the last three years and in the current year, upto 15th March, 2018;

(b) if cases have been registered, what is the present status, year-wise;

(c) what steps Government is taking to ensure safety and protection for the foreign guests; and

(d) whether image of India is affected by these incidents and if so, measure taken to address the issue?

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**Prisoners awaiting trial**

4226. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vast majority of the prisoners in various jails of the country await trial for several number of years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to provide speedy and fair trial to these prisoners;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**CRPF personnel killed in Maoist attack in Chhattisgarh**

4227. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine Central Reserve Police Force personnel were killed and three personnel injured in recent Maoist attack in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maoists have been getting prior information about the movement of CRPF jawans in naxal affected areas leading to brutal killings of CRPF personnel by Maoists; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to come out with any plan so that information of the CRPF personnel do not reach to the Maoists in naxal affected areas and if so, the details thereof?

**Human trafficking in the country**

4228. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases registered

for human trafficking across States in the country in the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the measures adopted by Government to curb human trafficking into the country and from the country, the details thereof?

**Ganja and liquor sold illegally in New Delhi**

4229. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ganja (cannabis) and liquor are being sold illegally in some residential houses of transit camp, Raghuraj Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) whether satta, gambling and other illegal activities are also running in some residential houses of above mentioned area;

(c) if so, what actions have been taken to stop these activities;

(d) whether there will be CCTV monitoring and police surveillance over the area; and

(e) if so, by when?

**Submission of utilisation certificates for funds under MPF**

4230. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of States that have submitted utilisation certificates for the funds released for 2015, 2016 and 2017 under the Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) Scheme as per General Financial Rules which is required for release of further funds;



(b) the year-wise and State-wise details of funds released for MPF, 2015 onwards;

(c) whether concurrent audit of MPF scheme by the internal audit wing of the Ministry has been conducted for past three years to curb corruption/misuse of funds; and

(d) if so, year-wise details of such audit conducted along with results of audit and if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Cases registered under SC/ST Act**

4231. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government collects and publishes data on the total number of cases registered under Section 4 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) if so, the total number of cases registered, State-wise in the year, 2017;

(c) whether this data is being maintained in any form in the public domain; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **BSF personnel having nexus with smugglers**

4232. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Security Force (BSF) officers who lead a lavish lifestyle or are members of costly clubs would be identified as suspects under a new vigilance drive initiated by the force that guards sensitive Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many BSF personnel have nexus with smugglers while they are on duty at border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Movement of CRPF personnel as per crisis response plan**

4233. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former chiefs of CRPF discouraged the use of Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs) for the forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CRPF headquarters had in fact asked the personnel to use MPVs to rush reinforcements in crisis;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the crisis response plan is to be well rehearsed as per twelve lessons listed by the CRPF;

(d) whether it also asked troops to avoid following a pattern in movement and avoid being predictable; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Protection of citizens from ceasefire violations by Pakistan**

†4234. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Central Government to tackle with situation arising after killing of five persons including three

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children from firing by Pakistan in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir in March, 2018;

(b) the measures being taken to protect the local citizens from the losses occurring due to ceasefire violation by Pakistan and details of steps taken to lessen their problems; and

(c) the details of loss of lives and property due to ceasefire violations and terrorist incidents and the number of security personnel killed during the last three years?

#### **Lapses involved in Sukma attack**

4235. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tragedy at Sukma on 13th March, 2018 took place because of ignoring Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) message sent before the said naxal strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ordered any inquiry into the lapses which led to the said incident causing the loss of life of 9 CRPF personnel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Staff strength of the Ministry**

4236. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi, how many of these positions have been filled in as on January 31, 2018;

(b) the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies and what action

the Ministry is taking to overcome these problems; and

(c) what is the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi, and the efforts, if any, being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

#### **Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008**

4237. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Social Security Board for Unorganized Workers under the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 has been functional;

(b) if so, the date-wise details of meetings of the Board with advices and recommendations made by the Board to Government and State Boards in each meeting for last three years; and

(c) whether State Social Security Board for Unorganized Workers has been operational in all States and UTs, the details thereof?

#### **Rehabilitation of bonded labourers in Tamil Nadu**

4238. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 1,500 workers in Tamil Nadu continue to wait for the benefit under the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers, 2016;

(b) the number of workers rescued from bonded labour in the country for the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that since the new scheme was introduced in 2016, no labourer has been given full compensation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Vulnerable employment of Indian workers as per ILO report**

4239. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 77 per cent of the Indian workers will have vulnerable employment by 2019 according to the International Labour Organisation's 'World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2018' report; and

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

**Fall in employment**

4240. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in the number of regularly employed since 2008, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether that trend is still continuing and what has been the situation since 2013;

(c) what has been the trend as far as informal and casual employment is concerned during the period from 2008 to 2013 and since 2013; and

(d) what has been the number of persons totally unemployed during 2017?

**Improving standard of living of unorganised sector labourers**

†4241. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would amend labour laws for improving the standard of living of labourers of unorganised sector;

(b) the steps Government is considering to take for increasing employment and creating new jobs in public sector; and

(c) whether Government has fixed any target about the number of persons who would be provided Government jobs in this financial year?

**Pending cases in labour courts/tribunals in Jharkhand and Gujarat**

4242. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labour courts/tribunals set up in the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the total number of industrial disputes received, disposed of and pending in various labour courts/tribunals during the last three years, in the country as a whole and Jharkhand and Gujarat in particular; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure early disposal of the pending cases in labour courts/tribunals?

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**Creation of jobs after initiative of 'Make in India'**

4243. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new jobs created and people employed since the start of 'Make in India' initiative in September 2014, the year-wise, State-wise and sector-wise data thereof;

(b) whether Government is planning to revamp the 'Make in India' initiative to increase job creation in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) which labour intensive sectors will be made the focus of such a revamped initiative; and

(d) how will Government ensure that labour laws are strengthened in order to prevent exploitation of workers in the name of 'Ease of Doing Business'?

**Promotion of employment generation**

4244. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government is incentivising the industries and employers, for promotion of employment generation in the country under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of industries and employers motivated under this scheme, so far, particularly in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the funds earmarked

and provided to implement the said scheme; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to create job opportunities through this scheme?

**Payment of minimum wages to contract/casual employees**

4245. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of paying revised minimum wages to the contract/casual employees in the Central sphere;

(b) whether any such establishments including in Government, Public Sector Undertakings, offices, establishments including railway stations are still to implement paying revised minimum wages to the contract/casual employees; and

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

**Enhancement of gratuity limit**

4246. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase the gratuity limit from ₹ 10 lakhs to ₹ 20 lakhs being paid in the organised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the provisions being changed in the Gratuity Act along with the limit, the details thereof;

(d) whether any representation has been received from employees unions, the details thereof; and

(e) by which time this will come into force?

#### **Illegal placement agencies**

4247. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the status of the illegal placement agencies functioning in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has initiated any disciplinary action on these illegal placement centres, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Centralised National database for the workers of unorganised sector**

†4248. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no centralised national database of the workers of unorganised sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is proposed to establish a national platform for the workers of unorganised sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Utilisation of cess collected for welfare of construction workers by Andhra Pradesh**

4249. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has collected nearly ₹ 1,200 crores cess under Section 3 of the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996;

(b) whether the cess is meant for the welfare of building and other construction workers in the State;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the State has so far spent only ₹ 205 crores for the welfare of construction workers; and

(d) whether the Ministry is going to compel/persuade the State to spend maximum amount for welfare and well being of the construction workers in Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Pending cases in Labour Courts**

4250. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pending cases in all Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts;

(b) whether Government is planning to increase the number of Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rehabilitation of freed labourers in Chhattisgarh**

†4251. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2075 labourers of the State of Chhattisgarh have been freed from various parts of the country since 2012 till date;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government grants 10 thousand rupees per labourer for the rehabilitation of the freed labourers;

(c) whether this amount is provided directly to the concerned freed labourer, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Central share has not been given to the 1222 freed labourers till date; and

(e) if so, by when this amount would be given to them?

**Target fixed for providing employment to youth**

‡4252. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths whom Government has targeted to give employment during the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) the number of unemployed youths who could get employment against the target;

(c) whether Government has made any scheme to eliminate unemployment from the country; and

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

**Extending all facilities to casual labourers**

4253. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite labour laws the casual labourers of the country are not getting medical and maternity benefit;

(b) if so, the details of the sectors where the casual labourers are deprived from their due social status thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that casual workers are not getting all national and State holidays as per Labour Act, 1970 thereof; and

(d) the proposal of Government to act to extend all facilities to the casual workers of the country thereon?

**Impact of demonetisation on daily wage earners**

4254. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the impact of demonetisation on daily wage earners and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government takes into cognizance the fact that many such persons who were affected by demonetisation had to migrate or relocate to other States in search of opportunities and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has initiated any schemes which would provide monetary assistance or other opportunities to such persons and the details thereof?

**Boards and Monitoring Committee for construction workers welfare**

4255. MS. DOLA SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of enrolled construction workers in the country, the details thereof, State-wise and city-wise;

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(b) whether States have formed Construction Workers Welfare Board, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the composition of State Construction Workers Welfare Board;

(d) what are the reasons given by the Monitoring Committee for underutilisation of the cess under the Act;

(e) what steps have been taken by the Monitoring Committee to ensure better utilisation of the cess collected under the Act; and

(f) the list of the members constituting the Monitoring Committee?

#### **Revised Integrated Housing Scheme**

4256. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target of beneficiaries to be covered under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS) since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries actually covered under the RIHS since 2014, year-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds spent on the scheme since 2014, year-wise?

#### **Scheme for setting up khadi industries in rural areas**

4257. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of khadi products exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the production, sale and export of khadi products;

(c) the details of scheme for setting up khadi industries in the rural areas of the country; and

(d) whether Government proposes to provide fresh financial subsidy to khadi industries, if so, the details thereof?

#### **MSMEs affected financially**

4258. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any MSME was affected financially during 2016 and 2017, if so, the number thereof;

(b) how many of them have been closed;

(c) how many workers have become unemployed as a result thereof; and

(d) to what extent MSME production and turnover have been affected?

#### **Special incentives and schemes to women entrepreneurs**

4259. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on providing special schemes, incentives and concessions to women entrepreneurs under MSME schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the relaxations being offered to facilitate women entrepreneurs?

**MSME cluster schemes in Andhra Pradesh**

4260. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing any MSME projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of schemes being undertaken in this direction;

(c) whether Government has had a meeting with State MSME representatives recently to discuss on cluster development programmes, if so, the details of the proposals received and considered for implementation under this programme;

(d) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose and the quantum of funds released so far to each State, particularly to Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of the status of the programmes being taken up?

**Employment in khadi sector**

4261. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of new model charkhas in the production of khadi instead of traditional single spindle charkhas has led to job loss in the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof including estimated number of jobs lost;

(c) whether Government is taking steps

to return to the single spindle charkhas to enhance employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Search for alternative markets by IOC to sell Pet Coke**

4262. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scraping the bottom of the oil barrel for cheap fuel may be turning into a multi billion dollar headache for India's largest crude refiner Indian Oil Corporation (IOC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian Oil Corporation is searching for alternative markets to sell petroleum coke; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Building of gasification unit by IOC**

4263. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is looking into building a gasification unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the gasification unit is a long term solution;

(d) whether sending petcoke to other parts of the country or abroad may be its best option despite the risk of shipping costs impacting profits; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?



**Provision of cooking gas**

‡4264. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families out of the total families in the country who receive piped cooking gas as of now;

(b) the number of families in the country who get bottled cooking gas;

(c) the number of families who are still cooking with wood, coal, etc.; and

(d) whether Government has prepared any scheme so that cooking gas may be made available for all families of the country if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Decontrol of petroleum products**

4265. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether price of petrol has once again reached above ₹ 80/- per litre in March, 2018;

(b) if so, whether decontrol of petroleum products is a false notion;

(c) whether decontrol of Government over petroleum products is practiced only when price in international market goes up and Government controls the price of petroleum products when its price comes down in international market;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for organised plunder by a welfare State from poor citizens of the country?

**Renegotiation of long term LNG purchase deal by GAIL**

4266. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL Indian and Russian firm Gazprom have renegotiated their long term LNG sale and purchase agreement that was originally signed in 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the two parties have agreed to an adjustment to the price and volume of LNG supply thus enabling GAIL to develop incremental gas markets to offtake these volumes thereby mitigating volume risk; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Language diversity in Ministry**

4267. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi; how many of these positions have been filled in as of January 31st, 2018; the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies and what action is the Ministry taking in overcoming these problems; and

(b) what is the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry headquarters in Delhi and what efforts, if any, are being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

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**Shortage of cargo for import of LNG  
by GAIL**

4268. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL (India) Limited is short of cargo for import of LNG;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that GAIL (India) has bought two liquefied natural gas cargoes for delivery in April through a tender; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-significant domestic production  
of oil**

4269. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's oil imports is unlikely to come down in the near future and the demand for liquid fuel will increase to 10 million barrels per day 2040 from the current 4 million barrels per day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the domestic production of oil is not going up significantly;

(c) whether the extent of import will also depend on the use of gas in transportation and household; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Geo-scientific analysis for oil  
exploration and production**

4270. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to conduct geo-scientific analysis to launch future oil exploration and production activities;

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

(c) whether any such geo-scientific analysis is proposed to be conducted in Rajasthan; and

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

**Targets given to petrol pumps to sell  
premium fuels**

4271. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PSU Oil Marketing Companies have given targets to petrol pumps to sell premium fuels;

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

(c) whether petrol pumps are given higher commission on sale of premium fuels;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any pecuniary or other penalty is levied on petrol pumps which fail to achieve targeted sale of premium fuels; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**

4272. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), State/UT-wise details of each beneficiaries;

(b) State/UT-wise details about PMUY regarding the number of refills done till date case-wise, ₹ 1500 given to people till date, new connections till date, applied connections and rejections, case-wise with reasons therefor; and

(c) the State/UT-wise details regarding surrendering of LPG connection since 2014 till date, the subsidy saved by Government along with the details of LPG connections before 2014 and post-PMUY till date?

#### **Research and development institutes in ONGC**

‡4273. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research and development institutes in ONGC;

(b) whether it is a fact that several heads of these research and development institutes have been appointed without their having sufficient research experience, which has adversely affected the functioning of the institutes;

(c) whether these officials are competent to implement the recommendations of high-power committee; and

(d) the number of heads of research and development institutes who have been transferred within one year, details thereof for the last three years and the transfer policy of the institutes?

#### **Complaints regarding incorrect blending of ethanol with petrol**

‡4274. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received

complaints that due to incorrect procedure of mixing ethanol with petrol, the ethanol mixed with petrol turns into water as soon as it comes in contact with air resulting into sudden stopping of two wheelers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to rectify the situation and results thereof?

#### **Increase in price of crude oil**

‡4275. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crude oil is getting costlier day after day;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to chalk out a plan to deal with the same so that people do not face difficulties; and

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

#### **Tripling of gas demand in next 25 years**

4276. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's gas demand is set to triple in the next 25 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country is planning to decrease its dependence on fuel import by 10 per cent by 2022;

(c) whether India is going to be a leader in energy demand by 2030; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Inquiry into fire incident at Hazira terminal of IOC**

4277. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1673 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th March, 2013 and state:

(a) the updated status on inquiry conducted by Government for major fire incident that took place in oil storage tank of Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) at Hazira;

(b) what action has already been taken by Government against irresponsible officials of IOC for negligence of their duty; and

(c) whether the Ministry is going to issue directives to Oil companies which are having storage tanks at Hazira to avoid such fire incidents?

**PNG supply in Tamil Nadu**

4278. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities/areas/towns in the State of Tamil Nadu in which the Central Government proposes to introduce Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply;

(b) the details of the agencies that have been entrusted with this task; and

(c) the details of amount/funds, if any earmarked for this purpose?

**Diversion of LPG for commercial use**

4279. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Liquefied Petroleum

Gas (LPG) diverted for commercial use since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the number of instances of LPG being diverted for commercial use since 2014, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken steps to prevent the diversion of LPG for commercial uses?

**Details of skill development**

4280. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken up by Government to ensure seamless transition of educational hierarchy for students through primary, secondary and higher education and skill development;

(b) whether skill development trainers have been trained like teachers and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any initiatives to ensure quality control of skill development programmes and the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise list of the number of students who have received job placement opportunities through skill development, the details thereof?

**Promotion of entrepreneurship skill among unemployed women**

4281. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop the local individual talent and to promote the entrepreneurship skill among unemployed women in the country,

districts-wise including Haryana, so that they can avail benefits from the small and medium enterprises promotion schemes effectively; and

(b) if so, the details of the efforts in this direction and the outcome thereof?

#### **Digital Skill Development Training Centres**

4282. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has committed to improve digitalization and improve skill development in the youth, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the Digital Skill Development Training Centres being established in each State, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives and sops being given to Digital Media Organisations?

#### **Increase in seats in ITIs under NCVT**

4283. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of seats in ITIs under National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) have increased during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of increase in seats in ITIs in Rajasthan under NCVT?

#### **SANKALP and STRIVE projects**

†4284. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether two projects namely 'SANKALP' and 'STRIVE' have been started by Government recently in the country;

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

(c) the details of the percentage of the people who have been benefited by these projects, details thereof, including Maharashtra?

#### **Plan to integrate skills and education of youths**

4285. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to integrate skills and education so that the youths of the country are well equipped to handle the present challenging employment scenario;

(b) if so, what initiatives have been taken in this regard during the last three years;

(c) whether any plan has been drawn or proposed to be drawn in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Funds for training programmes  
conducted by ATI, Chennai**

4286. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any plans to provide additional funds for Advanced Training Institute (ATI), Chennai in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds to be paid for training programmes conducted by ATI in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and till date;

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase funds for the industrial and vocational training in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) whether Government has allocated any funds, if so, the details thereof?

**Dues to be paid for Training Partners  
in Tamil Nadu**

4287. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any dues to be paid for the Training Partners for imparting skill training under PMKY and NSDC programmes in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds to be paid for Training Partners in Tamil Nadu as on date;

(d) the steps taken by the Central Government to increase funds for the skill development training in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) whether the Central Government has

allocated any funds and if so, the details thereof?

**Skill training to youth in LWE  
affected areas**

4288. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a scheme to impart skill development training and provide employment to youth in left wing extremism/naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the criteria laid down for identification of such districts; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government to provide employment to youth in left wing extremism affected areas after completion of skill development training?

**Target of steel production under  
National Steel Policy**

4289. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set target to reach 182 million tonnes of steel production capacity under National Steel Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target is likely to be achieved as per goals in the next fourteen years, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that stagnant steel demand has aggravated the debt position of the sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to augment steel production as per the demand?

**Steel production in public and private sectors**

‡4290. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the status of steel production in public and private sectors of steel industry per annum, the details of imported steel, country-wise and quantity-wise and the status of current demand and supply as of now including consumer sales price per tonne during the last three years; and

(b) the present status of proposed/working outlets under SAIL in Madhya Pradesh with reference to selling and manufacturing?

**Scrap based steel plants**

4291. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up scrap based steel plants in the country; and

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

**Fitment benefit in pay revision of SAIL employees**

4292. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether 15 per cent benefit in pay revision as per OM No. W-02/0028/2017-DPE (WC)-GL-XIII/17 dated 03.08.2017 is not applicable to Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL);

(b) if so, whether it can be said that the SAIL employees are considered responsible for the loss in terms of average profit Before Tax of preceding three years *i.e.* (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16); and

(c) if so, the reasons for non-amendment of the 'Affordability Clause' of aforesaid OM considering the truth that SAIL made profit for nine consecutive years from 2006-07 to 2014-15 and reasons for loss during 2015-16 being global steel recession and dumping and predatory prices?

**Uniform minimum guarantee benefit as per pay revision**

4293. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) officers are allowed 30 per cent of basic as superannuation benefit under Second Pay Revision;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Board of RINL has cleared this year 2011;

(c) if so, the reasons for Government not permitting RINL to extend this to Executives in spite of order from DPE on 26th November, 2008; and

(d) what is affordability clause and what constraints Government has to remove Minimum Guarantee Benefit (MGB) to have uniform MGB as was done in first and Second Pay Revision?

**India's ambition to become major steel exporter**

4294. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's

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ambition to become a major steel exporter could be disrupted due to import curbs by the US;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that our exports have increased substantially with about 40 per cent growth during January to December, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Plan to make SAIL's non-profit units profitable**

4295. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of subsidiaries, joint ventures associate companies of SAIL;

(b) how many of them are giving profit, the details of the financial performance of each company during last three years; State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating any steps to make the non-profit ones profitable, if so, the details of all measures taken along with expected time of completion of the above?

**India's share in world tourism arrivals**

4296. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in world tourism is 0.6 per cent based on tourist arrivals;

(b) whether Government has planned to increase India's share to 1 per cent of world tourist arrivals by 2020 and 2 per cent by 2035; and

(c) if so, how does Government propose to build the requisite infrastructure and

generate a pro-tourism culture in the people?

**Launching of advertisements to increase tourist footfalls**

4297. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is focusing on wooing millennials from across the world to increase tourist footfalls and take the essence of the country's 5000 year old civilization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is now planning to launch advertisements on Ayurveda and Kaziranga on the lines of 'Yogi of the Racetrack'; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Impact of GST on footfall of tourists**

4298. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increased Goods and Services Tax (GST) on luxury hotels had made India a more expensive destination for tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the number of footfalls in different tourist spots of our country have decreased since the implementation of GST?

**Measures to attract foreign tourists**

4299. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign



tourists India have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and number of foreign tourists from different countries who travelled to India during that period as tourists; and

(c) whether Government has introduced/launched new measures to attract more number of foreign tourists to India?

#### **Domestic and foreign tourists**

4300. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited during 2016 and 2017;

(b) the number of them who visited religious sites; and

(c) the number of tourists who were interested in scenic beauties, historic and artistic sites in these years?

#### **Malanadu-Malabar Cruise in Kerala**

4301. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial assistance from the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry is being considered for Malanadu-Malabar Cruise in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether any time-frame has been kept for sanction of the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Identifying Rural Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Karnataka**

4302. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any proposals submitted by States for identifying specific regions for Rural Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, with a particular reference to Karnataka; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned under Rural Circuit of the Swadesh Darshan Schemes?

#### **Funds for night tourism**

4303. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is focusing on night tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had sanctioned ₹ 5368 crore for a total of 67 projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foreigners visiting India for medical treatment**

4304. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any figures of foreigners who came to India for Medical treatment in the last three years;

(b) the countries from where such Medical Tourism was witnessed; and

(c) the total foreign exchange earned from them?

**Measures taken to address issues of foreign tourists**

4305. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists are not coming to India in adequate numbers due to cumbersome visa regulations, bad travel infrastructure, poor sanitation, collapsing law enforcement systems and concerns about women's safety;

(b) if so, the measures taken to address the issues;

(c) the details of female foreign tourists looted, drugged and raped during the last three years; and

(d) the total number of tourists from Bangladesh and Pakistan who visited India during the last two years and how many of them are still staying illegally in India?

**Amenities for tourists at tourist destinations**

4306. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether wayside amenities are very poor on majority of the roads connecting important tourist destinations and at tourist destinations;

(b) the steps taken to provide wayside amenities for the benefit of travelling public and the tourists;

(c) whether drivers at many of tourism places act as agents of various hotels and restaurants and coerce the tourists to choose unwanted hotels and restaurants; and

(d) the measures taken to train the cab drivers to be tourist friendly and prevent the touts at tourist destinations and to create

strong hospitality and tourism development across the country?

**Assistance to foreign tourists visiting India**

4307. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the foreign tourists visiting India in year 2017-18 and the revenue earned thereon;

(b) what is the projection of foreign tourists visiting the country in the next three years;

(c) what new measures have been taken to ensure that foreign tourists are not overcharged by private tour operators and others;

(d) what directives have been sent to States for providing immediate assistance in case they need any emergency help; and

(e) whether any cases have come to the notice of Government where certain police officials misbehaved with foreign tourists in the last one year?

**Granting of industry status to tourism**

4308. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Government with regard to the development of tourism in the country in addition to grant of funds to States particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government proposes to give tourism full status of industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Including Tuticorin district in Tamil Nadu under Spiritual Tourism Circuit**

4309. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will come forward to include Tuticorin district in the State of Tamil Nadu under the existing 'Spiritual Tourism Circuit' in view of the fact that many pilgrimage centres including Tiruchendur Murugan temple are located in Tuticorin district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Special Area Games**

4310. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is implementing Special Area Games to identify sports talent among tribals and remote backward and hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since how long this scheme is being implemented;

(c) the success that the Ministry could achieve in identifying talent and taking that talent to the international level;

(d) whether it is a fact that only ₹ 57 crores was provided in 2014-15 for this and this has been enhanced by just ₹ 4 crores in 2016-17;

(e) the details of RE for this in 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(f) whether this amount of funds is sufficient for this scheme?

**Advanced sports equipments, stadiums and training facilities**

4311. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to purchase and procure latest state-of-art sports equipments and to create world class stadiums and training facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase funds for the purchase of advanced sports equipments with state of art technology to prepare for next Olympic Games in Tokyo;

(d) whether Government has allocated any funds for the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Providing basic facilities at State level to the sportspersons**

4312. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to provide basic facilities at State level to the sports persons and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Haryana;

(b) whether Government has received complaints from the sportspersons in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on such complaints during the last two years?

**Portal to search sports talent**

†4313. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started a portal for sports talent hunt among the young population of the country, which provides a transparent platform to young sportspersons of the country to upload their accomplishments in their respective sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether upon clearing the selection process through the portal, several players have been given the offer of induction into various schemes of Sports Authority of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**International sports events held for promoting sports**

4314. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of international events held in the last three years and this year;

(b) to what extent the above events helped in spreading sports culture in the country;

(c) what are the reasons that international sports event are only held in Delhi and how does it help in promoting sports in other major cities of the country;

(d) the status of preparation for 2020 Olympic Games; and

(e) the efforts and plans of the Ministry to get India in top 10 nations in Olympic Games by 2028?

**Shortage of funds for sports**

4315. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Sports remains short of the required funds;

(b) if so, the extent of shortage during last three years;

(c) how much was generated internally during last three years; and

(d) how Government proposes to make up for this shortage?

**Initiating sports events at national level under 'Khelo India' programme**

4316. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated sports events at national level under 'Khelo India' programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criterion laid down by Government in selecting the sports talents especially from the rural areas of the country for the said national level event(s) and for nurturing them to participate in the world sports events; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure transparency and fair play in selecting the sports talents?

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**Athletes for upcoming Commonwealth and Asian Games**

4317. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the list of athletes for the upcoming Commonwealth and Asian Games;

(b) if so, the details of tentative list and what is the special budgetary allocation made for the athletes preparing for the upcoming Commonwealth and Asian Games; the details of the expenditure to be incurred on these athletes; and

(c) what is the special provision that Government is proposing to provide to the women athletes in order to further enhance their performance in view of the quality and standard of the international performers?

**Increasing the interest of youth in sports**

†4318. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds targeted for spending on increasing the interest of youths in sports and preparing sportspersons of international standard in the country, during the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) the amount spent against the target, year-wise; and

(c) the number of gold, silver and

bronze medals won by our sportspersons, separately, year-wise?

**Opening of exclusive sports schools**

4319. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to open exclusive sports schools for children with genuine sports talent in the country to help them compete successfully at the world stage;

(b) whether any other steps or measures are being taken by Government in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Appointment of foreign coaches**

4320. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many sport bodies/organisations/associations avail the services of foreign coaches without the concurrence/obtaining the permission from the Government;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that such coaches are hired/appointed by fixing exorbitant fees/remuneration to them;

(c) whether Government will come forward to enact legislation to control and regulate appointment of foreign coaches for Indian athletes/players/Indian team; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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