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List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Commerce and Industry; Culture; Human Resource Development; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

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Total Number of Questions — 230

‘Study in India’ Programme

Welfare Schemes of OBC, SC & ST

691. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

†692. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved ‘Study in India’ programme to attract foreign students to pursue higher education in India recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will boost country’s share of international students and subsequently, improve global reputation and rankings of Indian educational institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this would Double India’s market share of global education exports from less than 1% to 2% and improve global ranking of Indian educational institutes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes including Skill Development Schemes being run by the Government for welfare at Other Backward Classes(OBCs), Scheduled Castes(SCs), Scheduled Tribes(STs) in various States, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds sanctioned and spent during the last four years and current year, State/UT/Scheme-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and scheme-wise achievement made therein?

Veer Savarkar Memorial in France

693. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct Veer Savarkar’s Memorial at Marseilles in France;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether the Government of France has earmarked land for the construction of the said memorial; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Credit Guarantee Fund for Education Loan

694. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the continuation of credit guarantee fund for educational loans scheme with a financial outlay of Rs. 6600 crore for period from 2017-18 to 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under the revised scheme, the number of loans per year are expected to be at least 3.3 lakhs, showing a 20 per cent increase over the previous scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other major initiatives of the Government to make quality education affordable to all?

Index of Eight Core Industries

695. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Index of Eight Core Industries, the growth of eight core infrastructure industries has dropped to 10-month low of 3.6 per cent;

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

(c) whether the GST complexities and demonetization are the main reasons behind it; and

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

Assistance to States for Industrial Development

†696. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides assistance to the States for their industrial development;

(b) if so, the amount of funds sanctioned and released to States under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether there is huge potential of industrial development in Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to expedite industrial development like consumer products, automobiles etc.; and

(e) if so, whether the Government is likely to promote small and allied industries by providing special package to Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof?

Special Incentives to Andhra Pradesh

697. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special incentives to promote industrialisation in Andhra Pradesh have been granted by the Union Government;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering to include Andhra Pradesh in Special industrial promotion scheme being formulated by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion along with North East and Himalayan states; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Database on Tribal Culture

698. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make a single online database of tribes in India to document their evolution, place in history, lifestyle, eating habits, architecture, education level, traditional art, folk dances and other anthropological details and if so, the details thereof;

(b) any efforts are being taken by the Government to promote and conserve country's rich tribal culture; and

(c) the details of tribal research institutes are currently exist in the country?

Promotion of Manufacturing Sector

699. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether continuous downfall has been recorded in Gross Value Addition on manufacturing sector in the country during each of the last three years;

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

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

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the decline in production; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Electrification of Schools

†700. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 40% schools in the country are not electrified and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the number of schools electrified in the country during the last three years, State/UT/Year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in Churu district of Rajasthan every schools has been electrified with the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Social Security Schemes

701. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes extension of social security schemes to unorganised sector workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits likely to accrue to the unorganised sector workers therefrom?

ESIC Dispensary-cum-Branch Office

702. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open ESIC Dispensary-cum-Branch Office in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the districts wherein the said ESIC Dispensary-cum-Branch Office are proposed to be set up, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the extent to which this will strengthen the medical services provided by ESIC?

Teachers Training

703. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training and progress made under the same so far;

(b) whether any proposals under different components of the scheme have been placed before the Project Approval Board(PAB) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any of such proposals have been sanctioned by the PAB and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of institutions referred to as the 'international mentoring partners' for the said 'school of education' mentioned in the scheme and names of such institutions that have been narrowed down by the Government, if any?

Growth of e-Commerce Sector

704. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-commerce sector in India is poised for exponential growth in the country in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether of late the Ministry has given clearance to any International e-commerce company to invest in India in online retail market;

(c) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(d) whether the advent of foreign investors would affect the Indian origin e-retail companies and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has opened up the retail e-commerce market for FDI in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect Indian interests in this regard?

Upgradation of Food Craft Institute, Udaipur

†705. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to accord administrative and financial approval to upgrade Food Craft Institute, Udaipur as State Institute of Hotel Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said approval is likely to be accorded; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of Gold and Other Commodities

706. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of the gold and other commodities has declined in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details of the import of gold and other commodities during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has introduced various measures to restrict the import of gold and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the said measures are yielding desired results and if so, the details thereof?

Natural Gas Production

707. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC registered 6.3% increase in natural gas production in 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ONGC is on track to double the output by 2022 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether ONGC has been aggressively pursuing the gas production

growth in line with the Government's drive for cleaner gas economy and if so, the details thereof?

National Policy for Domestic Workers

708. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the draft national policy for domestic workers is likely to be announced and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the draft national policy for domestic workers will leave it to States to set up boards to register workers, to bring them into the social security net and to fix minimum wages and working timings and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the domestic workers' Union and NGOs, who have been demanding a central legislation, providing for inter State registrations of domestic workers with centrally set norms for wages, working hours and social security benefits, have expressed disappointment at the draft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Merger of Small Steel PSUs

†709. PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a feasibility study to explore the possibility of merger of small Steel public sector undertakings and if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(b) whether the proposed feasibility study is a result of low profits in small Steel public sector undertakings and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the findings of the said study are likely to be submitted?

Sports in Schools

†710. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special policy and action plan have been formulated by the Government to promote the traditional sports like wrestling (Indian Kushti) and Kabaddi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether desired results have been achieved therefrom;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the action taken by the Government till date to include Kabaddi competition in Olympic games?

Violation of Labour Laws

711. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing labour laws/norms/guidelines/rules in vogue and being followed by all the companies/firms/industries including the private and foreign companies situated in India and working in education/social security/women development field;

(b) whether the Government is aware that recently many companies including the one situated in Mumbai have made breach of contract/violated such norms by withdrawing the offer(s) of employment made to the brilliant students of various colleges in the country including the one in Delhi just four to five days before date of their joining and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has noted seriously that the educational as well as career opportunities of such students have come to halt and are at stake as a result and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of the action including blacklisting them taken against such companies and direct them to compensate the affected students?

Infrastructure for Skill Development

†712. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure established by the Government for facilitating Skill Development of youth;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for developing better infrastructure to provide useful training in Skill Development to the youth;

(c) whether the Government has provided assistance to the States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(e) the total number of employment opportunities generated so far through Skill Development program, State/UT-wise?

New Industrial Policy

713. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate new industrial policy which will completely revamp the industrial policy of 1991 with a view to increase employment opportunities in the country;

(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the number of jobs likely to be generated as a result of the said policy?

Inclusion of Tourist Places under Incredible India Campaign

714. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has included/proposes to include the tourist places of various States including Odisha under the Incredible India campaign and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has provided any assistance to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Oil and Gas Exploration

715. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of onshore and offshore public/private sector companies engaged in oil and gas exploration in the country including the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) during each of the last three years and the current year, oil field/company/State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of targets fixed and achieved by public/private sector companies including ONGC and OIL in the exploration of crude oil and natural gas reserves from their existing oil fields particularly in MP and Chhattisgarh, oil field/company/State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the said public/private sector companies including ONGC/OIL have shown interest to acquire offshore blocks abroad and if so, the details thereof and the amount of investment proposed to be made, company/country-wise including Russia;

(d) whether the ONGC proposes to set up gas-based Urea Plant in Madhya Pradesh with joint venture and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Indian energy companies are aggressively into the process of buying shares in overseas oil and gas fields and if so, the details thereof along with name of the countries where shares in oil and gas fields have been acquired till 2017; and

(f) whether the Indian companies would import crude oil to India or set up their own refineries in the respective countries and if so, the details thereof?

Self Employment Programmes

716. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going self employment programmes being implemented by the Government in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to relax the criteria and collateral security for availing loans under the said programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce new women entrepreneur schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to include more rural cottage industries under the said programmes and if so, the details thereof?

Training to OBC, SC and ST Persons

†717. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to the Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories trained by the Government during the last four years and the number out of these who have been given employment so far;

(b) the details of the Schemes of the Government aimed at providing training and employment to those persons belonging to the Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe categories skilled in their special traditional arts; and

(c) whether the Government has launched any specific training programme for the persons belonging to these categories living in the Himalayan region and hilly areas and if so, the details thereof?

Tracking of PMUY

718. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) provides State and district-wise disaggregation of data for purpose of tracking development of the scheme as is done in some similar schemes like Saubhagya etc. and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has any data on the number of refills from PMUY connections for the years 2016, 2017 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not maintaining the said data, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of LPG consumption data during the last four years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government maintains LPG consumption data stratified based on rural and urban areas since majority of rural households use alternative fuels like kerosene and biomass and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pupil Teacher Ratio

719. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pupil - Teacher Ratio in schools has been reduced to 30:1 in all schools in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of schools which have maintained the Pupil-Teacher Ratio and physical infrastructure in schools as mandated under the Right of Children to

Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act;

(c) whether the Government has set any target to achieve the said goals, as mandated in the Act; and

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

Graduation Degree

†720. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being formulated by the Government to provide graduation degree along with a professional degree in the University to deal with the employment;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to be implemented in State and Central Universities also; and

(c) the name of the Universities in Bihar where the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Revision of WPI Base Year

721. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the exercise to revise base year to 2017-18 for computation of wholesale inflation with a view to present more realistic picture of the price situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that in May last year, the Government revised the base year for Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation to 2011-12 to give a better indication of changes in prices of commodities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Monuments in Haryana

722. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) data, a total of 640 monuments and architectural sites are scattered across Haryana's 21 districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has covered all monuments for development and preservation plan; and

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

Tea Exports

723. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea exports during 2017-18 have touched an all time high of

256.6 million kg as compared to 227.63 million kg in the previous fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that export realization in the last financial was US\$ 785.92 million and in 2016-17, export realization was US\$ 95.19 million lower; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made to boost the export of tea?

Modernisation of Libraries

724. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of libraries that are maintained by the Government in Delhi;

(b) whether the Government is planning to modernize these libraries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Primitive Tribes

†725. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has information regarding total number of tribes in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of primitive tribes and the total population of each primitive tribe, State-wise;

(c) the total percentage and population of primitive tribe in Jharkhand;

(d) the schemes being run or proposed by the Government for development of primitive tribes like Birhor, Asur, Birjiya etc. in Chatra and Latehar district of Jharkhand with complete details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds provided for Chatra and Latehar districts Jharkhand by the Government for schools and education of tribes, provision?

Impact of Maternity Law on Jobs

726. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maternity Law, that entitles women to 26 weeks paid maternity leave, may cost 1.8 million women their jobs, according to the survey by TeamLease Services;

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

(c) whether the new law discourage companies from hiring women in India where the share of women in the workforce has shrunk to around 24 per cent in 2016 from 36 per cent a decade earlier and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether since 2004, about 20 million women vanished from India's workforce, according to the World Bank estimates and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Education for Autistic Children

727. SHRI PARTHA PRATIM RAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up the special schools for the autistic children to fulfil the motto 'Education for All'; and

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

Offer of MBA Courses

728. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of both private and Government colleges offering MBA courses in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total number of students graduating from these colleges during that period, year-wise;

(c) the total number of management students getting placed both from private and Government colleges, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the employment ratio for MBAs?

Number of Universities

†729. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Managements (IIMs), National Institute of Technology (NIT), Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) established/functioning under the Higher Education in the country;

(b) the number of students availing benefits of education in these institutes;

(c) the details of the budget allocation made and the expenditure incurred during the last three years;

(d) the details of the action plan regarding Principal, Professor, Assistant Professor therein;

(e) the details of the training programme for the teachers;

(f) the details of the Encouragement Policy under the initiative of the research and Innovation;

(g) the details of the action plan of the National Training Agency; and

(h) the action plan formulated for the improvement in higher education under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan?

Examination of NIIT

†730. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to conduct examination of

National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) and Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) twice in a year;

(b) if so, whether it would be implemented since the year 2018; and

(c) the intention of the Government to conduct the above examination twice in a year along with the pattern thereof?

Survey for Petrol Pumps

731. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted proposes to conduct any survey to open new petrol pumps and new LPG distributorships/dealerships in Hyderabad and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the name of the places where new petrol pump and LPG dealership have been opened/proposed to be opened open after the said survey?

Trade Facilitation Pact on Services

732. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has pitched for inclusion of the trade facilitation pact on services in the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

(b) whether this would help to promote growth of global economy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working on trade facilitation in the services sector at WTO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural Export Policy

733. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to put out a draft Agricultural Export Policy for comments from the public which aims to boost shipments of farm items by identifying niche products and new markers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard along with the response received and implemented so far?

Evaluation of Answer Sheets

†734. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been prescribed by the Government for evaluation of answer sheets from High School to university exams;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of students in respect of which there is a change in result after re-checking and re-evaluation in Chhattisgarh State board and in university Exams during the last three years; and

(d) the reasons for change in exam result even after evaluation by the teachers?

Basic Facilities to Tourists at Swarnigiri Fort

†735. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swarnigiri Fort situated at Jalore is in a dilapidated condition in the absence of proper maintenance by the Archaeological Survey of India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the protected monuments in the country including Rajasthan during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop said fort as a major tourism centre and provide basic facilities therein; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to construct approach road to reach this fort situated at height of two thousand stairs to make it accessible for the tourists and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to States for Export Promotion

†736. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and the incentives being given to promote the exports;

(b) whether the Government provides any assistance/facilities to States for development and promotion of export;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the assistance provided to States during each of the last three years and the current year including the details of State agencies implementing the same; and

(d) whether the Government has paid attention towards the problems faced by the exporters in availing these facilities and if so, the details of complaints registered in this regard and the action taken thereon?

Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA)

737. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of the certified Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), a programme of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State/UT and year-wise, particularly District-wise in Gujarat ?

Generation of Internal Financial Resources

738. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to withdraw the instructions issued to universities regarding generation of internal financial resources by the universities;

(b) if so, the names of universities where students staged protest after issuance of such instructions;

(c) whether the protest after the instructions has affected the study work; and

(d) the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Proposal from WIPO

739. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to strengthen the national and regional patent process particularly for medicine;

(b) if so, whether India has International compliance on patent examination process and criteria therefor; and

(c) if so, the proposal of the Government on WIPOs plan for more stringent patenting rights and access therein?

National Resource Centre

†740. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up National Resource Centre in the country;

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

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

LPG Network

741. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have put on hold the proposal for expansion of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) network by appointing several thousand distributors across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of LPG distributors likely to be appointed and the reasons for withholding the expansion;

(c) whether the OMCs have collected any deposit from prospective distributors;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken for refunding their money;

(e) whether the existing distributors are having any ceiling limit of consumers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the number of distributors having LPG customers over and above the ceiling limit and the steps taken for efficient customers service by the OMCs?

Development of Tourist Spots in Haryana

742. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Haryana which have been taken up by the Ministry of Tourism for development as tourist spots;

(b) the amount incurred in this regard during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether the Government has noticed any increase in tourist influx during the said period and if so the details thereof?

National Testing Agency

†743. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to constitute a National Testing Agency for conducting entrance test for admission to higher educational institutions;

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

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

National Skill Development Agency

744. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes and activities undertaken so far by the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA);

(b) the targets set and achievements made in skill development since its inception;

(c) the details of the shortfall in achievements, if any, along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being undertaken to achieve the targets?

IPR-AWOP

745. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any programme called, "IPR Awareness: Outreach and Promotion (IPR-AWOP)" in the country;

(b) if so, the details of its aims, objectives and salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any record regarding the awareness programmes under the IPR-AWOP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Conservation of Monuments and Memorials

746. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism/policy in place to promote conservation, preservation and beautification of monumental buildings, statues and memorials dedicated to the National leaders in urban cities in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of the number of identified places and memorials erected in the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of these memorials and monuments during the above period; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for beautification of Marina beach and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

Inclusion of Buddhist Heritage in Buddhist Circuit

747. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:
DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the rich Buddhist Heritage of Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include Buddhist heritage in the Buddhist circuit of the country;

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

(e) whether the Government has identified Stupas and Viharas in twenty one States to develop small intra State Buddhist Zones and to expand Buddhist tourism Circuit and if so, the details thereof?

Vocational Training Centres in Jharkhand

†748. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether vocational training centres have been established in the tribal areas of Jharkhand;

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

(c) the criteria for the establishment of the above said vocational training centres; and

(d) the number of youth benefitted from the above said vocational training centres during the last three years?

Labour Development Schemes

749. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to the States which are performing well in implementation of various Labour welfare/developmental schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Projects under TIES

750. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of project approvals under the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES);

(b) the State-wise grant-in-aid sanctioned under TIES;

(c) the State-wise increase in exports since implementation of TIES;

(d) the total increase in exports since implementation of TIES; and

(e) the overview of the kind of projects sanctioned under the scheme?

Demurrage Costs of OMCs

751. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are incurring huge expenditure on account of demurrage costs

due to lack of requisite infrastructure on domestic ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the demurrage cost incurred by OMCs during the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with Port Trust of India with regard to offloading facilities of oil products at various ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to minimise demurrage costs and provide better facilities at ports to OMCs?

Functioning of PSUs under the Ministry

752. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major schemes that aim at improving the functioning of various PSUs under the Ministry;

(b) whether there has been any evaluation of these PSUs and their working since when they came into existence;

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

(d) the details of allocations which have been made to each PSU in the last five years; and

(e) the details of the said allocations which have been spent, unspent and the reasons for unspent allocations during the said period?

Financial Assistance to NGOs

†753. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs) which are being provided financial assistance under the ongoing schemes of the Ministry in Bihar;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided to these NGOs during the last three years, year and NGO-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints with regard to irregularities done by some of these NGOs in utilization of financial assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of those NGOs out of these frauds to be involved in the irregularities?

Medical Insurance of ESIC Members

†754. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to give the facility of Medical Insurance cover to provide better medical facilities to the pensioners of Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of Indian Buffalo Meat by China

755. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has now decided to import buffalo meat directly from India, revising its earlier procurement through Vietnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Chinese officials have conducted inspection of over 18 abattoirs in India processing buffalo meat to global standards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Production and Import of Natural Rubber

756. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rubber Board of India has downpegged forecast of natural rubber production for 2018-19 about 70,000 tonne lower than what was originally estimated for 2017-18;

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

(c) whether the import of natural rubber was usually higher due to favourable price situation, increase in consumption and less than expected production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Universities of Bihar

†757. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant released by the Government to all the Universities of the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount of grant released to the Universities of Bihar during the last three years, University-wise; and

(c) the amount of grant sanctioned along with the amount released to Nalanda University during the last three years?

Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor

758. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor including the details of the funds released so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government is ignoring Andhra Pradesh in release of funds by giving insufficient funds to Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor and releasing more funds to other projects in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for early release of sufficient

funds to the said Industrial Corridor for its early completion?

Incubators under Startups

759. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of the progress of 'Startup India' programme;

(b) the details of the number of 'Startups' that have applied under this programme and out of these how many have been recognized by the Government;

(c) the number of incubation centres/incubators set up under the said programme, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has assessed the performances of these incubators over the years and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

New Education Policy

760. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that currently a large number of professors, researchers and other faculty staff are leaving their positions in central universities for private institutions as they receive greater remuneration in these privately funded institutions;

(b) if so, under the New Education Policy, the Ministry is considering

increasing the remuneration being offered to qualified faculty members to make them competitive with their private sector counterparts;

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

Regular Employment

761. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in the number of regularly employed persons since 2009 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether that trend is still continuing and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the trend noticed as far as informal and casual employment is concerned during the period from 2009 to 2014 and since 2014; and

(d) the details and the number of persons totally unemployed during 2018?

RISE Model

762. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims, objectives and salient features associated with the Government's Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE) model;

(b) the details as to the allocation made to the different institutes under the model

with special emphasis on the educational institutes of Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked 25 % of the fund allocated to the RISE model for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) only and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) the details as to mechanism to be followed under the RISE model;

(e) whether the Government acknowledges that there is a need to establish and upgrade the infrastructure of the Universities which specialises in courses other than engineering in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to tackle and mitigate such problems therein with special reference to Rajasthan; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Trade Fair Complexes

763. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new trade fair complexes in various States of the country particularly in North Eastern States including Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposed complexes are likely to be set up by the Government?

SEZ Policy

†764. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the existing policy for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revise the laws/provisions regarding the existing SEZs policy or review this policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes to Promote Cultural Tourism

765. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to facilitate interaction and cooperation between Government departments/schemes to promote wellness, spiritual and cultural tourism across the Country;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any intention to incorporate the mechanism into Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IGL Pipeline

†766. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has received requests from Maharashtra for laying pipeline during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by the Government on the said requests?

Nomination of Cultural Ambassadors

767. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to nominate cultural ambassadors for famous cultural heritage monuments in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof, specially in Delhi/NCR;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued so far in this regard?

Unemployment Allowance

768. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unemployed persons registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to announce/implement unemployment allowance to each eligible unemployed persons across the country; and

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

Import-Export Data

†769. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import/export data of last five years and the current year has been collected by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of imports and exports made with various countries during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the effective measures taken by the Government so far to downsize the import of various items in the country?

Harassment for Girls appearing in NEET Exams

770. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that National Human Rights Commission has issued notice to Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) on unnecessary harassment to girl students who were

appeared in NEET exam, 2018 held in May, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any response given by CBSE in the notice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Leasing of Historical Sites to Private Parties

771. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to lease out the historical, cultural and heritage places to private parties on the pretext of development and maintenance;

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

(c) whether the private parties who have taken these sites on lease would not use them for profit purposes and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether any norms have been laid down in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development Unemployed Women

†772. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to nurture the local talent and promote entrepreneurship skill among unemployed women of Jharkhand including East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts so that they could make effective use of small and medium Industry promotion schemes;

(b) the details of efforts made so far in this regard; and

(c) the outcomes thereof?

Foreign Tourist Arrival on Medical Visa

773. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreign patients are coming to our country for medical treatment and surgery;

(b) if so, the details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India on Medical Visa during the last three years country-wise; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned through medical tourism during the said period?

Aawaz Health Insurance Scheme

774. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing/proposes to provide financial assistance for the proposed Aawaz Health Insurance Scheme for the migrated labourers in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala so far in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

775. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Part-II in the country;

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

(c) the details of educational institutions selected in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Part-II and the number of educational institutions took part in the First Phase ?

Promotion of Tourism in Lakshadweep

776. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to improve the tourism sector in Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representations from Lakshadweep administration in this regard and if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of lack of Air Connectivity, hotels/accommodation and other facilities/services to the tourists in the Islands and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds made available and likely to be made available for the purpose to promote tourism in the Islands; and

(e) the tourists arrival, both domestic and international in the Lakshadweep Group of Islands during the last three years and the current year and the revenue earned therefrom, year-wise?

Welfare of Film Industry Worker

777. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a huge number of workers such as light men, spot boys, painters etc. are working in the Film Studios in Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that they are reportedly denied/not provided with the basic facilities like ESIS, PPF, Pension, Leave, Fixed working hours, etc. under Labour Law by the Film industry and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will make a survey to find out the condition of this workforce in the film studios and take action so that they get all facilities under Labour Law including ESIS, PPF etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Library

778. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched National Digital Library of India (NDLI) project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would make digital educational resources available to all citizens of the country to empower, inspire and encourage learning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Khadi Villages

779. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start Khadi Villages under Centre for Rural Employment and Economic Development in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Labour Force Participation Rate for Women

780. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sector-wise details on the labour Force Participation Rate of women in the country;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any specific measures to increase the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sector-wise data on the gender pay gap in the country; and

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any specific measures to bridge the said gap and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Maternity Benefit Amendment Act

781. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any study on the impact of implementing the maternity benefit amendment Act in the employment sector for women and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note that the participation of women in jobs has reduced following the implementation of the said Act; and

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor including the steps taken by the Government to increase the women participation rate in workforce?

Making NCERT Books Mandatory

†782. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to make National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks mandatory in all the schools affiliated with CBSE across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NCERT is ready to make the textbooks of all the subjects available in sufficient number through their district sellers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any cell has been set up to deal with the complaints of guardians regarding non-availability of NCERT books on time; and

(f) if not, the manner in which the Government/CBSE is likely to address the complaints of guardians?

Quality of Education

†783. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve and maintain the quality of the mandatory education at the primary level in the country;

(b) whether it is being proposed to provide some incentives to the backward States separately in the education sector; and

(c) the details of policy guidelines given to the States regarding mandatory primary level education in the country?

Revival Package for MSMEs

†784. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of financially
distressed/sick Micro, Small and Medium
Enterprises (MSMEs) during each of the
last three years and the current year in the
country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes
to provide any revival/relief package for
the MSME sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with
the details of MSMEs which have sought
assistance from the Committees set up at
district level including the nature of
assistance provided/proposed to be
provided; State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the
Government to protect and promote the
MSME Sector including control on high
rate of interest charged on the loans provided
to MSMEs?

Reservation in Faculty Positions

785. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware
that there is a proposal by University

Grants Commission (UGC) that
reservation in faculty positions should be
calculated department-wise and not based
on the total posts in a university in
response to a direction of the Allahabad
High Court in April 2017 and if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has accepted
the University Grants Commission's new
formula for implementing reservation in
teaching posts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether implementation of this
new formula of faculty reservation would
significantly reduce representation of
Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and
Other Backward Classes(SC/ST/OBC) in
all new recruitment drives taken up by the
universities in future;

(d) if so, whether the current
representation of SC, ST and OBC among
teachers in higher education is pretty
abysmal; and

(e) if so, whether the Government
report released in 2016, stated that only
1.02 lakh or 7.22 per cent - of the 14.1 lakh
teachers in 716 universities and 38,056
colleges in the country were Dalits and
Tribal faculty was just 30,000 or 2.12 per
cent and if so, the steps taken by the
Government in this regard?

Quality Assurance of Universities

786. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has a
mechanism for Quality Assurance of the
universities under Grant for Graded
autonomy;

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

(c) whether there is a provision to hire
foreign faculties for Universities under the
University Grants Commission (UGC);

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

(e) the mechanism by which the
Government plans to balance the
reservation in faculty hiring and
appointment of foreign faculties in varsities
under the UGC in the country?

Unemployment Rate

787. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 31
million people in the country are currently
looking for jobs and if so, the details
thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that highest
unemployment rate has been witnessed in
the last 15-10 months according to the
Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy
(CMIE); and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with
the action taken/being taken by the
Government in this regard?

Tribals affected by Polavaram Dam

788. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission
for Scheduled Tribes has submitted report/
recommendations to the Government on the
plight of tribals affected/displaced by the
Indira Sagar Polavaram Project in Andhra
Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Commission has
visited all affected areas/States;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with
the authorities who were consulted by the
commission in this regard; and

(d) the details of reference issued by
the Government to the Commission along
with the other steps taken by the
Government to mitigate the suffering of
affected tribals of the area?

Education Loans

789. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken
any steps to waive the interest payable on
education loans availed by the Scheduled
Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward
Caste (SC/ST/OBC) and Minority
community students pursuing higher
studies in professional institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken
any decision to grant interest-free education
loan for SC/ST & OBC as well as Minority
community students up to Postgraduate
level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Minimum Wages to Adhoc/Contract Teachers

790. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that thousands of teachers working on adhoc/contract basis in the country are reportedly not getting even minimum wages;

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

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government against the school managements in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to streamline the system and ensure that at least minimum wages are paid to all contractual and adhoc teachers across the country?

Natural Gas Trading Hub

791. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite being the world's biggest importer of natural gas, India does not have a free market regime for gas and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch a natural gas trading hub in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought bids to hire a consultant to help to develop a regulatory framework for operationalising the gas trading/exchange hub; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said plan is likely to be conceptualised/formulated?

Profits to Oil Companies

792. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of business turnovers of Government owned petroleum companies during the last financial year, company-wise;

(b) the details of profits earned by these companies during the said period, company-wise;

(c) whether the private petroleum companies earned higher profit during the same period and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the public sector petroleum companies spend the minimum percentage of their income through CSR Funds and if so, the details thereof?

PNG Network

793. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:
SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families out of total families in the country who have been provided PNG facility as of now, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of families in the country getting/using LPG/bottled cooking gas, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of families in the country still using wood, coal etc. for cooking, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to provide cooking gas to all families in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Tourism Hubs

794. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details along with the present status thereof and the action taken by the Government on such proposals?

Impact of Demonetisation/GST on MSME Sector

795. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several thousands of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) were shut down due to implementation of demonetisation and GST in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the total registered MSMEs in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/assessment about the impact of GST and demonetisation on the MSMEs in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to support and develop MSME units in the country including Tamil Nadu particularly under GST regime, if so,

the details thereof and total funds allocated in this regard; and

(e) the various steps taken by the Government to provide incentives and other encouragements to the best performing MSME units in the country?

ESI Hospital, Alwar

†796. DR. KARAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ESI corporation runs medical colleges in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the States in which such Medical Colleges are being run by ESI at present;

(c) whether the corporation has constructed hospital building and Medical College and residential area near Alwar in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof along with the details of starting and completion of construction work of the said complex; and

(d) the time by which Medical College and multi-speciality hospital is likely to start functioning in newly constructed complex at Alwar?

Livestock Export

797. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the first ever livestock export by flight from Nagpur to Sharjah recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any private airlines has been authorised apart from Air India for such exports of livestock; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deemed Universities

798. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/criterion laid down by the Government to rank the Private/Deemed Universities/Institutions in the country;

(b) whether the Government has inspected such Universities/Institutions to assess the compliance of the said norms/criterion by them across the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(d) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from various Institutions for granting them Deemed University Status in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such proposals so far?

Education Goals

799. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Global Education Monitoring Report by UNESCO has highlighted the major challenges faced by the country in achieving global education goals;

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

(c) the steps taken to ensure universal education of good standard to all the students in the country; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years?

Hike in Bonus

†800. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to double the amount of bonus for labourers working in the factories or institutions having twenty or more workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the number of workers likely to be benefitted therefrom, State/UT-wise?

Crude Oil Storages

801. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY

MAHADIK:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

DR. HEENA

VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH

SINGH:

SHRI ASHOK

SHANKARRAO

CHAVAN:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL

VIJAYSINH

SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of countries with which India has collaboration in crude reserves programme as part of strategic energy partnership;

(b) whether the United States of America proposes to collaborate with India on its crude oil reserve programme and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said decision is likely to be taken by both countries;

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to the country after implementation of strategic energy partnership;

(d) whether the Government has approved the proposal to build two more

underground crude oil storages to raise emergency stockpile cover by 12 days to 22 days and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of crude oil expected to be stored in such storages;

(e) whether the Government has worked out the cost, timelines and places shortlisted for new facilities and if so, the details thereof along with any private partnership formed to build these underground storages; and

(f) the details of existing crude oil storages in the country along with their capacity to store crude oil and the number of days of stockpile cover available therein, location-wise?

Research Policy

802. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has sent the proposal to the Government to make research relevant to policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ICSSR has also mooted a proposal to hold simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and State legislative assemblies;

(d) if so, the response of the Government; and

(e) the time by which the recommendations of the ICSSR would be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

PMUY in A&N Islands

803. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has redefined Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in an attempt to cover more eligible beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of beneficiaries covered in Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) Islands so far and beneficiaries expected to be covered under the revised Yojana in the A&N Islands?

NIOS

804. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the Regional Director send from NIOS Head Quarter to the different States of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/
UT-wise?

Coal Bed Methane

†805. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the solution of issue of regulation of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and for exploitation of this new source of energy;

(b) the details of CBM blocks allocated to various companies in the fourth round of bidding, location-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to review its CBM policy and if so, the details thereof?

Workplace Harassment

†806. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for grievance redressal of cases pertaining to workplace harassment or crime and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has attained the target of Model career Centres from year 2014-15 to 2016-17; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of guidelines laid down for established centres and for establishment of other career centres?

Bonded Labour

807. DR SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Bonded Labourers identified so far in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to counter the problem of Bonded Labour; and

(c) the total funds granted by the Government during the last three years and the current year to rehabilitate the Bonded Labourers, State/UT-wise?

Preventive Healthcare Education

†808. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce preventive healthcare science as a subject in the curriculum of secondary schools in order to provide knowledge of nature of various diseases, their causes and treatment to students so that students can have knowledge of these diseases and can avoid them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Educational Institutions

809. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir youth is in place for them to take advantage of the educational institutions outside the State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry and Department of Higher Education which provides 5000 fresh scholarships per annum is not sufficient keeping in view the prevailing situation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the scholarship from 5000 to 10000 per annum?

GST on Petroleum Products

810. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Goods and Services Tax (GST) on petroleum products and if so, the details thereof along with any consultation with petroleum companies/State Governments and the Ministry of Finance made in this regard;

(b) whether petroleum companies have raised objection/concerns that since only certain petroleum products have been

included under GST they have to comply with both old and new tax regimes and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether there would be increase in input cost of petroleum companies once GST is implemented and they are likely to incur collective loss to the tune of 25000 crore annually and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government/State Governments propose to reduce taxes/excise duty on petrol, diesel and other petroleum products and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to implement the said proposal and provide relief to the common people;

(e) the number of times the prices of petrol and diesel has increased and reached at highest level during the last four years and number of times the prices of petroleum products changed during the said period, product-wise despite declining of crude oil prices in the international market along with steps taken to reduce the prices of petroleum products and shelving the review of petrol and diesel rates on daily basis, product-wise;

(f) the exact price per litre of petroleum products *i.e.* petrol, diesel and petroleum products imported from producing country along with the processing expenditure incurred on these products and the State and Union Government taxes imposed on the said products; and

(g) whether the factor responsible for fuel price rise in the past few months has been examined in depth and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to formulate long term policy to fix the prices of petroleum products?

PMUY

811. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of free of cost LPG connections provided to every BPL/poor household under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) since inception along with targets fixed and achieved in the country along with estimated employment and business opportunity generated on account of the said scheme, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of refills under PMUY done till date along with new connections applied and rejected and the reasons for rejection along with the remedial measures taken in this regard, case-wise;

(c) the State/UT-wise number of LPG connections surrendered since 2014 and the subsidy saved by the Government along with the details of LPG connections before 2014 and post-PMUY till date;

(d) the number of cases of irregularities in providing gas connection to other people in place of the intended beneficiaries under PMUY with the connivance of the officers of the oil companies/concerned distributors noticed by the Government/OMCs particularly in West Bengal till date along with the notice issued to LPG distributors and penalty imposed and action taken by the Government to resolve the cases, State/UT/case-wise;

(e) whether many households are still deprived of LPG and have to rely on firewood, coal, dung etc. and if so, the details thereof along with measures taken by the Government to make the facility of LPG available at the door steps of every villager and ensure 100 per cent LPG coverage in the country; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to mandatorily dispense with the LPG subsidy for those having a monthly income exceeding fifty thousand rupees and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of Employment Exchanges

- †812. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment exchanges functional in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) the details of the present status of upgradation and modernisation of employment exchanges in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released for the purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the progress in respect of the said modernization in all States including Maharashtra, Bihar and Jharkhand is going on as per the targets fixed in this regard; and

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

Price of LPG

†813. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the price of gas cylinders have been increased from the year 2014 till date, year/month-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the reasons for decline in fuel price on the one hand and increase in the prices of subsidised and non-subsidised cylinders;

(c) whether 12 subsidised cylinders are allocated to a family in a year and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for withdrawing subsidy on 13th cylinder; and

(d) whether any relaxation has been given/proposed to be given to the larger and the joint families to provide more subsidised cylinders in a year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Tribes in ST List

814. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to include tribes namely Yobin, tutsa, Nocte, Tangsa and wanchoo in the union list of Scheduled Tribes as per the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Self Employment through Skill Development

†815. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is able to promote self-employment /employment through skill development schemes for the youth facing problems of unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the failure of the Government to provide employment to the unemployed youth, by effectively implementing these schemes and the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Industries in Maharashtra

†816. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided by the Union Government for establishment of new industries in Maharashtra during the last three years, company-wise;

(b) whether there are any proposals pending for establishment of new industries in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the dates by which such industries are likely to be commissioned;

(d) whether the Government have identified any locations for setting up new, small and heavy industries in Maharashtra during the last Five Year Plan; and

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

LPG Connections under PMUY

†817. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to provide priority to the families having differently abled/divyang persons under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of targets fixed and achieved in providing gas connections under PMUY along with the funds allocated/ utilised, State-wise including Bihar;

(c) whether the Government proposes to incentivise the better performing districts under PMUY and enhance the target of coverage under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is a proposal to include the unserved SCs/STs, specially privileged, Diara residents of Bihar along with the girls attaining majority age under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard; and

(e) the number of families received gas connections in Sahebganj, Pakud, Godda and Dumka districts in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand under PMUY along with any target has been fixed in the said district under the scheme and extent to which the target has been achieved?

PMKVY in Rajasthan

818. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skill development programmes/schemes under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Sankalp etc. under Ministry of Skill Development implemented in Rajasthan, particularly in Dausa District;

(b) the number of candidates registered under such programmes/schemes, particularly in Dausa District of Rajasthan;

(c) the number of candidates successfully cleared the said training programmes/courses, particularly in Dausa District of Rajasthan; and

(d) the number of successful candidates given placement in Rajasthan, particularly in Dausa District of Rajasthan?

Shortage of Hotels

819. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has a shortage of nearly two lakh hotels and is struggling hard to manage the surge in tourist arrivals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage home stays and to address the shortage of hotel rooms and if so the, details thereof; and

(d) whether any sops are proposed for the hotel industry and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

City Gas Distribution Network

820. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing Geographical Areas (GAs) cover 130 districts spread over 24 States and Union Territories (UTs) covering a population of 24 crore which is 19 per cent of country's population and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has organised roadshows for ninth City Gas Distribution (CGD) bidding round and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to cover more households through PNG network;

(c) whether after the completion of gas distribution projects in various GAS the gas distribution is likely to cover half of the total population in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of districts covered under GAS after award of the gas projects;

(d) the time by which all districts would be covered under GAS and target if any, fixed by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has opened for Bidding the biggest CGD licensing round offering 86 permits for selling CNG/PNG in 174 districts in 22 States and UTs and if so, the details thereof along with quantum of investments likely to be made in the said bidding round?

Skill Development Centres

821. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Skill Development Centres have been established in the country including Bihar ever since the inception, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the rate of convergence of the trainees from these Skill Development Centres, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any response/reaction from the State Governments have been received by the Government in establishing these Skill Development Centres in their respective States; and

(d) the details of quantum of allocation made by the Union Government to States for the purpose including Bihar?

Employment-Unemployment Survey

822. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has discontinued the Labour Bureau's annual Employment-Unemployment Survey report after the unemployment data inched up to 5.1% in rural sector and 4.9% in urban areas;

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

(c) whether the Government has any authoritative data of jobs created in the last four years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that many citizens across the country are under-employed and if so, the details thereof along with the authentic data of the Government in this regard?

Study Group for SEZs

823. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a group to study Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy and to make it more effective;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the study group on SEZ policy;

(c) whether the study group has been asked to make suggestions to shift from fiscal incentives to employment based incentives; and

(d) if so, the details of changes which the Government proposes to make in the SEZ policy to make it effective?

Fleecing of Tourists

824. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:
PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding fleecing, cheating and other crimes with both domestic and foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of incidents of fleecing, cheating and other crimes reported against domestic and foreign tourists during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure safety of both domestic and foreign tourists particularly of women tourists; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to constitute a special tourist Police force, tourist guides etc. at national level for the safety of tourists and if so, the details thereof?

ESI Coverage

825. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of contributing insured persons under Employees' State Insurance (ESI) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the estimated number of workers and establishments entitled to be covered under ESI, but not actually covered along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for covering all entitled workers and establishments under ESI?

Education for Differently Abled Students

†826. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to ensure compulsory education for differently abled children including blind and mentally retarded children;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the said scheme;

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether there is any proposal regarding setting up of special schools for physically disabled students and if so, the details thereof?

Reforms by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

827. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:
SHRI G. HARI:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has

submitted suggestions to the NCERT for the rationalization of the curriculum and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether any suggestions/complaints have been received from the parents and students in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has sought consultation with stakeholders in order to decide on the process of reduction of syllabus;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to assess the immediate impact of the decision in terms of factors affecting the core competency of students and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the CBSE proposes a major revamp in its laws relating to examinations, standardization of question papers and affiliations by laws to make it faster and easier and letting special need students take exams in their own schools; and

(f) whether it is a fact that CBSE Governing body meeting has discussed and approved such reforms and if so, the details thereof?

Setting Up of Refinery

†828. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to consider for setting up a new oil refinery with a view to provide adequate petro products in big State like Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to become operational, location-wise?

Sources of Funds for Maintenance of Monuments

829. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds received through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by PSUs is the only source towards the maintenance of historical monuments apart from the funds generated through ticketing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the other sources of the funds available in this regard and the percentage contribution of the different heads through which the funds are generated; and

(c) the amount received through CSRs and the percentage funding by corporates under the same?

Unemployment Among Youths

†830. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of youths aspiring for employment is increasing each year along with the increase in population of the country;

(b) if so, the estimated increase in the number of job aspirant youths in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether new employment opportunities are being created in sync with the number of these job aspirants;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the average number of new job opportunities created per annum; and

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

Privatisation of Salem Steel Plant

831. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to privatise the profit making 'Salem Steel Plant';

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

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved; and

(d) the details of the profit earned by this plant during each of the last three years?

Use of Digitalization in Education System

†832. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHARY:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to digitalize all the schools in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the work relating to providing education through digital means along with the formulation of new Education Policy has been completed by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the main features of the said policy; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for submission of the Report by the expert Committee relating to New Education Policy and if so, the details thereof?

Steel Export

833. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's total export of finished steel increased by 16.7% to 9.621 million tone in 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the country had exported 8.242 MT finished steel during 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the contribution of the non-alloy steel segment stood at 8.727 MT while the rest was the contribution of the alloy steel segment and if so, the details thereof?

Geographical Indication

834. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking up initiatives to promote awareness on Geographical Indication, including the products shortlisted for the initial outreach programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to create a database of products either food items or goods which have the viability and a separate identity as originating from a particular region and if so, the details thereof including the products and food items that have been shortlisted from the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for the purpose; and

(d) the details of the tangible targets set by the Government in terms of job creation, market expansion or boosting sales for the products being focused under the programme?

Recruitment in Central Universities

835. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently done recruitment for the post of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors to various faculties in Central Universities, including the CUTN Central University of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the vacancy position as on date;

(c) the posts filled so far, Department-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government for filling up of vacancies Department-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has appointed anyone who have worked in Private Universities in a foreign country abroad as Professor or Associate professor in CUTN?

LPG Bottling Plants

836. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many public sector oil companies propose to set up LPG bottling plants across the country to ensure uniform delivery of LPG to customers and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is variation in delivery time of LPG to customers from one region to another region and if so, the details thereof along with concrete steps taken in this regard?

Entrepreneurship Development Programme

†837. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any provision to boost entrepreneurship development for youth in the rural areas under 'Make in India' policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to invite big companies under this policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Land for Petrol Pump

†838. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether land is taken on lease for setting up petrol pumps by the public and private sector petroleum companies/ owners;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the land taken on lease from the year 2000 till date and the names of companies and their owners, company-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether land taken on lease has not been returned to the land owners and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any investigation or review in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the criteria or conditions fixed by the Government for taking land on lease along with the guidelines issued by the Government for returning land on time; and

(f) whether the Government has received complaint of irregularities in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon, complaint-wise?

Import of Natural Gas

839. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:
SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce its import cost of natural gas into the country and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has started import of LNG supplies from Russia's Gazprom to attain its objective of a gas based economy and if so, the details thereof along with its price per unit as compared to other countries; and

(c) the details of contracts signed for LNG imports with various countries along with import price of LNG in the country including technical feasibility for stocking and distribution of imported gas in the present scenario, country-wise?

Double Shifts in Schools

†840. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI R. DHARVA
NARAYANA:

SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in double shifts and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any such proposal is pending with the Government at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, particularly in the Rajasthan; and

(d) the time by which such proposals are likely to be materialised by the Government ?

Survey in Tribal Areas

†841. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey in respect of those tribal areas in the country particularly the State of Maharashtra which lack the basic infrastructure like road, transport, etc.;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the basic infrastructure like road, transport, etc. is likely to be provided in these tribal areas?

Direct Benefit Transfer for Kerosene

†842. SHRI R. DHARVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified three districts Jhunjhunu, Pali and Kota of Rajasthan for pilot project under Direct Benefit Transfer for Kerosene (DBTK) scheme in Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any request for making the entry of gas connection holder in the ration card mandatory under DBTK scheme and giving directions to the oil companies for sharing the database of the remaining domestic LPG gas connection holders with the State Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue order to make the entry of gas connection holder in the ration card mandatory under the DBTK Scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hike in EPFO Wage Ceiling

843. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has shelved a proposal approved by the central board of Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) to increase the salary threshold from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 21,000 per month to bring more workers under mandatory EPF coverage and give them PF and pension benefits and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to enhance the minimum pension from the current Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 3,000 per month for retired organized sector employees and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also plans to expand social security net to a larger pool of people and even for unorganized sector employees; and

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

Identification of Tourist Sites in Rajasthan

†844. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified some places of tourist interest in Rajasthan for expansion, beautification and upgradation with Central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction Workers Welfare Schemes

845. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a model welfare scheme for construction workers is being finalized by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the implementation of the Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 is very poor in some States and the cess being collected is abysmally low; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken for the better functioning of the welfare boards under the Act and collection of Cess?

Tourism Projects Presented by Uttar Pradesh Government

†846. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourism projects presented/proposed by Uttar Pradesh Government during the last year and current year;

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon, project-wise;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized for various tourism projects in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years, project-wise; and

(d) the total number of tourism projects undertaken by the State Governments of U.P. with the help of Central funding during the said period?

RCEP

847. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Trade Ministers of 16 nations met recently in Tokyo for creating world's biggest trading block called Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RECP);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the detailed roadmap chalked out in this regard;

(c) the details of extent to which this trade block is likely to pressurize US not to dictate its trade policy in the present scenario of US-China trade war; and

(d) the extent to which India is likely to be benefited to allow free movement of skilled manpower in other countries?

Schemes for Tribal Students

†848. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes related to tribal students being run by the Government currently;

(b) the allocation of funds to these schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether any timeline has been fixed for these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Mission for Manuscripts

849. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) to identify, collect and preserve records of historical importance with an aim to reconstruct the past for the future generations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount released by the Government for this project and the actual amount spent thereon;

(c) whether these rare archives, documents and other manuscripts will be digitalized and made public;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of ESIC Medical Colleges

850. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESIC Medical Colleges sanctioned in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there has been delay in construction of ESIC Medical Colleges in the country;

(c) if so, the details along with the present status of these colleges and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of amount collected in the ESIC from Insured Persons and the expenditure incurred therefrom, during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Codes under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

851. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many States across the country, the students-to-cook ratio is very high, as per the Mid-Day-Meal guidelines;

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

(c) whether in Kerala, the ratio is extremely high at 183 students per cook-cum-helper, which is beyond any justification and if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether Kerala and Puducherry give to cook-cum-helper an additional amount as honorarium above the minimum mandatory amount and if so, the details thereof along with the justification; and

(e) whether Government has proposed to give an additional amount as honorarium above the minimum mandatory amount at par Puducherry in the state of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Labour Welfare

†852. COL. SONARAM CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run for the welfare of labourers engaged in organized and unorganized sectors in the country;

(b) the expenditure incurred on these schemes during each of the last four years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering/proposing any concrete steps for labourers and their families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Harassment on Basis of Casteism

853. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) employees have lodged complaints for harassment on the basis of casteism in various Department of the Ministry;

(b) the details of the mechanism adopted for redressal of grievance/complaints representations of SC and ST Employees;

(c) the number of complaints received and disposed of during the last four years, department-wise; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken in the Ministry to their speedy

disposal and also time taken to dispose these cases and to safeguard the interest of SC/ST employees in the Ministry?

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Sale by KVIC

†854. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi gramodyog purchases products from private Institutions and sell them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether certain private Institutions also supply ayurvedic medicines and if so, the details of such Institutions; and

(c) whether the Government conducts any quality check of such ayurvedic medicines from time to time and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Trade Deficit

†856. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in foreign trade country's imports are higher than its exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of country's foreign trade deficit during the years 2015-2016, 2016-17 and 2017-2018;

(d) whether there was a decline in the value of rupee as compared to dollar due to foreign trade deficit; and

(e) if so, the details of annual decline in the value of rupee during the said years?

Technical Knowledge

855. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the technical know-how and knowledge of the engineering professionals who are graduating from various colleges of the country to enable them to compete at the world level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

Engineering Colleges

857. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government acknowledges the gender imbalance at engineering colleges across India and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to address this gender imbalance and increase enrollment of women into B.Tech. programmes?

Teacher Training Institutes

858. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details on the number of Teacher training institutes operational in the country along with the trainees enrolled and passed in each of the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has developed any framework to check the quality of teachers at school and higher education level and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated necessary regulations to provide opportunities to multidisciplinary universities and institutions to offer teacher education programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding Central financial assistance released and utilised for implementation of Teacher Training in the country for the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Establishment of Cultural Centres

†859. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established/proposes to establish cultural centres in various States for creating awareness among people about cultural heritage of our country; and

(b) if so, the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details thereof?

Interest Subsidy on Education Loans

860. DR. ANBUMANI
RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the full interest subsidy on education loans is not being reimbursed to the eligible students instead only partial amount is being reimbursed to them;

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

(c) the details of interest subsidy claimed by the banks on such loans and the amount reimbursed during the last five years; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to reimburse the full interest subsidies to the students and if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in Vehicle Permit to Visit Rohtang Pass

861. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism department is aware of the vehicle permit required to see Rohtang Pass near Manali, Himachal Pradesh;

Funds Provided to Western Region Cultural Centre

†863. SHRI RAMESH
CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:
DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any work plan to promote and preserve Indian folk art, culture and music at national and international level;

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

(c) whether the Government or any of its autonomous organizations organizes cultural activities and programmes for promotion and development of art and culture in various towns and cities of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the Government for organising such programme during the last three years in various States of the country, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government provides funds for promotion of art and culture to Western Region Cultural Centre and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds provided to the office of western region in Udaipur during the last four years; and

(f) the financial assistance provided by the Government during the last

(b) if so, the details thereof along with procedure laid down to give daily permit to vehicles by the authorities;

(c) whether irregularities have been noticed/reported in distribution of such vehicle permits to visit Rohtang Pass and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints and has taken note of the news recently published in some renowned news papers regarding irregularities found in distribution of permits to vehicles visiting Rohtang Pass; and

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

ST Hostels in Kerala

862. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms adopted by the Government to set up hostels for ST students;

(b) the number of such hostels currently functioning in Kerala including Kannur;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new such hostels in Kerala; and

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

three years to the economically backward artists in the country, State-wise?

**Samagra Shiksha
Abhiyan**

864. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, programme of the Government ;

(b) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned by the Government for the said programme; and

(c) the details of the States/ cities initially covered under the said Abhiyan along with the classes initially involved thereunder?

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and
Kendriya Vidyalayas**

- †865. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA
PATIL:

SHRI P. KUMAR:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas established by the Government so far in the country along with the funds allocated by the Government for running these schools, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of places in the country where the Government proposes to set up such Vidyalayas during the next three years along with the criteria adopted for setting up of such schools in different States, State/UT-wise ;

(c) whether it is a fact that many districts in the country do not have any such schools and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open such schools in those areas and if so, the details thereof along with the time limit fixed for it; and

(e) whether the Government has received any proposals from any State Government to open such new vidyalayas, and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the response of the Government thereto?

Leakage of Board Papers

866. SHRIMATI VASANTHI
M.:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of leak of question papers of Class X and XII board which were recently held and if so, the details thereof along with the subject in which the re-examination was held;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in the matter and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) has formulated any exam reforms to avoid leak of question paper and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for smooth and leak proof conduct of board examination from the coming year;

(d) whether the Government has constituted any panel to review all aspects

related to security checks for conducting transportation of question papers to examination halls and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is aware of reported errors in valuation of CBSE papers and if so, whether the Government has sought any report from CBSE in the matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon?

Indo-US Trade

867. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tariffs on steel, aluminium and other items imposed by the

United States (US) are likely to impact Indo-US bilateral trade and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the total Indian exports to the US from 2014 to 2018;

(b) whether India has also hiked tariff on goods being imported from the US and if so, the details thereof along with its impact on Indian economy and the bilateral trade between the two countries;

(c) whether the US revoking preferential benefits to Indian exports would be detrimental to trade and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the US/ US-Indian Strategic Partnership Forum has challenged India's export promotion programmes, started review of India's GSP eligibility and begun examining fixation of prices of American pharmaceuticals and medical devices and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the two countries have approached the World Trade Organisation in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue amicably?

Database of Tribal Population

868. SHRI RAMDAS C.
TADAS:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any database of total number of tribes and their State-wise percentage in the country,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of the Schemes launched by the Government for the welfare of tribes in the country?

Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency

869. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to scrap the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to introduce the Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA) aimed at eliminating overlaps in jurisdiction and remove irrelevant regulatory provisions and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to withdraw the grants given to Institutions in Higher Education Sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the alternate arrangement proposed for the grants;

(d) whether the Government has constituted a committee that has comprising NITI Aayog CEO, higher education secretary and others to work on the detailed blueprint of HEERA and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government seeks opinion from State Governments, Universities and other stakeholders regarding the change from UGC, AICTE to HEERA; and

(f) Other major initiatives taken by the Government in the Higher Education Sector during the last two years?

Financial Assistance for Kumbh Mela

870. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made arrangements for pilgrims who are expected to visit the 49 days Kumbh Mela to begin in January 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government for financial and other assistance for organising the event smoothly;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the assistance provided/being provided by the Government;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to advertise Kumbh Mela in the global market to attract foreign tourists and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government for smooth organising of Kumbh Mela?

Acquisition of State PSUs

871. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given nod for the acquisition of certain State Public Sector Undertakings and allied companies with ONGC and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) the effective steps taken by the Government to make such projects economically viable and profit making; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the smooth execution of mergers and acquisitions of companies by ONGC in near future?

Decline in Exports

872. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports from the country have registered low growth/all time low during the recent years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, sector-wise along with the total export of various commodities during the last three years and the current year, country and commodity-wise indicating rate of export;

(b) whether the Union Government has recently convened a meeting with the State Governments and industry representatives to discuss ways and means to boost the country's exports;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the incentives/facilities proposed to various sectors and the targets for exports fixed for the next three years and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the small and the medium exporters are experiencing many difficulties and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to address the same; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to boost the country's export including the steps taken to make processes relating to trade simpler?

Shortage of Trained Teachers

†873. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the quality of education declining rapidly in various States, especially due to shortage of trained teachers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also aware that the teachers in the schools are lacking basic knowledge in the subjects and if so, the measures taken/to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take various measures to enhance the standard of education in the country including trained teachers, particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued any directives to the States in this regard and if so, the details thereof, especially in villages and rural regions of the country; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide 20 percent extra amount as incentive to schools with better performance by obtaining their learning outcome levels every year and if so, the details thereof?

Seva Bhoj Yojana

†874. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced a new scheme namely 'Seva Bhoj Yojana' for the religious institutions, temples, mosques, churches, dargah, Matth, dharmik ashram and monasteries etc.;

(b) if so, the details and salient features of the said scheme along with the total budget outlay made thereunder;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any additional rules/conditions to check mis-use of the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

LPG Home Delivery

875. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of domestic LPG cylinder includes home delivery charge also and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the cases of overcharging for home delivery of domestic LPG cylinders above its MRP by LPG Distributors have been reported come to the notice of the Government across the country particularly in small cities during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and company-wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far;

(d) the number and nature of complaints received by the Government

against LPG Distributors across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise and Company-wise along with the present status of such complaints; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring transparency in the functioning of LPG Distributors across the country along with achievements thereof?

Schemes for Promotion of MSMEs

876. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for sustainability of khadi and to improve income of spinners/weavers across the country;

(b) whether the said schemes/programmes have achieved the desired results in the country during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, scheme/programme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of the funds provided under the said schemes/programmes along with its utilisation during the said period, Scheme/Programme-wise;

(d) the number of micro enterprises and agro industries in the non-farm sector set up so far under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme across the country, State/UT-wise;

(e) the amount of subsidy provided under the said programme for setting up of such enterprises/industries since inception of the Programme;

(f) whether the Government has also received complaints regarding irregularities in the said schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government for promotion of Khadi Sector and to ensure adequate remuneration to spinners/weavers in the country?

Agricultural Exports

877. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has minuscule share in global agricultural trade despite being one of the world's largest producers of numerous agricultural commodities, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the commodity and country-wise details of total quantity and value of

agricultural commodities imported and exported including rice, wheat, pulses, sugar etc. during the last four years and the current year indicating the import-export rates along with the revenue generated therefrom during the said period;

(c) whether India has recently signed deals with eight countries for agricultural exports, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to bring down the cost of exports of agriculture produce;

(d) whether export of agricultural commodities has affected the domestic supply and demand scenario, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure proper domestic supply as well as the steps taken to boost the agricultural/farm exports without affecting the domestic demand/ price; and

(e) whether the Government is contemplating the export of organic agricultural products under 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof?

Higher Education Regulatory Authority

878. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to replace the higher education regulator, University Grants Commission, with new regulator;

(b) if so, the mandate of proposed new Higher Education Commission of India;

(c) whether the Government has sought feedback from various stakeholders;

(d) if so, the response received from various stakeholders on the new Higher Education Commission of India;

(e) whether the proposed Commission will be freed of funding activities;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Union Government proposes to provide more autonomy to Higher Education Institutions to promote excellence & facilitate holistic growth of the educators system; and

(h) if so, the facts thereof?

FDI Inflow

879. DR. A. SAMPATH:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sectors presently covered under Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India along with maximum

permissible limit of investment in each of these sectors;

(b) the details of total inflow of FDI in the country during each of the last five years and the current year, country, sector and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the sectors where FDI investment has been made along with the names of the countries which have made a maximum investment in India, sector and country-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide fresh opportunities for FDI and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote FDI and to remove imbalance in FDI in various parts of the country?

Job Portal for MSME Sector

880. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to create awareness about the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector at the national level;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government for

creating knowledge, marketing, technical and financial hand holding at the grass-root level and the success achieved in this regard so far;

(c) whether the Government had organised conclave to encourage dialogue and partnerships among various stakeholders of the MSME sector and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has launched any job portal to bridge the skill gap and resolve unemployment problem in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it has been helpful in resolving unemployment problem in the country?

Schemes/Vocational Training in Tribal Areas

881. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and the steps taken by the Government to provide vocational training in tribal areas;

(b) the details of the vocational training centres currently working in tribal areas of the country;

(c) whether these schemes are commensurate with the tribal population;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) if not, the steps and the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Shortage of Teaching Staff

†882. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of acute shortage of teaching staff in Government higher education institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measure adopted by the Government to reduce such shortage?

Setting up of Ethanol Plant

883. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI

KHADSE:

PROF. CHINTAMANI

MALVIYA:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce for setting up plants based on new technology by consuming Bio-Mass to produce Bio-Gas, Bio-CNG and enriched manure to curb the menace of stubble burning and if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose;

(b) whether the Government has approved the Mechanism for procurement of Ethanol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to carry out the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme and if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether EBP Programme was launched by the Government in 2003 on pilot basis which has been subsequently

extended to the Notified 21 States and 4 UTs and if so, the details thereof along with the specific advantages of blending Ethanol with Petrol;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make more use of ethanol and introduce the vehicles propelled with mixed fuel having 90 per cent ethanol and also taken up the matter regarding duty structure on ethanol with the Ministry of Finance and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to enhance/encourage the use of ethanol in vehicles to make the environment clean;

(e) the benefits likely to be extended for the betterment of the sugarcane farmers and sugar producers ; and

(f) whether some constraints have been noticed in implementing the EBP Programme, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Ranking of Kendriya Vidyalayas

884. SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned for ranking of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

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

(c) whether such ranking has already been done ; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the criterion laid down for such grading/ranking of schools?

Scholarship Scheme

885. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that scholarship scheme for top two thousand Joint Entrance Examination(JEE) rank holders at National Institutes of Technology (NITs) has been scrapped due to funds crunch and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the students are demanding for restoring the scholarship scheme and the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs is not acceding to their genuine request and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to intervene and restore scholarship scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Krishna-Godavari Basin

886. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has received environmental clearance for drilling five wells in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin off Andhra coast at an estimated cost of 217 crores to explore shale gas and oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC has been exploring off Andhra coast in KG basin for the last 35 years drilling as many as 65 small-to-medium hydrocarbon fields; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University

887. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of functioning of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU);

(b) the details of faculty strength of IGNTU, department-wise and details of posts that are lying vacant, department-wise;

(c) whether that recently IGNTU has advertised to fill-in number of faculty positions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons that only one post is reserved for reserved categories despite March 5th notification of the University Grants Commission(UGC) which says that reservations of posts should be calculated department-wise and not based on the aggregate vacant posts in university?

Issue of Agricultural Subsidies at WTO

888. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has alleged that India is supporting its rice and wheat farmers with payments that are far higher than the amounts allowed by the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

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

(c) whether India has made reform of agricultural subsidies a major negotiating issue at the WTO in the past five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sound and Multi-media Show in Shipra River

†889. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to organize light and sound multimedia show in Shipra river to promote tourism in Ujjain;

(b) if so, the details along with its present Status thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the said project and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the above project is likely to be completed?

Restoration of Kalinjar Fort

†890. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds for development and maintenance of Kalinjar Fort in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the development work of the fort has not yet been started;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the said work is likely to be started along with the time limit set for the completion of the work?

Hydrocarbon Projects

891. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted permission to more than 30 private companies for exploration of hydrocarbons across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted about the likely negative impact in case of execution of the projects;

(c) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and

(d) whether the Government would come forward to cancel the permission given to private companies as it affects the livelihood of local population and if so, the details thereof?

Proposals Received for Promotion of Tourism in Maharashtra

†892. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government from the State Government of Maharashtra regarding promoting tourism in the State along with the number of proposals pending with the Government as on date;

(b) the number of proposals approved by the Government and the amount of funds released separately for each proposal;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote tourism; and

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

World Gold Council Vision, 2020

893. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Gold Council Vision, 2020 has projected that Indian Gold Industry will transform the country into the world jeweller by increasing gold jewellery exports five folds and doubling employment in the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Vision has also advised India to create a Gold tourism circuit in the country to attract foreign as well as domestic customers for handicrafts gold jewellery;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production and export of handicrafts jewellery?

Shortage of Raw Material for Steel Sector

894. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel sector is facing an acute shortage of raw material like iron ore and coal resulting in increased cheaper steel imports from the international market;

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

(c) the quantity of iron ore supplied by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) to the domestic Steel sector during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of the said raw material to the domestic Steel sector for increasing domestic production and by resolving the issues which led to ban on mining operation in Odisha, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Maharashtra?

Skill Training of International Standards

†895. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to make skill training provided in various sectors of international standards so that our trained youth could get employed abroad;

(b) the total number of persons provided employment in foreign countries by the Government during the last four years; and

(c) the special steps being taken by the Government for providing employment to more and more persons abroad in future?

Export of Spices

896. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of export of spices from the country during the last three years, item-wise and year-wise along with the names of countries where they were exported;

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

(c) the measures being taken by the Government and the Spices Board to boost the export of spices from the country; and

(d) the Programmes/Schemes being implemented by the Government for increasing production, productivity and quality of spices in the country?

Research Activities

897. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with top universities in foreign countries with Indian universities to have academic nexus and research activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make migration of students from Indian universities to foreign universities easy and

vice-versa to have higher education/research pursuits?

No Detention Policy in Schools

†898. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review No Detention Policy upto 8th class and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether such scheme is likely to be introduced in all the States and if so, the details thereof?

Fake Skill Institutes under PMKVY

899. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any report regarding functioning of fake skill institutes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also constituted any team to monitor the functioning of skill institutes functioning under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY); and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by the Government to ensure the effective implementation of PMKVY?

Promotion of Eco-Tourism

900. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes launched by the Government to promote eco-tourism in the country;

(b) whether any funds have been allocated for such tourism projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise?

Scheme for Forest Based Industry

†901. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running any scheme aimed at promoting forest produce based industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is making any efforts to promote cottage industry to boost the economy in rural areas and if so, the details thereof including any scheme being implemented in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any scheme to provide/proposes to provide employment through cottage industries in the backward & tribal dominated areas of Jharkhand; and

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

Norms for Setting up of Industries near Monuments

902. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any norms for setting up of industries/ restriction on industries functioning near such monuments; and

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

Details of Schools

†903. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary, secondary, higher secondary, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Sarvodaya, Navodaya Schools established for expansion and promotion of education in the country, State/UT-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of students in all the above mentioned schools and the number of teacher deployed there as on date;

(c) the boy-girl student ratio at all levels, State/UT-wise therein;

(d) the manner in which the education is being promoted in the country under Padhe Bharat-Badhe Bharat Abhiyan; and

(e) the action plan of the Government “Ek-Bharat-Shreshth Bharat” programme along with the progress made therein along with the details of budget allocation during the last three years?

Import of Black Pepper

904. SHRI BHAGWANATH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is importing black pepper from Vietnam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the local farmers are suffering from rate down from Rs. 700 to Rs. 380 in the last six months and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the imported black pepper is of low quality as compared to our market and it is mixed with many other things;

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

(e) whether the Union Government has received any requests from certain States like Karnataka, Goa and Kerala or from public representatives/ NGOs to stop import of pepper and rise the prices for local farmers and if so, the details thereof?

Demand of Labourers

†905. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study with the help of experts in order to ascertain the demand of labourers in the country;

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

(c) the details of the specific programmes started by the Government for the empowerment of labourers and increase their income to assist them;

(d) whether the Government proposes to follow the Chhattisgarh model wherein a labour policy has been implemented to increase employment and income both and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the welfare of labourers and to improve their conditions in the country?

IGNOU Study Centres

†906. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria for establishing Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) centre in the remote areas of the country including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of new centres established during the last three years and the current year in the country, year-wise;

(c) the total number of study centres and regional centres running in the country currently and the total number of students enrolled therein; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide all courses through e-learning, virtual classes, mobile app, e-library and e-study so that students may complete their study easily and within less time period from IGNOU?

Oil Subsidy by Government

907. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds spent by the Government for provision of subsidies on various petroleum products during each of the last five years, State/UT/year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the usage of kerosene declined considerably in several States and Union Territories following the implementation of an Innovative Cash Incentive Scheme to enable saving of subsidies with the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the scheme, State/UT-wise?

Steel Import/Export

†908. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production, use and available storage of steel in the various steel production units of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of quantum of the different kinds of steel imported and exported and foreign exchange spent thereon/earned therefrom;

(c) whether there has been positive impact on the domestic steel industry during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made/being made by the Government to safeguard the interests of the domestic steel industry?

Taxes on Petroleum Products

909. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various taxes on petroleum products levied by the Union and State Governments are equivalent to their basic prices and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the basic price of petroleum products and the prices after the levy of State and Union Government taxes, State-wise;

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

(d) whether the Government has kept petroleum products out of GST purview for the time being as the current status of tax slabs in Goods and Service Tax is likely to accrue less taxes on petroleum products and if so, the details thereof?

Gas Pipeline Network

910. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accepted the proposal contained in Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006 to provide all entities to lay pipelines including GAIL for open access of the country's gas pipeline infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of existing gas pipeline network for transporting gas/crude supply in the country along with the details of on-going expansion of new gas pipeline network, project-wise; and

(c) the reasons behind splitting State-run gas utility organisation GAIL?

QR Code in NCERT Books

†911. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Quick Response (QR) code in National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) books in near future;

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

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

Adulteration in Petroleum Products

912. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of adulteration in various petroleum products reported during each of the last three years and the current year, product/State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of samples of petrol and diesel collected to check adulteration along with the number of samples found adulterated during the said period, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether surprise inspections are being conducted by the Government to check adulteration in various petroleum products;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such inspections carried out during the above period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the OMCs/persons/officials found involved therein during the said period?

Impact of FTAs

913. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to evaluate the impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) on domestic economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to safeguard domestic economy after any such impact studies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has noticed that FTAs are always one sided and if so, the details thereof?

Funds to States

914. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to the States which are performing well in implementation of various developmental schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development Programmes

915. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes/have any action plan to make skill

development programmes more proactive and effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of skill India centres approved so far in Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the number of persons who have availed the benefits of the said programmes so far, district/State-wise, especially in Jharkhand?

Skill Development Centres

†916. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Skill Development Centres opened in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of Skill Development programmes organised by each Centre during the period, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the details of persons attending these programmes, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(d) the details of persons who have been provided employment by these Centres, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if not, the details of the efforts made to enhance employment opportunities for the above successful youth?

CSR Funds

917. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under the Ministry spent in the last three years along with the areas where CSR funds were spent during the said period;

(b) whether any review or follow up has been made in the last three years to know the benefits accrued due to CSR initiatives;

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

(d) the details of CSR funds contributions made to PM's fund during the last three years; and

(e) the details of CSR funds of the Ministry spent on amelioration of poverty and ensuring gender equality?

Manufacturing of iPhones

918. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Apple company has decided to start manufacturing iPhones from Bengaluru this year and if so, the details thereof including the concessions Apple has sought and concessions the Central Government has agreed to provide; and

(b) the quantum of investment is expected from Apple company and estimated creation of direct and indirect employment opportunities therefrom during the coming three to five years?

EPFO Net Payroll Enrolment

919. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised downwards the EPFO net payroll enrolment numbers for September, 2017 to March, 2018 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether these steps would take the total enrolment addition for the seven months to 3.44 million as against 3.93 million estimated earlier and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the net payroll enrolment for April, 2018 was the highest since September, 2017 at 6.85 lakh; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of ESI Hospitals in AP

920. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has requested the Union Government to establish 19 ESI hospitals in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has considered the request of the AP Government and agreed to sanction 13 ESI hospitals in the State and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any such ESI hospitals are proposed to be established in the Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

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Secretary General

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<i>Skill Development and Entrepreneurship</i>	:	692, 712, 717, 744, 772, 815, 818, 821, 895, 899, 915, 916
<i>Steel</i>	:	709, 831, 833, 894, 908
<i>Tourism</i>	:	705, 714, 742, 747, 765, 773, 776, 794, 819, 824, 844, 846, 861, 870, 889, 892, 900
<i>Tribal Affairs</i>	:	698, 725, 748, 753, 788, 814, 841, 848, 862, 868, 881.