

## LOK SABHA

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**  
*Saturday, September 26, 2020/Asvina 4, 1942 (Saka)*

**(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)**

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कामिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन)

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### **Military Alliance**

2761. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any plan to change the long-standing policy of India of not joining any Military Alliance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **UAE Aid**

2762. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of direct kit distribution by UAE embassy in selected parts of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is illegal to distribute a kit in the name of holy Ramadan on a cover printed with the UAE flag and printed UAE Aid;

(c) if so, the details of permission obtained by the distributors from the Central Ministry in this regard;

(d) the details of procedures for distributing kits in the country with the print like flag of another country as per the existing law;

(e) whether permission from the Union Government is necessary to accept money or assistance from another country and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the kit was distributed by the UAE embassy after obtaining necessary permission; and

(g) if so, the details of the distributor and the beneficiaries along with the procedure set for selecting the beneficiaries?

### **TIDE Scheme**

2763. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disbursed under the Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) scheme for the benefit of the disabled and elderly in India during the last two years;

(b) the significant interventions that were brought about as a result of this programme and the details thereof;

(c) whether the projects selected under this scheme were able to commercialise their products and launched successfully in the market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **China Based Mobile Applications**

2764. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of China-based mobile applications that are allowed to function within the Indian digital space as on date on Android, IOS and Windows OS platforms;

(b) whether such Chinese mobile applications carry encrypted code within them to scrape/extract sensitive data from the mobile device itself;

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

(d) the number of breach of data privacy complaints received by regulatory authorities constituted by the Government in each of the last ten years, State/UT-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

### **Improvement in Services and Network Connectivity of BSNL and MTNL**

†2765. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL and MTNL have put in place any system to monitor the continued efforts for improvement in their services and network connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the shortcomings reported by the above monitoring system in efforts made by the said public sector undertakings; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### Commercial Coal Mining

2766. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:  
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has opened up commercial coal mining to private sector;

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

(c) the number of mines being allowed commercial mining particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the above decision is likely to have an adverse effect on the environment, strain on water resources and large scale displacement of people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the issues specially large scale displacement of tribals?

#### Policy for Reducing Imports

†2767. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to reduce imports to end the dependency of indigenous industries on China and to promote local industry and their competence in view of the challenges posed due to COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all the meetings in the country are currently being held on the Zoom app;

(c) if so, whether the Government has formulated any concrete policy to get rid of the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### National Recruitment Agency

2768. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Recruitment Agency (NRA) will be open for other agencies in the public as well as private domain to adopt it if they want;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government is going to ensure transparency in NRA and in the examinations so conducted by it?

#### Industrial Production

2769. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of consumer goods in the country has shown decline since 2018-19 despite the industry having access to domestic and foreign capital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the industrial production in short term?

#### Less Cash Economy

2770. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure a transition towards less cash economy;

(b) whether the Government is in favour of allowing minimum KYC wallets for low value transactions to ensure ease of moving towards less cash economy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Ranking of States

2771. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released the report which ranks the States based on 180 reform points covering 12 business regulatory areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of top ten States in the ease of doing business ranking;

(c) whether some States have improved their ranking while others have slipped down and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the main parameters taken into account to judge the States for this purpose;

(e) the extent to which India's improved ranking in ease of doing business helps the States; and

(f) further steps suggested in the report for improvement in several areas?

#### **Extension of Startup India**

†2772. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the special purpose of extending 'Startup India' up to the year 2025;

(b) whether it is focussed on some particular category and provides assistance to the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any provision of loan under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details of its criteria and the eligibility in this regard; and

(e) the expectation of the Government regarding its impact on the said particular category?

#### **Sainik Schools**

2773. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Sainik School at Thakurgangti in Godda of Jharkhand district is yet to start;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this school is likely to become operational for students?

#### **GDP Growth Rate**

2774. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quarterly rate of growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the 2004-2005 fiscal year till June 2020 quarter as per the methodology used to calculate it prior to the change introduced in 2015; and

(b) the quarterly rate of GDP growth from 2004-05 till June 2020 based on the new methodology introduced by the Government in 2015?

#### **Bengaluru-Mumbai Industrial Corridor**

2775. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Bengaluru-Mumbai Industrial Corridor at present;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to include Belagavi district in Bengaluru-Mumbai Industrial Corridor keeping in view the fact that it is the foundry hub and largest district of the State; and

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

#### **Cement Units**

†2776. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of large, medium and small cement units in the country, especially in the backward and rural areas;

(b) the details of the cement production in the country during the last three years till date, State and plant-wise;

(c) the number of people working in these plants, State and plant-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for setting up more cement plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including their present status?

#### **Industrial Development in Bundelkhand**

†2777. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the industrial development of Bundelkhand region especially the aspirational districts located in the region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Import of Farm Goods from US**

2778. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has determined the impact of slashing tariffs on farm goods imported from the United States of America (USA) on the Indian agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has made any recommendations to the Government about the trade deal with the USA pertaining to import of US-made farm products; and

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

### GI Products

2779. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the products under Geographical Indication (GI) in Karnataka and the steps taken by the Government to promote and increase the sales of GI products; and

(b) whether the authorized user registration for different GI products has been very less and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

### Railroad Framework

2780. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railroad framework improvement tasks and activities that were affected because of countrywide lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) whether loss was endured by Railways because of the lockdown; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Employment from Commercial Coal Mining

†2781. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:  
SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who got employment on account of commercial mining of coal in the country particularly in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether there has been any decline in import of coal under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Construction of Underpass in Odisha

2782. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned railway crossings in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of unmanned railway crossings that are proposed to be converted into manned crossings over the next five years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering the construction of underpasses and overbridges at various railway crossings in Odisha particularly in the districts of Angul and Dhenkanal to ease vehicular traffic congestion; and

(d) if so, the time by which the construction is likely to be started along with the details thereof?

### Scale of Funding under MPLADS

2783. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to revise the scale of funding under MPLADS for the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22 instead of zero allocation and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the alternative arrangements made by the Government for the development of Parliamentary Constituencies in lieu of the suspension of MPLADS?

### Scrappage Policy

2784. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Ministries have been working on Scrappage Policy to promote circular economy in India;

(b) if so, one of the challenges being faced by the scrapping industries is that being a new industry, the manufacturing status of the industry has not been considered;

(c) whether because of lack of manufacturing status to the recycling/scrappage centres, they are losing investment benefit being considered by different states as part of their industrial policy to encourage investments in their States;

(d) if so, even though separate National Industrial Classification (NIC) code has been issued by Department

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), it is not helping this new industry to qualify as manufacturing based industry;

(e) whether the DPIIT will consider giving manufacturing status to the recycling or scrappage industry; and

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

#### **Representation of SC/ST in Higher Judicial Services**

2785. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:  
SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation system is not in place until now for the proper representation of SCs/STs in the higher judicial services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any serious steps to appoint sufficient number of Judges belonging to SC/ST/OBC in Higher Judiciary *i.e.*, High Courts and Supreme Court and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government plans to bring a bill again to set up National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Completing Maintenance Works**

†2786. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has completed the maintenance works of the bridges and railway lines pending for a long time including yard remodelling and renewal of scissor crossovers during lockdown to improve security and operating capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Joint Naval Exercises**

2787. SHRI P.C. GADDIGODAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently conducted Joint Naval Exercises with US, Russia and Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto and the expenditure involved therein;

(c) the number of naval persons and naval ships which participated in each of the joint naval exercises; and

(d) the details of such exercises that are likely to be undertaken with other countries in the coming years?

#### **Developmental Assistance**

2788. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing any developmental assistance to any of our neighbouring countries at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the countries, the projects and the financial assistance being provided; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend any economic assistance to our neighbouring countries, in order to facilitate their economic recovery, in the light of COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ban on Imports**

2789. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal to ban import of blankets, electronic items and daily use items as import substitution by discouraging their shipments into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the methods going to be adopted by the Government in curbing the imports of unwanted items and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the local industry under 'Make in India' programme;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any recommendations from the Director General of Trade Remedies in this regard and if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government is prepared to sign the Free Trade Agreement with Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) comprising ASEAN countries; and

(f) if so, the details and the manner in which the Government will implement the ban on imports of selected items?

#### **Resumption of Train Services**

2790. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to restart train services in a phased manner;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon to start the interstate trains;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce additional facilities in trains during COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that interstate journey is difficult due to the present situation and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to privatise the Railways under the cover of COVID-19 and if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(f) whether the proposal is pending with the Government for the privatisation of Railways and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

#### **Export of Medical Gloves and PPEs**

2791. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY  
NALAMADA:  
DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of medical gloves and Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) from India from January 2020 to August 2020, month/quantity-wise including countries to which the said items were exported to;

(b) whether it is a fact that gloves were exported to other countries, including Serbia, prior to May 2020, at a time when the country was facing shortage of medical protective equipments; and

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

#### **Special Package for North Eastern Region**

†2792. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION  
उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any special package for north eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is providing financial assistance for infrastructural projects related to water supply, power and connectivity to encourage tourism in this region under North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Export Potential of States**

2793. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to examine the export potential of various States in the country including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof along with the contributions made by each State in the total exports from the country ;

(b) the details of exportable items identified from each State including the quantity of such items exported and foreign exchange earned during the last three years;

(c) whether the export of domestically manufactured hi-tech products have declined drastically during the last six months and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the assistance extended/to be extended by the Government to help domestic hi-tech manufacturers to compete in the international market; and

(e) the details of export-GDP ratio in respect of hi-tech products, textile, tea and coffee products and relative contribution of States/UTs in terms of GDP ratio in these sectors?

#### **'Make in India' Programme**

2794. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:  
DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objectives identified under the 'Make in India' programme launched in 2014-2015 have been met;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the light of the Atmanirbhar package, 'Make in India' has been disbanded; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Complaints against Hate Speech**

2795. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:  
SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:  
SHRI RITESH PANDEY:  
SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE  
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of complaints received by the Election Commission against Hate Speech on social media platforms during the last five years;

(b) the action taken by the Election Commission in situations where social media has influenced elections;

(c) whether the Election Commission has investigated the role of Cambridge Analytica in India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Election Commission has ordered any previous investigations into data leaks during elections after complaints from political parties; and

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

#### Special Passenger Trains

2796. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering to start more special passenger trains in high demand sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has also held discussions with the various State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

#### Experiences of German Railways

†2797. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to learn various aspects from the experiences of German Railways;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Indian Railways in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways also proposes to implement global standards regarding customer satisfaction, punctuality, cleanliness and business strategies that is likely to help newly recruited employees to implement their vision relating to upgradation of Indian Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### New Private Sector Projects

2798. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the value of new private sector projects since 2014, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in new private sector investment in the country; and

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

#### Bio-Toilets

2799. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of trains in operation in the country at present;

(b) the number of coaches therein;

(c) whether all the coaches have bio toilets; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Meeting of SCO

2800. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether he recently visited Russia to attend the meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO);

(b) if so, the detailed discussions held in the meeting;

(c) whether on the sidelines of the meeting he met his Chinese counterpart and discussed the tension at borders between the two countries;

(d) if so, the outcome of the meeting;

(e) whether Russia facilitated in reduction of tension between the two countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### 22nd Law Commission

2801. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government constituted the 22nd Law Commission in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind the move along with the terms and reference of the Commission and the time by which it will start functioning;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the reports of the Law Commission submitted earlier;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the report and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the purpose of appointing Law Commission when its recommendations are not accepted by the Government;

(f) whether the Law Commission lacks autonomy in its functioning and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether the Law Commission has made any recommendation pertaining to dealing with the pending cases in the Lower courts, High courts and Supreme court and if so, whether the Government has taken any action on the recommendation and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Decline in Core Industries**

2802. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the 23.4% decline in eight core industries such as Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Petroleum Refinery, Fertilizer, Steel, Cement and Electricity; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to give a boost to the core industries in the country?

#### **CSR Fund**

†2803. SHRI ARUN SAO:  
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of COAL कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) approved by Department of Public Enterprise for PSUs;

(b) the total budget allocated to various public sector plants in Chhattisgarh including the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) Bilaspur/Korba under CSR head during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any rules/priorities for spending the funds allocated to the above plants under CSR and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether SECL has released funds to Chhattisgarh Government from CSR or any other head to organise National Tribal Dance Festival and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Water on Moon**

2804. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO through Chandrayaan has discovered Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and Hydroxyl (OH) on the Lunar Surface and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ISRO is facing challenge from foreign competition particularly for launching small satellites and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of revenue generated by the Government through commercialization of small satellites during the last ten years; and

(d) the number of satellites ISRO has placed in orbit till date?

#### **Agricultural and Processed Food Products**

2805. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for promotion of export of agricultural and processed food products;

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

(c) whether the small and marginal farmers have benefited from such export promotion initiatives taken by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Stoppages at Malkajiri Station**

2806. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to approve stoppages of more express trains especially Rayalaseema, Tirupathi, Nizamuddin and Devagiri express trains at Malkajiri station considering the fact that Malkajiri is one of the most densely populated constituency and district headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these stoppages are likely to be approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Free Internet Services to BPL People in Bihar**

†2807. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free of cost internet facility to people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in Bihar including those in Bhagalpur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Tour of Duty in Indian Army

2808. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:  
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army has any plan to implement two proposals - one is called 'Tour of Duty' under which Indian Youth can voluntarily serve in the Army for a temporary period of three years and the other where they are recruited by Central Armed Police Forces, trained and posted in the Army for about seven years, before being transferred back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose and motive to implement these proposals and the time by which these proposals will be implemented?

### Spectrum Sale

2809. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the official position of Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on spectrum sale under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC); and

(b) the manner in which the Ministry of Communications will recover the 40,000 crore worth of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues from insolvent telecom companies?

### New Post Offices in Gujarat

2810. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of new post offices opened/made functional in the State of Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) the number of new post offices out of these made functional in Surat and Navsari districts of Gujarat and the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the Taluka level post offices of Surat and Navsari districts whose buildings have been constructed and the time by which the damaged post office buildings in these areas are likely to be re-constructed?

### National Coal Index

2811. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed National coal index;

(b) the expected time by which the Government plans to roll out such an index; and

(c) whether India plans to create a separate index for coking coal and if so, the details thereof?

### Leveraging Information Technology

2812. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to leverage Information Technology (IT) to minimise pilferage of electricity distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is conducting any workshops on use of IT to minimise electricity pilferage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### MAT on SEZ

2813. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the imposition of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) on Special Economic Zones (SEZ), units and developers contributed towards the reduction of investments in SEZs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to enhance investment in SEZs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to launch an online platform for SEZs to facilitate ease of doing business for the developers and units and if so, the details thereof along with the alternative measures undertaken by the Government for the development of SEZs; and

(d) whether SEZs have contributed towards infrastructure and economic development of their respective regions in the last two years and if so, the details thereof?

### Collegium System

†2814. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has restored the old Collegium System by cancelling the system made by the Government for the appointment of judges in the High Courts and Supreme Court on 16 October, 2015;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any step to bring in a law regarding this through Parliament after the above order of the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme**

†2815. SHRI JOHN BARLA:  
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:  
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made and objective of the Government under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide water supply, electricity and connectivity under physical infrastructure projects;

(c) the provision made by the Government to promote tourism in this region; and

(d) the details of the progress made in education and health sector?

#### **EMRs at Railway Station**

2816. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism to provide medical assistance to the passengers in the event of any mishap/emergency at the railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the medical professionals appointed and deputed at various railway stations across the country, zone-wise;

(c) the number of Emergency Medical Rooms (EMRs) opened at Railway Stations along with the number of accident victims who availed benefits of such EMRs since inception, zone-wise;

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose so far along with the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on such facilities; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

#### **Restoration of 4G Services in Jammu and Kashmir**

2817. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that non-restoration of 4G internet services in Jammu & Kashmir has restricted access to essential services, many of which are accessed through internet in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic;

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

(c) whether the Government will consider restoration of 4G internet services in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir with immediate effect; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Upgradation of Karnal Railway Station**

†2818. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has regularly been receiving requests from daily passengers and other stakeholders of the area to increase the number of passenger trains running from Karnal railway station to Delhi of Delhi-Ambala rail station because the number of trains from Karnal is very less as compared to the number of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the said requests till date;

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

(e) whether the Ministry proposes to upgrade Karnal railway station to a junction keeping in view the fact that all major stations except this have been upgraded to junctions in the Delhi-Ambala rail section and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government also proposes to lay a railway line from Karnal railway station to Assandh for which the survey had already been completed in the past; and

(g) if so, the present status of the said proposal?

#### **Spices Research Centre**

2819. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Spices Research Center in Shivamogga, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any request/representation from State Governments/MPs/Organisations for setting up of the said centre and if so, the details thereof;

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(d) whether the Government is doing any promotional activity towards encouragement of spices and farmers; and

(e) if so, whether the Government is planning to set up a Spice Park in Shivamogga district and if so, the details thereof?

### Renovation of Railway Stations

†2820. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations of the country which have been or are being upgraded and beautified by the Railway Department during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has stopped the developmental works being carried out at various railway stations of the country at present including those of Rajasthan;

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

(d) whether the Department of Railways has prepared any roadmap for the development and renovation of disorganized railway stations of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Retirement of Employees

2821. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:  
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imposed conditions for forced retirement on Government Employees vide the (OM) 25013/03/2019-Estt.A-IV, dated 28th August, 2020;

(b) if so, the details of the said OM and purpose thereof;

(c) whether the OM arms the Government with power to give any Government employee marching orders after completing 30 years of service or reaching 50/55 year of age or older i.e. five to ten year before the scheduled date of retirement and if so, the ground on which employees will be sacked from their services;

(d) whether it is a fact that the victim employee will not have the right to be heard prior to his forced retirement, as natural justice demands and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the manner in which the Government plans to ensure fair and just retirement would be awarded; and

(f) whether it is a fact that Centre of Trade Unions (CTUs) consisting of the representatives of all the central trade unions and federations have opposed this move as it reflects the alleged overall autocratic attitude of the Government towards the basic rights of employees, workers and trade unions and demanded its withdrawal forthwith and if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto?

### FDI in Railways

2822. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of FDI received by the Railways since FDI was allowed through automatic route along with the year-wise breakup thereof;

(b) the sectors within Railways that received FDI along with the year-wise breakup in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any measures to attract greater amounts of FDI in this sector and if so, the details thereof?

### Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh

†2823. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rail projects in Madhya Pradesh which are under consideration of the Government;

(b) the time by which they are likely to be completed;

(c) the time by which Indore-Manmad rail project is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether any rail project regarding Khargone-Barwani is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

### New Freight Corridors

2824. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to build three more freight corridors from Delhi-Chennai, Kharagpur-Vijaywada and Kolkata-Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction of new freight corridors would facilitate private trains; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Foodgrains Market

†2825. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI  
VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the country's share in the foodgrains market as on date;

(b) whether the Government has braced itself to face the competition in market in view of the declining foodgrain exports;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to make the country more competitive in the international market under the open market policy of the World Trade Organisation?

### Revenue Sharing by TSPs

2826. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present revenue sharing rate payable by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)

(b) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is having any proposal to raise the revenue sharing rate in future and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is having any proposal to levy uniform license fee on Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) of all telecom licences and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is going to implement unified licensing under one nation, one license across services and service areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of Coal

†2827. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of coal in the country due to which many States do not have adequate coal for power plants and had to resort to load shedding;

(b) if so, the States where load shedding has been resorted to and the number of times it had to be done; and

(c) the strategy likely to be adopted or being adopted by the Government to prevent the shortage of coal at present?

### Cleaning Machine System for Railway Stations

†2828. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use state-of-the-art cleaning machine system for railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said system is likely to be used for comprehensive cleaning of all platforms, operating areas and foot-over bridges in station complexes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Public Wi-Fi System

2829. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has asked telecom companies to provide a roadmap for building public Wi-Fi system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response and feedback of telecom companies received by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the public Wi-Fi system at the earliest?

### Schemes for Promotion of Exports

2830. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced/planning to introduce new schemes to promote export performance during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Ban on Import of Chinese Goods

†2831. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has imposed ban on the import of goods manufactured in China due to rising tension on account of Indo-China border dispute; and

(b) if so, the details of the list of imported goods from China on which ban has been imposed?

### Cashew Board

2832. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government will form a Cashew Board at Sindhudurg-Ratnagiri in Maharashtra to enable cashew traders to sell their products through Cashew Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Future Skills PRIME

2833. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated a skill programme titled 'Future Skills PRIME' which seeks to create a re-skilling/up-skilling ecosystem for Business-to-Consumer (B2C) in emerging and futuristic technologies;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) whether this program includes Artificial Intelligence to cover over four lakh beneficiaries in the next three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated thereunder across the country, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

### Updating the List of Aspirational Districts

2834. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to add more districts or update the list of Aspirational Districts in the country;

(b) if so, whether Kamareddy or Sangareddy district of Zaheerabad Parliamentary Constituency in Telangana is included in the list of Aspirational Districts;

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

(c) the details of the criteria for the districts being chosen as an Aspirational District?

### Identification of Startups

†2835. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified any startup enterprises under its major programmes in the country;

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

(c) whether any startup enterprises have been identified in Rajasthan including Jalore and Sirohi districts and Maharashtra including Satara and Solapur districts till date;

(d) if so, the details and names of these enterprises in Rajasthan and Maharashtra, district-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Delay in Payment of BSNL's Casual Workers

2836. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether casual workers of BSNL have not been paid regular salary and if so, the reasons therefor;

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

(c) the time by which BSNL casual workers are likely to be paid all their dues?

### Railway Projects in Bihar

†2837. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering or has proposed some important railway projects for the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Anti Dumping Duty

2838. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO  
MANDLIK:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed Anti Dumping Duty on various goods imported to India recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last six months, items and duty-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has also sent some recommendations to Finance Ministry for imposition of Anti Dumping Duty on certain items imported to India during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has kept representations received from various industries regarding Anti Dumping Duty pending; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

### Stoppage and Extension of Trains

†2839. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Parliamentary Constituency is adjacent to the Rajasthan border and the rail passengers of Rajasthan also use Loharu and Mahendragarh Railway Station to board the trains;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to provide stoppage of train number-12323/24 (Howrah-Barmer) at Loharu and Mahendragarh;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend Ekta Express train No. 14795/96 (Kalka to Bhiwani) to Jaipur via Charkhi Dadri, Rewari, Loharu, Sikar and Rigus; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Conversion of Zonal/Divisional Offices to e-Office

†2840. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time limit has been set to convert all the zonal and divisional offices into e-office with a view to improving the Indian railway services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the deadline fixed in this regard;

(c) the details of the budget allocated to convert zonal and divisional offices into e-office; and

(d) the number of employees and officers to whom training for e-office has been imparted so far along with the number of officers proposed to be trained?

### Construction of Railway Bridges

†2841. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to construct railway bridges at 199th kilometer Guglava-Kirtan to Bhansali-Bevad on Rewadi-Sadalpur section and at 257th kilometer at Sirsala halt station and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether rural people are facing lot of difficulties as the path on both the above locations has been blocked due to habitat, farming and villages and as there is no alternative road, serious accidents have also taken place on both the locations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to build RUBs at both the locations to ensure railway safety and if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to make some temporary arrangement for the movement of people till the RUBs are constructed; and

(f) if so, the time by when the same is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Hospitals and Dispensaries under Railways

2842. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO  
MANDLIK:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals and dispensaries that are functioning under Railways in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Railways proposes to set up more hospitals and dispensaries in the country especially in Maharashtra;

(c) whether the working of railway hospitals has been reviewed recently and if so, the details of shortcomings noticed and follow-up action taken thereon;

(d) whether the condition of most of the railway hospitals and dispensaries is quite dismal and also a number of posts of doctors, specialists and para-medical staff are lying vacant in various zones and divisions;

(e) if so, the details thereof, zone/division-wise and the reasons therefor along with the efforts made by the Government to fill up the said vacant posts; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the health care facilities including upgradation and modernization of railway hospitals and dispensaries?

### Attaining Zero Accidents

2843. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to attain zero accidents in Railways in the country with robust safety systems in place;

(b) whether the infusion of track machines in a big way would provide the much wanted fillup to reliable and quicker track maintenance and if so, the efforts made/to be made by the Government in this direction; and

(c) the measures taken/to be taken by the Government to eliminate Manned Level Crossings (MLC)?

#### **India Post Payment Bank**

2844. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Post Payment Bank (IPPB) was launched with the mandate of financial inclusion through the extensive postal network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of IPPB access points identified in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the IPPB network has covered the entire country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure IPPB network all over the country?

#### **Minimum age of Marriage**

2845. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the terms of references of the task force created to ascertain the minimum age of marriage for women;

(b) the time by which the task force will complete its detailed report;

(c) whether the stakeholders will be contacted in the period of review; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Buying Oil From Iran and Venezuela**

2846. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not buying oil from Iran and Venezuela due to pressure from the USA;

(b) whether Iran has decided to go alone on the rail line from Chabahar port to Zahedan, the project that was slated to be carried out with Indian assistance therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the reasons for not buying oil from Iran and Venezuela inspite of heavy discount therein; and

(d) the year-wise details of import of oil by the Government since 2016 from these countries and other countries?

#### **Anti India Protest**

2847. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of anti-India protests in some parts of Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the Chinese embassy in Nepal providing funds to organizers of these protests; and

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

#### **Decline in Number of Subscribers of BSNL and MTNL**

†2848. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of subscribers of Government telecom companies i.e. BSNL and MTNL, is declining continuously owing to their poor quality of services *vis-a-vis* other private telecom companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of subscribers of these companies during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and company-wise;

(c) the number of employees of BSNL and MTNL who have retired from 2014 to 2019 and the number of new appointments made therein during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether these companies are lagging behind their private counterparts owing to paucity of funds, shortage of manpower and lack of high speed internet service and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Tejas Trains**

†2849. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more Tejas like trains have been sanctioned by the Government;
- (b) if so, the number of such trains;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to run trains in all parts of the country under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the criteria adopted for public-private partnership in the said scheme?

#### Agreement on Terrorism

2850. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed/is in the process of finalising bilateral agreement on combating international terrorism, organized crime and illicit drug trafficking with various countries;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the other measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Stoppage at Medta Road Station

2851. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to make the stoppages of the following trains at Medta Road Station: Train No. 22981/22982; Train No. 18245/18246; Train No. 22631/22632; Train No. 14709/14710; and
- (b) if so, the time line decided for the same?

#### NeSDA

†2852. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is conducting National e-Governance Services Delivery Assessment (NeSDA);
- (b) if so, the details and the terms of assessment thereof; and
- (c) the ranking of different States including the State of Maharashtra under the said assessment?

#### Protection of Coastal Regions

2853. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken stock of the prevailing conditions in Coastal regions of South India on both eastern and western sides with respect to the Chinese threat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the diplomatic steps taken by the country keeping in mind the Chinese presence in Srilanka and its territorial waters;
- (c) whether the Union Government has done thorough analysis on the security threats emanating from the waters of the eastern and western sides; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect strategically important places in South India like Chennai, Space Centre at Sriharikota, Atomic power plants at Kalpakkam and Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant at Kudankulam?

#### Digital Village Scheme

2854. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Digital Village Scheme;
- (b) the number of villages selected so far under this scheme in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme so far in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the details of the target set and achievements made by the Government so far;
- (e) whether the Government has made any plan to create employment through this scheme in the rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Railway Projects in Bihar

2855. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large number of railway projects in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar are pending since the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and
- (c) whether sufficient funds would be provided to complete the projects and the time by which they would be completed?

### Mining in Arunachal Pradesh

†2856. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is carrying out mining works near Arunachal Pradesh border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has raised this issue with Chinese officials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Accessibility of Information Technology

2857. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE  
PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by the Government to make Information Technology more accessible in the country;

(b) whether the Government has made any effort to make Information Technology accessible to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof including that of Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether effective steps are being taken/proposed to be taken for the decentralisation of the Information Technology Services in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Introduction of Pension Scheme in Service Commissioned Officers

†2858. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce pension scheme for Short Service Commissioned Officers in Defence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to approve pension for military personnel serving less than fifteen years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation from Military Service Pensioners Association in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce other welfare schemes for military personnel servicing less than fifteen years and if so, the details thereof?

### Land Auction by RLDA

2859. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by the Government through auctioning of land by Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) in the last five financial years, year-wise;

(b) the locations that have been identified by the RLDA for auctioning in the next three years and the estimated value of auctions; and

(c) whether there is any location from Assam in the proposed list particularly the districts of Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Nalbari and Chirang and if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of Basic Amenities on Platforms

†2860. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of basic amenities on the platforms of Prayagraj, Subedarganj and Prayag railway stations located in North Central Railway;

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

(c) whether the Government is likely to bring certain changes in the plan regarding the steps to be taken by the Railways to provide basic amenities in and outside all railway stations of Prayagraj including Prayagraj station to ensure more effective cleanliness and maintenance;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Food Stalls and Vendors at Stations

†2861. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS  
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food stalls at all railway stations in the country along with the adverse effects of COVID-19 on such food stalls and vendors at railway stations;

(b) whether the Railway Board has written any letter to the Zonal and Divisional Railways to assess the license fee of vacant food stalls at railway stations and if so, the action taken thereon, so far;

(c) whether the Zonal and Divisional Railways have not taken any initiative in regard to reviewing the license fee on the basis of the orders of the Board and if so, the immediate action taken by the Railways thereon;

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures to waive the electricity bills and license fee of these vendors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the vendors have also requested the Government for the same and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

#### National Policy on Electronics

2862. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps under the National Policy on Electronics 2019 (NPE 2019), to position India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any institutions under this scheme are being proposed for the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

#### Prosecution of Indians

2863. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry recently decided to provide permit for local prosecution for Indian nationals who committed offences in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently sanctioned extradition of an Indian national from the Kingdom of Bahrain and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government considers bringing to effect the provisions in extraditions treaties for local prosecution of Indian Nationals who are in absentia sentenced in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a large number of Indian nationals are imprisoned and are facing varying tenure of punishment including capital punishment for charges that are allegedly leveled against them without fair chance and hearing and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any effort has been made by the Government to ensure justice and reprieve to wrongfully accused Indian nationals and if so, the details thereof?

#### Lack of Technological Upgradation in BSNL and MTNL

2864. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector telecom companies like MTNL and BSNL are reporting losses due to lack of technological upgradation therein and are unable to compete with their private counterparts and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to upgrade the technology of equipments of BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to revive the aforesaid public sector undertakings or plan to close down these units in near future and if so, the details thereof?

#### Irregularities in Coal Sector

†2865. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases of alleged corruption and irregularities in various coal sectors during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Coal Washeries

†2866. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and ancillary company-wise details of the Coal Washeries set up/functional under Coal India Ltd. in the country at present as per the standards laid down/proposed to be laid down;

(b) whether all the above said Washeries are following the norms laid down about washing of coal in this regard; and

(c) if so, the State-wise and company-wise details of Washeries under Coal India Ltd and if not, the names of the refineries which are not following such laid down norms?

#### **Aadhaar Authentication**

2867. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:  
SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of companies which applied for access to Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance;

(b) the list of private companies with access to Aadhaar Application Programme Interface (APIs) under various provisions;

(c) the list of private firms requesting for access to e-KYC authentication services of UIDAI under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002; and

(d) the list of Authentication User Agency (AuAs) and e-KYC User Agency (KuAs) with access to Aadhaar Authentication systems?

#### **Simultaneous Elections**

2868. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:  
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended to amend Constitution, Representation of People Act to conduct simultaneous elections in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether there is any such arrangement in other countries of the world;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has studied those experiences;

(e) whether the recent move of the Government to have one Electoral Roll for all elections can be seen as a prelude to simultaneous elections and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether linking of Aadhaar with Election Card is a part of the same proposal and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up of DMF**

†2869. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of setting up of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) in the districts affected by mining activities;

(b) the details of the States against which action has been taken for not setting up DMF;

(c) the quantum of funds available with DMF in the country including Maharashtra, district-wise;

(d) the percentage of funds utilized for this purpose and the details of the projects financed by DMF;

(e) whether any monitoring mechanism is in place to check diversion of funds to other purposes than those for welfare of people of the districts witnessing mining activities;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government is aware of the cases of the companies not contributing in DMF; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gaganyaan Project**

2870. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gaganyaan project is on track and is to be realized by the 75th Independence day or earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Gaganyaan National Advisory Council has been created with members from different institutions and industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Private Participation in Space Sector**

2871. SHRI A. RAJA:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has opened up the space sector for private players;

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

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether the Government is aware that this will reduce the role of ISRO within the country; and

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

#### **IL and IEM**

2872. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to make the Industrial License (IL) and Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum (IEM) application process

online and making it available to entrepreneurs on 24x7 basis at the eBiz website for ease of filing applications and online payment of service charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to develop the State-wise export strategy, appoint export commissioners, address infrastructure constraints restricting movement of goods, facilitate refund of VAT/Octroi/State level cess, address other issues relating to various clearances, etc. and build capacity of new exporters, in order to promote exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Extension to Retired Officers

†2873. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for giving extension to senior level Government Officers post retirement;

(b) whether the Government has list of senior Officers retiring from the Ministry of Urban Development during the year 2020-21 along with those retiring from various Organizations and the number of officers out of these who have applied for extension of their tenure; and

(c) the names of the officers whose names have been approved by the Government for extension of their tenure and the reasons therefor?

#### Coal Auction

2874. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised the list of mines to be auctioned for commercial mining and now 38 blocks would be auctioned instead of 41 blocks decided earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the revision of the list in which certain mines have been withdrawn and some have been added by the Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that opening up of coal blocks, especially in dense forests areas would result in major environment hazards due to mining and transportation of coal and loss of valuable forest cover thus endangering public health and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is taking any measures to ensure minimal environmental impact as well as forest loss due to this opening up of coal blocks; and

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

#### Identification of Systems by DRDO

2875. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether DRDO has identified a list of 108 systems and subsystems which will be designed and developed by the Indian industry only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any fixed time line by which the DRDO has decided for the development of such systems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Kisan Rail

2876. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started Kisan rail for transportation of agricultural produce across the nation and if so, the details thereof along with operational details of Kisan Rail, zone-wise;

(b) the agricultural produce that has been transported so far since the Kisan rail started its operation zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any data with regard to the freight loading of COVID related medical supplies between February 2020 till now and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any initiative to speed up the timing of freight trains for delivery of cargo on time and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in Tariff and Non-Tariff field to boost freight operations?

#### Implementation of BharatNet Project.

2877. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of implementation of BharatNet project in the country;

(b) whether the Government has set any target under the said programme;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

#### Consular Access

2878. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who were provided consular access in the past three years and the number of foreign nationals in Indian jails who were provided consular access;

(b) whether any guidelines have been implemented to streamline the process of securing consular access and ensuring that the access to the same is not unreasonably denied; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of guidelines regarding consular access to foreign nationals in Indian prisons, custody or detention?

#### Export of Foodgrains

2879. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of foodgrains including rice and sugar during the last one year;

(b) whether export of farm products has increased during the pandemic compared to the previous years?

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the export of overall farm products from the country?

#### Waterlogging in Underpasses

2880. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many of the underpasses provides across the Pune-Miraj railway line get severely waterlogged during the monsoon season making it impossible for vehicles and villagers to use them and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to solve this annual problem by undertaking some permanent measures for the draining out/pumping out water from these underpasses; and

(c) if so, the other measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### Ban on Sand Mining

2881. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any orders to ban sand mining activities in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of plan outlay and implementation procedure for any such proposal in near future; and

(d) whether any alternate arrangements are made for availability of sand especially in the construction sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### Encroachment on Defence Land

2882. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases related to unauthorised construction/encroachment and poor management of the Sabeya defence air base of district Gopalganj of Bihar under the Defence Estate Organisation Management have come to the notice of the Government during the last one year and the current year;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that came to light during the last one year of the Sabeya defence air base of district Gopalganj along with the area of defence land encroached upon;

(c) the details about the number of encroachers penalised and the steps taken to use this air base by the Government; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to save and to remove unauthorised construction/encroachment in this regard?

#### FDI Inflow

2883. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sector-wise FDI inflows into the country during the last ten years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the recently announced Atmanirbhar Bharat Package is likely to help in giving a fillup to the 'Make in India' initiative thereby attracting more and more FDI inflows into various sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that some sectors failed to attract FDI such as mining, Petroleum and Natural gas, etc.; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote FDI in the said sectors?

### Coal Gasification

2884. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI C.R. PATIL:  
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any amendments in the FDI policy with regard to Pakistan and China and if so the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any step/steps for the development of surface Coal Gasification in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status and the progress made so far in this regard in meeting the future energy needs;

(d) the details of coal and lignite blocks identified so far for this purpose; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularize this technology in the country?

### Upgradation of Coaches

2885. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is redesigning the 3-tier non-AC Sleeper Class and unreserved General Class coaches as AC (air-conditioned) coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of coaches that are likely to be upgraded and their placements, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government has decided to stop distribution of blankets and linen sets in AC coaches, post-covid and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons behind doing so; and

(d) whether the Government has cancelled the tender for manufacturing of semi high-speed train sets (Vande Bharat) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

### National e-Commerce Policy

2886. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented a new National e-commerce Policy which makes it mandatory for suppliers to register the origin of their products on e-commerce platforms so as to facilitate curbs on Chinese

imports, a move that will also impart an aggressive dimension to Prime Minister's ambitious Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission;

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

(c) whether the policy has a well-laid out and realistic plan with experts' recommendations as this impulsive move may have far more severe implications on the Indian economy than its Himalayan neighbours in the fiscal year 2020-2021 of the coronavirus lockdown;

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

(e) whether higher duties on Chinese products may also be on the cards and if so, the details thereof?

### Speed of Internet

- †2887. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the speed of internet and to enhance its connectivity in the small rural areas in the country;

(b) the details of the technologies providing high speed internet services in the country; and

(c) the time by which the entire country is likely to be connected with fibre optic network?

### Illegal Mobile Towers

2888. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many illegal mobile towers are still functioning in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether many mobile towers which are harmful to human beings are still functioning in residential areas and if so, the details thereof and the number of such towers operational in residential areas, State/UT-wise; and

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

### RMPF

2889. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recruitable Male Population Factor (RMPF), State-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the total number of applicants for recruitment and, successfully recruited applicants for the last five years, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether any weightage in RMPF is given to States having higher percentage of number of applicants for recruitment against RMP;

(d) the number of NCC-C Certificate holders recruited as Soldier-GD as against other categories, along with the reasons for the same;

(e) the basic physical test for recruitment is 1.6 kms run, the average number of people who participate in the run, number of batches they are divided into, on each day of an Army recruitment rally;

(f) whether there is any proposal to reduce the batch size by increasing the duration of the recruitment rally, if the batch size is larger than the running track that can accommodate; and

(g) due to the pandemic, is the Army considering carrying out written tests before physical tests for this year's recruitment and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Employment to Dependant of a Deceased Employee**

2890. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for providing suitable employment to the dependant of a deceased working Central Government employee and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been any prescribed time limit for providing employment in such cases; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for establishing a transparent procedure for providing suitable employment to the dependant of a deceased working Central Government employee in a time bound manner?

#### **Export Preparedness Index**

2891. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020 has been released by Niti Aayog in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a data-driven effort to identify the core areas crucial for export promotion at the sub-national level; and

(d) if so, the period for which data have been taken before finalization of EPI-2020?

#### **Pending cases in courts**

2892. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of cases that are pending in various courts of the country;

(b) whether any concrete or innovative methods have been adopted to reduce the pending cases in various courts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Solar Power Plants at Stations**

2893. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has solarised more than 960 Stations till date and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether orders have been placed for 198 MW solar rooftop capacity for 550 stations which are under execution and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current annual requirement of solar energy and whether the Railways is set to produce 33 billion units by 2030 to meet its energy consumption needs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures taken by the Railways to become self reliant for its power needs;

(e) whether the Railways proposes to install solar power plants on its vacant land and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being initiated to become Net Zero Carbon Emission Railways and a complete Green mode of transportation?

#### **Investments in Startups**

2894. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of startups registered with the Government (Startup India and DPIIT) and the state-wise breakup of the same;

(b) whether the Government has sought details regarding the country of origin of investors of these startups;

(c) if so, the number of startups with overseas funding;

(d) whether the Government is proposing to come up with a policy/lay guidelines to incentivize Indian venture capitalists and investors to invest in Indian startups and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is concerned about investments from neighbouring countries in Indian startups and apps, especially in view of protecting the security interests of the country; and

(f) if so, the measures taken by the Government to protect Indian startups, Indian Venture Capitals and investments?

#### **AtmaNirbhar Bharat**

2895. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed the right policies to make AtmaNirbhar Bharat a reality;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to produce high quality products at globally competitive prices in the country?

#### **Railway Projects in Rural Areas**

†2896. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some railway projects especially in the backward and rural areas in the States are pending with the Government as on date;

(b) if so, the project/State-wise details thereof as on date;

(c) the date from which these projects are pending/under consideration of the Government;

(d) the project-wise cost of these projects;

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be sanctioned; and

(f) the reasons for delay, if any, in these projects?

#### **Ventilators from US**

2897. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ventilators that US has sent to India;

(b) whether it was a donation or purchase; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if purchased, the cost of each ventilator?

#### **Package for Rubber Growers**

2898. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in receipt of COVID-19 package for rubber growers and workers in rubber plantations from Rubber Board; and

(b) if so, the date of receipt and the details thereof including the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Encroachment of Railway Land**

†2899. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM  
JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the location and division-wise details of the railway land encroached at present along with the action taken to remove these encroachments;

(b) the number of cases of railway land encroachment under the consideration of the court;

(c) whether these court cases are being monitored/assessed by senior level officers of Railways;

(d) if so, the division-wise details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has contacted the State Governments to remove the encroachments of railway land; and

(f) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

#### **Digital Safety Curriculum**

2900. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
SHRI D.M. KATHIRANAND:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has provided any guidelines/inputs to the Ministry of Education on including digital safety curriculum in schools as well as colleges and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any guidelines has been issued by the Ministry to social Media Intermediaries to counter online harassment against women and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any security training for women to deal with online threats during the pandemic and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be done?

#### **Free Trade Agreement with US**

2901. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA  
VISWANATH:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether US and India have finalised a limited trade deal including the Free Trade Agreement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made and the manner in which it would be beneficial to the country, trade-wise in the post COVID-19 situation period?

#### Champion Sectors

2902. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified new champion sectors like solar PV manufacturing, advanced cell battery storage, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which manufacturing of solar PVs in India is likely to bring down the cost of per MW installation of solar power?

#### Preventing Rail Accidents

†2903. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is using various techniques to check rail accidents occurring due to derailment, collisions, etc. including Smart Accident Detection and Prevention System (SADPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding effectiveness of any specific technique in order to use it in Indian Railways on pan-India basis to prevent such accidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Cyber Crimes

†2904. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of cyber crimes have increased in the country by 200 per cent during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government has proposed or proposes to bring in any new policy to check such incidents and if so, the details thereof?

#### State Railway Corporations

2905. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage every state to set up their own State Railway Corporation to handle and manage trains and railway network within the states; and

(b) if so, the details of modus operandi, if any, framed by the Government to support proper managing and functioning of these State Railway Corporations?

#### Elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings

2906. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace all railway level crossings of the country with flyovers;

(b) if so, the total number of level crossings and the priority-wise list prepared to replace the railway crossings with construction of flyovers since 2016;

(c) the allocation of budget and the amount sanctioned and the present status of such replacement since 2016;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the plan of the Government to go for targeted elimination of unmanned level crossings by March, 2021?

#### Redevelopment of New Delhi Railway Station

2907. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to redevelop the new Delhi Railway Station to reduce congestion and increase the state-of-the-art amenities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Tele law scheme

2908. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government has started Tele-law scheme, if so, the details of the main features of the same;

(b) whether the Government plans to implement this scheme throughout the territory of India, if so, details thereof;

(c) the details of legal services that are proposed to be provided as a part of this scheme;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to spread awareness and convey in simple language the legal procedures for ease of access to the poor; and

(e) the manner in which the Government is ensuring that the scheme becomes accessible to the poor?

#### **Generation of Renewable Energy**

2909. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating the use of railway vacant land for generation of renewable energy to meet the needs of the country and achieve self-sufficiency by giving a fillip to 'Make-in-India' programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any studies have been conducted and places identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Governing Social Media**

2910. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the senior officials of the Ministry had a meeting with legal experts and privacy advocates during the last two years to discuss various issues relating to making social media safer and to govern social media platforms in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcomes thereof;

(c) whether the Government has since taken any concrete and effective steps to check the misuse of social media by criminals and anti-national elements; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

#### **New Railway Zones**

2911. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway Zones in the country;

(b) the time when each of the above Railway Zone was created and the reasons for creating each of such zones;

(c) whether every new Railway Zone created fulfilled the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern, operational and administrative requirements;

(d) if so, the zone-wise details with statistics thereof;

(e) the gross income of each division since its creation, division/zone-wise; and

(f) the details regarding proposals for creation of new railway zones during the current financial year?

#### **Special Trains for Passengers**

2912. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had sent communications to all States for operating 100 special train services as part of Unlock-4 announced by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments to the communications sent by the Railways;

(d) whether it is also true that the people would not like to travel by trains due to fear of COVID and that the Railways were not disinfecting coaches properly; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Financial Loss Incurred by BSNL and MTNL**

†2913. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date since when public sector telecom companies i.e. BSNL and MTNL are incurring financial losses; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bail out the said companies?

#### **Expansion of Dimapur Railway Station**

2914. SHRI TOKHEHO YEPTHOMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds that have been sanctioned for new projects and maintenance of Dimapur Railway Station since 2019;

(b) whether there is any plan for expansion of Dimapur Railway Station; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Break in Coupling

2915. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents wherein a break in coupling had occurred between railway coaches during each of the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the number of casualties and injuries reported in these incidents, State and year-wise; and

(c) the current status and findings of the probe launched to investigate the incidents wherein Kacheguda-Chittoor bound Venkatadri express train had narrowly escaped danger after break in coupling near Mamandoor railway station in February, 2020?

### Army Recruitment Centre

2916. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open new army recruitment centres and training centres in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, District-wise?

### Sainik Schools for Girls

2917. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to open Sainik schools for boys and girls in various parts of the country; and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is no Sainik school for girls and if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Gujarat sent any proposal to Central Government for setting up of Sainik Schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of Defence services by bringing public schools / education within the reach of common man?

### Coal Auction

2918. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is currently working out modalities with other Ministries regarding auctioning of

coal mines to private sector entities for commercial mining and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any material outcome is likely in the near future as CIL is likely to remain the dominant commercial coal supplier in India despite initial steps taken towards the creation of a competitive coal market in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Stoppage of Special Trains in Odisha

2919. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional special trains, scheduled to start operations from 12th September 2020, will have stops in Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to commence Shramik Special trains from Odisha and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the proposed clone trains scheme, including the eligibility criteria; and

(d) the status of operationalisation of passenger train services on the Haridaspur-Paradip railway line?

### Issues in Tatkal Booking

†2920. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the train passengers travelling from villages to towns after lockdown are facing lots of troubles in getting train tickets;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the website of IRCTC hangs or is not reachable after a few minutes of the opening of tatkal ticket booking and the tatkal tickets are already booked by the time the site becomes reachable; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Ministry to resolve this issue?

### Raipur-Sarangarh-Jharsuguda Rail Line

†2921. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Raipur-Sarangarh-Jharsuguda rail line with the length of 310 kms was included in the Budget for the year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the work on the said rail line has started;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) if so, the extent of work done so far; and  
 (d) if not, the time by which the said work is likely to be started?

#### Responsibility of Government Employees

†2922. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
 Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government employees are supposed to dispose off the public work within stipulated timeframe and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the common man of the country gets frustrated due to their frequent visits to the Government offices resulting in loss of trust in the functioning of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government for fixing the responsibility of Government employees?

#### Geo Political Balance

†2923. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
 SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to ensure geo-political balance and security in view of the recent cross border tension; and

(b) the reaction of the Government to the rise in military expenditure by China during the last three years?

#### Digital Awareness in Rural Areas

2924. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
 SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote digital awareness in rural areas of the country including the rural areas of Gorakhpur;

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

(c) whether the Government has made any allocation of funds in this regard; and

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

#### Ban on Imports from China

2925. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed blanket ban on imports of various products from China;

(b) if so details thereof;

(c) whether there is a move by the Government to review the bilateral trade agreements between India and China in the light of border row; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### FARA

2926. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India (GOI) has officially engaged agents or political consultants or public relations professionals in the United States of America (USA) registered or even unregistered in terms of Foreign Agents Registration Act - FARA 1938 as amended;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their roles and functions in the US;

(c) the names of individuals and organisations engaged by the GOI from 1st April 1999 to 31st August 2020;

(d) the details of remuneration paid to each of them;

(e) whether the GOI is also engaged with similar organizations and individuals in other countries; and

(f) if so, the names of such individuals and organisations along with their roles and functions?

#### Conversion of Coaches into Isolation Wards

2927. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coaches converted into isolation wards or modified for COVID-19 related usage by Indian Railways;

(b) the details of the total cost incurred by the Government towards conversion of such coaches;

(c) the details of the total number of such converted/modified coaches that were deployed and were unused;

(d) the details of the number of the converted/modified coaches that were assigned to each State, the criteria laid, the cost incurred and the number of such coaches that were delivered, State-wise; and

(e) the total cost incurred towards transportation of converted coaches to each State, State-wise?

### Linking Aadhaar with IRCTC

†2928. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:  
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aadhaar has been made mandatory with IRCTC for the passengers in the country for the purpose of reservation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the passengers are facing problems due to the User ID of IRCTC not matching with the information entered in Aadhaar card in case of online reservation;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures to tackle the said problem; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

### Banned Websites and Books

2929. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any list of websites and books, banned under Section 69A of the IT act and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the said list can be accessed;

(c) the details of procedures laid down and followed by the Government for blocking any website;

(d) whether the Government has also put in place any redressal mechanism for the blocked websites and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to curb the spread of misinformation in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### Minimum Rate for Call Data

†2930. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to fix the minimum rate of call data for telecommunication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the subscribers will have to pay more charges as against the current rate of call data, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Niti Aayog has recommended Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to increase the call data rate and if so, the details thereof?

### Railway Line from Dehradun to Kalsi

†2931. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for laying of railway line from Dehradun to Kalsi under Moradabad division has been done twice earlier;

(b) if so, the dates on which the surveys were conducted for the said line;

(c) whether the Government proposes to accord financial approval for laying the said railway line;

(d) if so, the time by which such approval is likely to be given; and

(e) the time by which the said railway line is likely to be laid?

### Mobile Coverage in Rajasthan

2932. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mobile coverage in villages of Rajasthan, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to cover the remaining villages under mobile network and the outcomes thereof?

### Marriage of NRIs

2933. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government introduced The Registration of Marriage of Non-Resident Indian Bill, 2019 in the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the said bill;

(d) whether the Government has set any timeframe to bring the bill for the approval of the Parliament; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response the Government in this regard?

### Number of Candidates in NRA Examination

2934. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Recruitment Agency (NRA) will conduct Common Eligibility Test (CET) exams twice a year in 12 languages and will have on its board representatives from Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether on an average 2.5 to 3.0 crore aspirants will appear for about 1.25 lakh Group B and Group C vacancies at the Centre and if so, the details thereof?

#### Amenities at Stations

†2935. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new trains proposed to be started including trains started by the Government in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of railway stations developed by the Government for providing world level amenities to the passengers throughout the country, so far, zone-wise; and

(c) the details of other steps taken/being taken by the Government for providing world level amenities in all the railway stations of the country?

#### Indian Citizenship

2936. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the number of Indians who gave up Indian citizenship for the citizenship of another country in the last five years;

(b) the number of Indians currently living in foreign countries, country-wise;

(c) the details of number of Indians travelling to other countries for education;

(d) whether there has been an increase in the number of people seeking OCI cards;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government is considering any proposal for granting dual citizenship and if so, the details thereof?

#### 5G Connectivity in Tripura

2937. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to ensure 5G connectivity in entire Tripura;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the officials responsible for the aforesaid proposal and the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

#### Departmental Promotion Committee

2938. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after repeated exhortations and courts decisions, many of the Government departments do not conduct regular Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure its strict implementation?

#### Railway Tickets at Post Offices

†2939. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take steps to issue railway tickets at Post Offices at Tehsil level for the facility of the rail passengers in the country especially in Buldhana district of Maharashtra where there is no facility for railway reservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Installation of Solar Power Plants

2940. KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed plan of the Government for installation of 1000-MW solar power plants and around 200-MW wind power plants by 2021-22;

(b) the details of the land available for setting up of solar power plants alongside the rail tracks, state-wise;

(c) the details and progress report of the pilot projects initiated by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is planning to install solar and wind power infrastructure along railway tracks/properties in Assam and if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Broadband Facilities in Gram Panchayats in Odisha**

2941. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of gram panchayats in Odisha which were provided with broadband facilities during each of the last three years; district-wise;

(b) the number of gram panchayats of Odisha which currently doesn't have a broadband facility, district-wise;

(c) whether the Phase-I of BharatNet Project in Odisha has any timelines set for completion;

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the number of gram panchayats to be covered thereunder and the timeline fixed for the same;

(e) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the proper functioning of the installed broadband connections and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure repair of faulty broadband connections?

#### **Payment of GPF to Retired Employees of MTNL**

†2942. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai who retired in March 2019 were paid the amount of their contribution towards General Provident Fund (GPF) in November 2019 instead of making such payment within one month of their retirement and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether as per rules the payment of interest on account of delay in payment of GPF to employees was to be made by the corporation, which has not been done as on date;

(c) if so, the measures taken by MTNL to pay interest on GPF to the aforesaid retired employees in Delhi and Mumbai; and

(d) the time by which the Government/corporation is likely to pay interest on GPF to the employees who retired from the corporation in 2019?

#### **Vande Bharat Mission**

2943. SHRI A. NARAYANA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people repatriated under Vande Bharat Mission;

(b) the total number of flights operated under the mission; and

(c) the place to where most of the flight services were conducted as part of the Vande Bharat mission?

#### **Soldiers Trapped in Avalanches**

2944. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether troops posted in the Himalayan region regularly get trapped in snow during blizzards and avalanches;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of soldiers trapped and number of deaths occurred due to troops getting stuck in snowstorms in the last ten years, year-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to improve the operational efficiency of the troops in the Himalayan region in the face of snow and extreme weather conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Protection of Private Data**

†2945. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any committee or agency for protection of private data;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Land Bank Database**

†2946. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has developed land bank database in land management system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the mapping of all assets of Railways is being done on Geographic Information System (GIS) platform along with satellite imagery;

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(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the other management applications to which it is to be linked; and

(e) the extent to which the Railways is likely to be capable of solving the problem of encroachment of railways land in various parts of the country?

#### PMGDISHA

2947. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan;

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

(c) the funds allocated and utilized under this scheme in the last and current financial year State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Gujarat?

#### HOG System for Freight Corridors

2948. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal to introduce new technology system for power generation from Head on Generation (HOG) Electric system for the Railway freight corridors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of capacity required/available for running freight corridors;

(d) whether the Government is proposing to start production units on PPP model; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Streamlining Passport Issuance Process

2949. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to streamline the process of getting the passports done and reduce the time taken in it;

(b) whether the Government is taking any measures to increase the number of countries which give visa-on-arrival or visa-free travel to Indian passport holders; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Electoral rolls

2950. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the governing laws and regulations for the Election Commission to collect and maintain photographs for Electoral Photo Identity Cards;

(b) whether the Election Commission has shared electoral rolls data along with photos with agencies under the Ministry of Home Affairs like NATGRID and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the process of sharing electoral rolls data with the State Election Commission by the Election Commission of India; and

(d) the list of State Election Commissions which have received data from Election Commission of India?

#### Impact of Embargo

2951. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed plan of the Government to impose embargo in a phased manner on import of 101 military systems by 2025;

(b) the specific details entailing the possible applications of artificial intelligence in defence sector as envisioned by the Ministry; and

(c) the detailed list of the production and export of each defence equipment specified by the Government to be manufactured under Atmanirbhar Bharat in the financial year 2019-20?

#### Digital Privacy and Protection of Data

2952. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has declared that informational privacy is a fundamental right and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reason for the differing stance against the said judgment taken by the Government;

(c) whether this will lead to establishing control rather than protecting data and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether most of the information collected through Apps and data are transmitted to other countries leading to stealing of data;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to curb stealing and misuse of data; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to promote privacy and protection of data?

### E-Infrastructure and Internet Quality

2953. SHRI INDRA HANG SUBBA:  
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has ranked 79th out of 85 countries in e-infrastructure and 78th in internet quality as per 'Digital Quality of Life Index 2020' and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to improve the low ranking and strengthen e-infrastructure of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the policy of the Government for improving quality of digital connectivity in North Eastern States especially those having mountainous terrain and the status thereof?

### New Industrial Corridors

2954. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up new industrial corridors in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise list of proposals received as on date; and

(c) the status of the Hyderabad-Warangal and Hyderabad-Nagpur industrial corridor for which proposals were submitted to National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust?

### Allocation of IMEI

2955. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has taken over the process of allocation of IMEI for mobile phones in India from the private body Mobile Standard Alliance of India (MSAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the new body set up to replace MSAI;

(c) the list of Departments which will have access to Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR);

(d) whether the Government has made tampering of IMEI number in mobile devices an offence under any law;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the number of such offences reported and the action taken by the Government thereon during each of the last three years; and

(g) whether the Government has faced any challenges with CEIR and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to overcome the said challenges?

### Funds Deposits in AMF

†2956. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds deposited in Army Welfare Fund of the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of the funds utilized during the last three years;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the dependents of martyrs from the Army Central Welfare Fund or National Defence Fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the families who were provided financial assistance during the said period?

### SCES

2957. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a single Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) has been set up;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the composition, competence, domain of work and the likely expenditure to be undertaken in its functioning; and

(c) the likely timeline for the submission of the committee report?

### Fintech Startups

2958. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fintech startups in India;

(b) the trends in capital funding and investment in this sector in the last five years; and

(c) the detailed steps taken by the Government to promote Fintech sector?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### DigiLocker for Retiring Employees

2959. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly formed DigiLocker for the retiring Central Government civil pensioners has been tested for safety and user friendliness and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the difference between new DigiLocker and the former electronic Pension Payment Order (e-PPO); and

(c) the details of the software used and safety concerns for creating DigiLocker?

### Financial Upgradation

2960. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH *ALIAS*  
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial up-gradation is conducted timely for employees and officers in ministry as per DoPT guidelines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether financial up-gradation MACP-3 in level 9 of 7th CPC has not been granted in BRO so far; and

(c) if so the time by when Government will grant the same in BRO?

### Shortage of Engineers in BRO

2961. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BRO is one of the most strategic Department especially in view of recent border tension at LAC and BRO is fully supporting the construction of proper road infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether BRO is facing shortage of Group-A Civil Engineers and Asstt. Engineers for more than fifteen years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether BRO has taken up case for amendment of R&P rules;

(d) if so, the status of such amendment rules as per Director General Border Roads (DGBR) guidelines issued in the year-2018; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Construction of Under/Over Bridges in Karur

2962. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of under bridges constructed near railway stations in Karur Parliamentary constituency;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the water logging problem due to under bridges constructed which

poses risk to lives of people as they have to cross the bridge in neck-deep water;

(c) if so, the plan chalked out by the Government to resolve this issue;

(d) whether the Government is also planning to construct over bridges in Karur; and

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

### New Rail Line in Rajasthan

2963. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects, which were pending for decades, for which the Ministry of Railways has allocated budget by paying special attention to them in the country including Rajasthan during the last five years;

(b) whether, considering the public interest/strategic and financial importance, the Ministry of Railways proposes to approve the project for laying new rail lines to connect Sirohi district headquarter as well as from Bar to Bilara or Bar to Raipur in Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Ministry of Railways proposes to approve the projects of laying a new railway line which is socially and strategically important for Sirohi, Bangra, Pindwada which will benefit almost 28 lakh people and is socially important, but is not financially viable to connect Sirohi district headquarters in Rajasthan with rail;

(d) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be approved; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### MyGov Platform

2964. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched My Gov Citizen Engagement Platform in 2014;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether there has been poor response to the Platform and very few number of states have so far joined the Platform;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to make it more state friendly?

### POPSKs in Maharashtra

2965. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in all district headquarters or in all Parliamentary constituencies;

(b) if so, the number of POPSKs set up so far along with the details thereof;

(c) the number of POPSKs which have started functioning so far in Maharashtra along with the number of POPSKs proposed to be made operational in near future; and

(d) the extent to which getting passports is likely to be easier through POPSKs along with the details of its style of functioning?

#### Minimum Pension

2966. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to fix minimum pension, applicable to those monthly pensioners who opted reduced pension scheme at their age of above 50 and below 58 and drawing less than Rs. 1000/- per month, still now, under the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) 1995, on par with the Notification Number GSR. 593 (e) dated 19.08.2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the minimum pension level to Rs. 3,500/- per month, applicable to those monthly pensioners, on attaining the age of 58, who opted for reduced pension scheme and are drawing fixed monthly pension of Rs. 1,000/- or less under the EPS 1995; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Rubber Act

2967. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to repeal the Rubber Act;

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

(c) whether the Government has proposed to close down Rubber Board and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether many regional offices of Rubber Board have been closed and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government is likely to withdraw the proposal of closure of Rubber Board in view of the apprehensions of lakhs of rubber cultivators in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Job Vacancies for Disabled

2968. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether job vacancies in February, 2018, for disabled have been cancelled after completion of all the formalities and before verification of candidates' certificates and if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the disabled candidates staged a dharna in the month of October, 2019 at Mandi House for restoration of their quashed vacancies; and

(c) if so, the reasons behind quashing these vacancies and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

#### Cess Received under PMKKKY

†2969. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess received from various professional and production units of Chhatisgarh under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20;

(b) the members who are nominated for Committee at local level for the Scheme; and

(c) the details of the funds released to Chhattisgarh under the Scheme during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20?

#### Birds Near Airfields

2970. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has raised concerns of high concentration of birds near the airfield where the Rafale jets are stationed and the potential damage that may be caused due to collision;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the damage of the jets in this regard?

#### Rehabilitation of Families of Martyrs

2971. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fulfilled its promise of rehabilitating the spouses of martyred soldiers and other Force personnel who laid down their lives for the nation;

(a) the details of such measures taken by the Government from 2014 to 2019; and

(b) the number of pending cases which are to be rehabilitated till 2019-2020?

#### Meeting with Bangla PM

2972. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests were made in the last six months for the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh for a meeting with the Bangladesh Prime Minister which have been turned down;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether India has been able to raise its concerns with Bangladesh for giving a contract to build an airport terminal at Sylhet to a Chinese company; and

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

#### RRSK

2973. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fund utilized for eliminating level crossings and improving and modernizing signalling systems by Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) during the last three years;

(b) the allocation of RRSK for South Eastern Railway during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has framed any timeline for eliminating the unmanned level crossings across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the ROBs at Buria under Kharagpur division of SER?

#### Development and Modernisation of Tiruvalla Railway Station

2974. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is encouraging development and modernization of Railway Stations under Public Private Participation (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the details of the number of railway stations taken up for development and modernization under PPP mode during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received requests for development and modernization of Tiruvalla Railway Station under PPP mode;

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

(e) whether the Government has received representations regarding widening of road in front of Tiruvalla Railway Station; and

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

#### Coal Blocks

2975. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise names and details of coal blocks cleared for mining since 2015;

(b) the names of coal blocks which do not have a forest clearance and have been cleared for mining since 2015;

(c) the names of the coal blocks which are in the 'No-Go' area;

(d) the names of mines auctioned to PSUs since 2015 and out of them the name of mines which are currently operational; and

(e) the number of mines auctioned to private entities since 2015 and the number of mines still operational?

#### Semiconductor Wafer Fabrication and Manufacturing

2976. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any commercial Semiconductor Wafer Fabrication and manufacturing facility in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether in spite of approval of two proposals by the Government for establishing such facility, there has been no response by the Industry and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether despite provision of capital subsidy to attract investment in setting up of these manufacturing facilities, there has been no proposal received by the Government so far and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the country is dependent on imports of chips, spending billions of dollars and if so, the details thereof and the amount spent by the Government to import such chips during each of the last three years; and

(e) whether there is any need for development of semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem in the country and if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

### CSR

†2977. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry are allocating funds to complete the projects under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR); and

(b) if so, the details of the total funds allocated by these companies under this head and the projects started and the extant position of the projects, company and State-wise?

### Vacant Post of Judges

†2978. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the court-wise details of sanctioned and vacant posts of judges in Supreme Court and High Courts of various states across the Country;

(b) the total number of posts of judges in the High Courts which have been filled during the last two years and the time by which the rest of the posts are likely to be filled;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit to fill the vacant posts so as to reduce the number of pending cases in various High Courts along with the details thereof; and

(d) the number of male and female judges in Supreme Court and various High Courts at present including the number of judges out of the same who belong to minority community and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes category?

### Village courts

†2979. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:  
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:  
SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to dispose off the cases of Anganwadi workers regarding delay in payment of wages under MNREGA through Village/Gram Nyayalayas and mobile courts at Panchayat level;

(b) if so, the total number of Village/Gram Nyayalayas working across the country, State/UT-wise particularly Maharashtra and the present status thereof;

(c) whether Village/Gram Nyayalayas are not working properly due to lack of infrastructure facility and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the villagers are facing difficulties in getting justice from Subordinate/High Courts as they are far away from their places of residence and if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up Village/Gram Nyayalayas in villages to provide speedy justice in rural areas;

(e) whether cases pending in lower courts would be considered in these Nyayalayas and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of funds allocated and released to the States for setting up of Village/Gram Nyayalayas in the country during each of the last three years and the total amount spent thereon?

### Multi-lingual Computing

†2980. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any new scheme for development of multi-lingual computing in technology sector;

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

(c) the names of regional languages in which the Government has developed computing?

### Industrial Parks

2981. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given sanction for establishment of industrial parks in Karnataka;

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

(c) the aims and the objectives of these parks and the time by which these parks are likely to become functional; and

(d) the number of employment opportunities expected to be generated therefrom?

#### Unique Train

2982. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government ran unique trains during the COVID-19 lockdown to encourage travellers to travel from one State to another;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cost that was incurred in this activity;

(d) whether food, vials, sanitisers, etc., were given on these exceptional trains to all the travellers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Coal Extraction

†2983. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:  
SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to bring down coal imports in the country;

(b) the total quantity of raw coal extracted during the year 2019-20;

(c) whether coal sector has played an important role in developing tribal areas of the eastern and central India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Auction of Mines in Odisha

2984. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the reports that the Government is targeting huge revenue of 75,000 crore rupees from auction of mines in Odisha recently;

(b) if so, the details of the auction and the royalties committed by various parties; and

(c) whether the Government has achieved its targets in the auction process and if so, the details thereof?

#### 15 Coach Local Trains

2985. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced to start 15 Coach Local Trains in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard till date;

(c) whether the Railways needs to develop proper infrastructure to run such 15 Coach Local Trains; and

(d) if so, the details of the infrastructure developed in the last two years to run such Local Trains in Mumbai and the details of the budget provided in this regard?

#### Poverty Alleviation Programme

2986. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any estimate of the poor population in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has taken any initiative to evaluate the outcome of different poverty alleviation programmes launched during the last three years and if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the level of inequality in the country and if so, the details and the methodology thereof along with the overall income, wealth and consumption inequality reported during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the level of inequality in the country has increased during the recent years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there has been imbalance in development of various regions in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government to reduce poverty, inequality and regional disparity in the country?

#### Construction of Level Crossings

2987. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Railways has received proposals for construction of level crossings from various States including Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Barabanki;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of level crossings selected for construction during the current year, state/UT-wise, especially in Barabanki of Uttar Pradesh?

#### Reopening Stalls at Platforms

†2988. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state the steps taken/proposed to be taken to deal with the situation arising out of not running trains regularly in the country and the refusal of most of the vendors for opening catering stalls at the railway platforms due to fear of coronavirus along with the details in this regard?

#### Problems with BSNL and MTNL

2989. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

सूचना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether staff of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have not been paid their salary for last several months due to financial loss incurred by these companies and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the aforesaid companies have failed to attract more number of mobile users on account of lack

of better services and facilities as compared to their private counterparts and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the reasons for delay in the launch of 4G services by BSNL and MTNL when compared with early launch of such services by their private counterparts;

(d) whether these Government-run companies do not have enough infrastructure and manpower and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons for its reported failure to compete with private telecom companies?

#### SASACT Scheme

2990. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and the objectives of SASACT (Scheme for Accelerating Start-ups Around post-COVID Technology) programme launched by the Government along with the manner in which it will benefit the start-ups;

(b) the details of the eligibility criteria fixed by the Government for the start-ups to enrol in the said programme;

(c) the budget allocated, released and utilized by the Government thereunder: and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to boost tech start-ups for developing solutions to various issues in a post-COVID world?

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