

## LOK SABHA

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**  
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**(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Minority Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)**

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

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### Spying Incidents

†1151. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of spying and honey trapping in the armed forces have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during the last three years and the current year so far along with the officials found involved and the action taken against them;

(c) the names of countries/foreign organisations with which these spying activities were connected; and

(d) the steps taken to strengthen the intelligence machinery to eliminate spying activities effectively?

### National Civil Aircraft Development Programme

1152. SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched National Civil Aircraft Development Programme (NCADP) but the same is still on paper and there is no progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind non-execution of NCADP; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for execution of the programme and financial implication expected by the Government for this purpose?

### ITAT

1153. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) has made it mandatory to tax the interest free loan provided by an employer to employee and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has issued any special ruling on this issue and if so, the details thereof?

### Work done through ICCR

†1154. COL. SONARAM  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to make India a cultural super power;

(b) the details of works done through Indian Council for Cultural Research (ICCR) in this regard;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred and earning of ICCR during each year of the last four years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is taking/proposes to take concrete steps on the basis of report submitted to her Ministry by the Parliamentary committee and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in order to strengthen foreign diplomacy, the Government

proposes to provide more financial support to the ICCR to promote cultural campaign; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Filling up of Vacant Posts

1155. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in each Ministry/Department of Government of India at present, post and Ministry/Department-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to fill up all vacancies so as to address the issue of unemployment?

### NRI Marriages

1156. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for registration and proper documentation of the NRI marriages as abandoning the wife by NRI husbands has increased to a large extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made a survey of such cases and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey to safeguard

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Indian women from such incidents of violence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Triple Talaq

1157. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:  
SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Honourable Supreme Court has pronounced that the practice of triple talaq is invalid and if so, the details thereof and reasons advanced by the court in support of its judgement;

(b) whether keeping in view the judgement, Government proposes to bring forward a legislation in this regard and if so, whether all the stakeholders were consulted before drafting such legislation;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the way in which Muslim women are likely to be benefited by the new legislation;

(d) the number of cases of triple talaq recorded in the country and the State-wise distribution of these cases;

(e) the number of complaints that have been lodged by Muslim women after being divorced through triple talaq; and

(f) the details of distress caused to Muslim women as a result of triple talaq?

### Crimes in Trains

1158. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the emergency complaints mechanism established for reporting crimes inside railway compartments especially when the train is passing through regions with no network connectivity;

(b) the mandate for railway police personnels on every train and whether it has been revised in the past few years and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the measures the Government is taking to strengthen security of passenger trains?

### Filling up of Vacancies

1159. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and the Supreme Court have come to any understanding regarding the filling up of the vacancies in the Supreme Court and the High Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which all these vacancies are likely to be filled?

### Charges for Call Drop

†1160. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN  
BHATT:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take strict and effective action against erring telecom operators with regard to increase in instances of call drops;

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

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to levy any charges on the mobile companies for call drop in view of rising number of call drop problems faced by the customers; and

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

### Impact of Massacre in Burma on India

1161. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the massacre of Rohingya Muslims in Burma has any adverse impact on India and if so, the details along with the response of the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to hold 'Indo-Burma bilateral talk' in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Bullet Trains

1162. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHURAO RAUT:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways is 20 years behind those of advanced nations as there is no technical upgradation, the average speed of most prestigious trains has come down, punctuality is worst and accident record has not improved and almost 20,000 lives are lost on tracks yearly;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether despite many deficiency in the Indian Railway network, the Government is focusing on its dream project "Bullet trains";

(d) if so, whether Bullet trains will cater only to the elite community and it is highly expensive and beyond the reach of ordinary people;

(e) if so, whether country needs a modern, clean, safe and fast rail system;

(f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon; and

(g) the steps taken by the Union Government to improve Indian Railway network?

### e-Catering Services

1163. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue earned through e-catering services during the last four years, zone-wise;

(b) the details of existing catering service providers along with the details of subsidies provided/expenditure incurred in relation to e-catering;

(c) whether the Railways intends to expand the e-catering services in the country and include more Indian brands; and

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

#### Coal Production

1164. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of coal production, supply and use for the ongoing projects and for the newly proposed projects of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries as well as NLC India;

(b) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to reduce carbon footprints by reducing the production, supply and use of coal in various industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the CIL and its subsidiaries had given any specific reply to the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### Destination Alert for Passengers

1165. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce the Destination Alert for train passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also planning to refund 50 per cent of the amount against cancellation of Tatkal tickets and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ticketing facility is going to start soon in Railway Overseas Languages and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the other major decisions taken by the Railways;

(e) whether the Government is of the opinion that these changes will increase the customer satisfaction; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Railway Projects

†1166. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:  
SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH  
BHOLE:  
SHRI BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sanctioned and ongoing railway projects pertaining to new lines, gauge conversion, electrification and

route doubling during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and spent therefrom, zone-wise/State-wise;

(c) the total number of projects running behind schedule along with those pending due to financial constraints, zone-wise;

(d) whether any committee has been set up to monitor the implementation of the aforesaid projects and find out the reasons for the delay therein and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to generate extra budgetary support for the purpose and expedite completion of the said projects?

#### Supply of Drinking Water

1167. SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various provisions made at the railway stations for supply of drinking water to the passengers especially in the State of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Railways are able to meet the demand of drinking water at railway stations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Railways proposes to install water vending machines at railway stations so as to provide potable water at an affordable cost especially in the context of the State of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the number of machines likely to be

installed and estimated cost along with the employment likely to be generated as a result thereof?

#### Stoppage at Bilaspur Station

†1168. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any stoppage has been provided at Bilaspur Station for train number 12262/12261 running between Howrah to Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal, (Duronto Express) and train number 12222/12221 running between Howrah to Pune (Duronto Express) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is no stoppage for these trains at Raipur, the capital city of Chhattisgarh and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide stoppage for these trains at Raipur Station and if so, the details thereof?

#### Implementation of CSR Policy by CIL

†1169. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy approved by the public undertakings department for public sector undertakings;

(b) the manner in which this policy is being implemented by Coal India Limited

(CIL) and its subsidiaries along with details of expenditure made by CIL and its subsidiaries;

(c) the mechanism put in place for monitoring/functioning of CIL and its subsidiaries under CSR policy;

(d) whether the Government has received complaints regarding non-implementation of CSR policy by the coal companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon, State/subsidiary-wise?

#### **Inadequate Transportation Facilities**

1170. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of coal in the country is being affected due to inadequate transportation facilities;

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

(c) the total quantum of coal which could not be transported to the destination due to lack of transportation facilities during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of the projects affected so far; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for providing adequate infrastructural facilities for the transportation of coal in the country?

#### **Database of Contract Workers**

1171. SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is coming up with a database of contract workers in non-operational areas such as housekeeping, cleaning, consultancy, trailing and other such services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this new database would help to keep an eye out for any violation of labour rights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Paperless Courts**

1172. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court is considering to become paperless in phases and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the first five Courts, each Judge will have a computer before him and the Judges will peruse fresh case files on the computer;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Integrated Court Management Information System is almost ready to help the apex court registry towards implementing its paperless objective and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which entire judiciary would become paperless?

#### **Model Stations in Jharkhand**

†1173. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the railway zones under which Sahebganj-Pakud, Godda and Dumka districts in Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand falls and the number of railway stations in this constituency along with the details thereof, classification-wise;

(b) the stations upgraded in Sahebganj-Pakud, Godda and Dumka district under Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand during the last three years, station-wise;

(c) the number of railway stations declared as model stations in these districts including the east and west Singhbhum districts and the facilities provided and upgraded at such stations during the last three years; and

(d) the requirements to be met by these declared stations and the work done to fulfil these requirements till date?

#### **Public Private Partnership in Railways**

1174. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have identified projects to be executed through Public-Private Partnership (PPP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the stations identified in various States including Odisha;

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for this purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Railways have any proposal to launch a scheme for revamping and transforming the railway stations especially by private developers in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme; and

(f) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

#### **Nexus between Bureaucracy and Private Companies**

1175. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether nexus between bureaucracy and private companies is delaying the decisions making process of defence projects and the decision are delayed indefinitely if the favoured company is unlikely to win contract;

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

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

#### **Civil Service Recruitment and Allocation Rules**

1176. SHRI DIBYENDU  
ADHIKARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from UPSC's establishment process, Government proposes to change civil service recruitment and allocation rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under special examinations and recommendation, the vacancies of almost 800 posts of officers of various services have not been filled yet; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the proposals of the Government to fill up the vacancies?

#### Panchayat Election

1177. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court of India has expressed shock over the fact that more than twenty thousand seats went uncontested in the recently held panchayat elections in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Election Commission of India has sought report over the issue from the State Election Commission of West Bengal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Simple Procedure for Passports

1178. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to simplify the procedure to get a passport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to reduce passport fee for children and elderly people;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to simplify the procedure for getting passports?

#### Broadband Services through Public Wi-Fi

1179. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecom commission has approved proliferation of broadband through public Wi-Fi network as recommended by TRAI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether internet telephony will allow users to make calls to cell phones as well as landline *via* internet service and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the wide coverage and usage of Wi-Fi is expected to bring down approximate cost per MB of data usage to less than 2 paise as opposed to 23 paise per MB on 2G, 3G, and 4G networks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to expand the network of public Wi-Fi?

#### Violation of Law in Ignorance

†1180. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian labourers who were working in Gulf countries and who did not know the Arabic language are serving in jails there, as they failed to follow the oral instructions of their Arabi masters and violated law in ignorance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these Indian nationals are imprisoned in the jails of Gulf countries for a long time;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a foreign policy to get them released and bring back to India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Indo-US Relationship

1181. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the impact on India's relationship with America consequent upon aligning with Russia and China on the issue of sanctions against Iran;

(b) the areas of mutual interest on which broad consensus between the US and India has been arrived at;

(c) the crucial areas on which divergent views between the two countries emerged; and

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to address these areas of the Indo-US relations?

#### ICCR in Kerala

1182. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regional office of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in Thiruvananthapuram has been an important link for cultural and academic activities between foreign countries and Kerala for the last four decades and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the closure of this office and merging its functions with the Chennai Office, will severely be disadvantageous to students in Kerala, who require assistance from the Council, owing to the 725 km distance between Thiruvananthapuram and Chennai;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### Maritime Dialogue

1183. SHRI PR. SENTHIL

NATHAN:

SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN

R.K.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held effective bilateral maritime dialogues with France and Indonesia and has proposal to have maritime dialogue with China and Russia to strengthen our maritime ties in Indo-Pacific region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed any specific agenda on providing safety and security for Indian mariners and fishing community in this region through these maritime dialogues;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand in this regard; and

(e) the current status of our ties with foreign countries in Indo-Pacific region?

#### **New Nuclear Power Plants**

†1184. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up atomic power plants with a view to meet the shortage of electricity in the country;

(b) if so, the status along with the names of locations where atomic power plants are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise;

(c) the names of various countries with whom negotiations have been held for the supply of fuel for these atomic power plants; and

(d) the time by which these atomic power plants are likely to be set up?

#### **Modernisation under Madurai Division**

1185. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any modernization work in Kottarakkara and Avaneswaram Railway stations under Madurai division in Kerala;

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

(c) the details of facilities provided/proposed to be provided at these stations?

#### **New Station between Thanjavur and Alakudi**

1186. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal to operate the empty rake of Uzhavan Express as a passenger special upto Thanjavur after completion of primary maintenance works at Thiruchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is also having any proposal to establish a new railway station between Thanjavur junction and Alakudi station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Wi-Fi in Rural Areas**

1187. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a government scheme or programme to set up Wi-Fi in rural areas of the country specifically in the State of Gujarat;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Modernisation/Upgradation of Post Offices**

1188. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to modernise/upgrade the post offices in view of the important works assigned to them including issuance of train reservation tickets, Aadhaar enrolment centres, Passport seva, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the post offices where modernisation/upgradation has already been undertaken, State/UT-wise, especially in Kerala; and

(d) the post offices where modernisation/upgradation is proposed to be undertaken, State/UT-wise especially in Kerala?

#### **Ban on Employment**

1189. SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:  
SHRI NARANBHAI

KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of re-employment of retired Indian Armed Forces officials in the companies operating in defence sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Indian Armed Forces to cancel such employment and blacklist such companies for specified time;

(c) the details of employees working in private sector defence manufacturing companies whose parents are working in Indian Armed Forces;

(d) whether there is any obligation on the part of officers to inform the Indian Armed Forces regarding employment of their relatives in private defence manufacturing companies; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not informing the Indian Armed Forces as it causes conflict of interest between Indian Armed Forces and the private sector manufacturing companies?

#### **Engine-less Trains**

1190. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of locomotives both electrical and fossil fuel based currently deployed in the Railways;

(b) whether the Government plans on introducing new batch of high speed

'engine-less' trains in passenger fleet of the railways and if so, the details thereof along with expenses incurred by the Government thereon;

(c) the details of various companies along with their country of incorporation which had shown interest or are shortlisted by the Government for the supply of new trains;

(d) the duration within which the Government plans to replace the current fleet of the old trains with the new more efficient trains;

(e) whether the Government is also working on development of railway coaches and engines in line with that of international ones under 'Make in India' initiative; and

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

#### **Digital Connectivity in Gram Panchayats**

1191. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote Information Technology infrastructure for providing digital connections in Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to bring in private sector for promoting the digital connectivity in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Grievance Redressal Officer**

†1192. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to appoint a grievance redressal officer for the social networking companies/websites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Fast Track Courts**

1193. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up fast track courts for speedy trial of Civil and Criminal cases separately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be functional?

#### **Construction of Patan Bhildi Rail Line**

†1194. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the undue delay in the construction of Patan Bhildi *via* Rani ki Vah rail line;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for expediting and timely completion of the construction work?

#### **Dirty Conditions of BioToilets**

1195. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were more than two lakh complaints regarding choking, foul smelling and non-functional bio-toilets in trains during 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the railways has decided to equip coaches with 10,000 bio-toilets without waiting for results of performance trials of different variants of bio-toilets;

(c) if so, whether the decision for large scale installation of bio-toilets in coaches had been taken in a hurry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bus to Nepal**

1196. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched a new bus route between India and Nepal called 'Ram-Janaki Marg';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to operate more such buses between our neighbouring countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Minority Cyber-Gram**

1197. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans of launching Minority Cyber-Gram all across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of Cyber-Grams that exist across the country;

(c) the objectives and the target beneficiaries of the yojana;

(d) the total funds allocated by the Government for this programme;

(e) the total number of Cyber-Grams that have been opened across the country and that are functional; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the scheme and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Delivery of Speedy Justice**

1198. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO  
JADHAV:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
DR. BHARATIBEN D.  
SHYAL:  
SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:  
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:  
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of civil and criminal cases pending in various courts as on date, State, court and category-wise;

(b) whether the Government has made any arrangements or plans to expedite their disposal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of judges appointed during the last three years, year and court-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to stipulate a time period for the disposal of criminal and civil cases in the High Court and various other courts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the process of dispensing justice in time is getting affected due to the shortage of judges and infrastructural

facilities in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far; and

(f) whether the Government has set up any task force to deal with huge pendency of cases or fixed the accountability on someone in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Disputed Defence Land**

†1199. DR. RAMESH  
POKHRIYAL  
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the disputed defence land in the country, location-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to end the dispute;

(c) whether the army proposes to use the unused defence land for some special purpose;

(d) the details of the scheme formulated to clearly demarcate the scholarships by the Ministry; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to get the illegally occupied defence land vacated at various places?

**Killing of Animals/Elephants**

1200. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in rules to punish errant drivers who refuse

or neglect to slow down while passing through national parks causing intentional death of elephants and other animals using the track; and

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

**National Cadet Corps**

1201. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record regarding the total number of National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets in the country;

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

(c) whether less students are joining NCC in recent years;

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

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to make NCC attractive to students in the country?

**Import of Coal**

†1202. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal is imported at a large scale due to poor heat value of the coal found in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of coal in metric tonne imported during each of the last three years;

(d) the total funds being spent on the import of coal; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to end the import duty levied on coal so that domestic steel, electricity and cement companies desire proper benefits therefrom?

**Commercialization of Indigenous Technology**

1203. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:

SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO  
RAUT:

SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the quality and quantity of basic research, technology transfer, innovation and start-ups;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether there is a need to develop commercial indigenous technology;

(d) if so, the steps taken to develop commercial indigenous technology and success achieved in this regard so far;



(e) whether the Ministry of Science and Technology intends to foster and support more collaborative teaching programmes with faculty from both medical and engineering institutions to promote skill development in healthcare technology; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof?

#### Free Antivirus

1204. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:  
SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide powerful antivirus to the public free of cost to strengthen cyber security in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to involve the private sector in this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Modernization of Post Offices

1205. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices modernised and converted into Multi-Service Centres in the country under

the 'Public Internet Access Programme-National Rural Internet Mission', State/ UT-wise and citizen centric services delivered by them; and

(b) the total number of post offices yet to be modernised and converted into Multi-Service Centres in the country, State/ UT-wise?

#### Paid Water ATMs

†1206. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase paid water ATMs for the convenience of passengers at Udaipur railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Allocation of Coal to Tamil Nadu

1207. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:  
DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the Government of Tamil Nadu to allocate more coal to its thermal power stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government on this request; and

(d) the coal allocated and supplied to various States for the last six months, State-wise including Tamil Nadu?

#### Kamlesh Chandra Committee

1208. SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee headed by Shri Kamlesh Chandra constituted by the Government to look into the wage structure and other social security benefits of rural postal employees including Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details and the major recommendations thereof along with the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the committee;

(c) whether the rural postal employees including the GDS are demanding for implementation of said recommendations of the committee and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) the reasons for delay, if any, in the implementation of the recommendations of the said committee; and

(e) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

#### Doubling of Jhansi-Manikpur Rail Line

†1209. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial sanction for the doubling of railway line in Jhansi-Manikpur and Khairad-Bhimsen section which passes through my constituency Banda has been accorded;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction work for the same is likely to be started along with the time frame for its completion; and

(c) the amount of funds released for the same along with the total cost of the project?

#### Operating Ratio

1210. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is facing worst ever operating ratio and if so, the details thereof during 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General in its latest report has remarked that Railways had under reported its expenditure liabilities in order to make its Operational Ratio look better than it actually was in 2016-17;

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

(d) the action proposed by the Government to effect improvement in Indian Railways?

#### **Refund of Unspent Balance of Mobile Subscribers**

1211. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued any directive to refund unspent balance of mobile subscribers, in view of discontinuation of its voice services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the response of the telecom operators thereto; and

(c) the number of customers who received their refund along with the amount refunded by the telecom operators?

#### **Proposals for opening of Post Offices in Rural Areas**

†1212. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of post offices located in rural and urban areas of the country, separately along with the State-wise and region-wise number thereof opened in the villages during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals for the opening of post offices and branch post offices especially in the villages from various State Governments including Chhattisgarh;

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

(d) whether there is shortage of dak sevaks in the post offices; and

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

#### **Ticketless Travellers**

†1213. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has details of money collected as penalty for ticketless travel;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to prepare any concrete action plan to check ticketless travel and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has identified the zones where ticketless travel is the highest and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has prepared any specific action plan to check ticketless journey in these zones and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the zone-wise details of losses suffered by the Government during the last four years due to passengers travelling without ticket?

#### **Guidelines for Dealing with Firms having Direct Official Dealing**

1214. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are clear cut guidelines for taking favour or accepting any kind of hospitality by any Government employees/CBI enquiry officer from any institution with whom the officer has direct dealing in official capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any violation of such guidelines have been reported particularly by the employees of CBI; and

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

#### **Expert Committee**

1215. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any Expert Committee to seek suggestions for the reorganization of the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said Expert Committee has submitted any recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations made by the Expert Committee to revive the organization/Railways; and

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

#### **Chaos in Judiciary**

1216. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:  
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been chaos/crisis in judiciary recently if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps being taken to address the issues raised by the Supreme Court judges and to solve their grievances;

(c) whether the steps taken by the Government has assured the aggrieved judges of a smooth functioning of the Supreme Court in near future; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to make sure such an outburst does not happen again?

#### **Inspire Scheme**

†1217. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:  
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Inspire Scheme along with the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this scheme during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) the details of the number of scientists enrolled under this scheme for research during the above-mentioned period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make some amendments in this scheme, if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the target set and achievements made under this scheme so far along with its results;

(e) the maximum period of time provided under this scheme for research; and

(f) whether Government is planning to provide some more time to the scientists who fail to secure the regular positions after completion of the regular tenure of the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

**Doubling/Electrification of Machilipatnam-Vijayawada Rail Line**

1218. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of long pending work of doubling and electrification of Machilipatnam-Vijayawada railway line and the reasons for delay, if any;

(b) whether any funds are being allocated to this project and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this line would be completed?

**Fixing of Coal Prices**

1219. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adopted a new mechanism/formula for fixing coal prices in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new and old mechanism/formula and the reasons for adopting the new mechanism;

(c) the likely rise in the price of coal as a result thereof and the extent to which power, steel and cement industries would be affected by the coal price hike;

(d) whether various coal consumers such as power, steel and cement industries have opposed the new mechanism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the apprehension expressed by these industries?

**Problems within Judiciary**

1220. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judiciary is plagued by pendency of cases, corruption, lack of transparency (particularly in the appointment of judges), plight of under trials, lack of information and interaction among people and courts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to resolve each of these problems/issues?

**Research Work undertaken by Scientists**

1221. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage young scientists to undertake research work, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the main features of young scientists research programme and the amount of funds allocated during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the age related eligibility to avail the benefits of this programme and the details of the achievements made under the said programme so far;

(d) the number of young scientists who have benefitted from this programme;

(e) whether the Government is providing any special scheme or scholarship under this programme;

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

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage more and more young scientists to undertake research work?

**Crime in Trains**

†1222. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to check rail accidents and the rising incidents of crime in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the incidents of crime, delay in running of trains and rail accidents have been increased during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise?

**Advocates Act**

1223. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified section 30 of the Advocates Act, 1961 recently, enabling the lawyers to practice in courts across the country irrespective of their enrolment in any bar council without the need to transfer their licence to the desired States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date from which this section will come into force?

#### **Delay in Completion of Power Projects**

†1224. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delay in completion of power projects and consequent cost overrun are causing huge losses to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the number of such power projects;

(c) whether the cost of mega basic infrastructural projects like rail and roads has increased due to delay in their completion;

(d) if so, the project-wise number of such projects which are lying pending for years and the details of cost over run so far because of delay;

(e) the number of mega projects shut down due to cost overrun; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government for monitoring of projects and their early completion?

#### **Season Ticket Holders**

†1225. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first class coaches from almost all the trains have been removed by the Railways;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any alternative arrangements for the first class season ticket holders and first class ticket holders; and

(c) if so, the time by which the first class coaches are likely to be attached with trains having numbers (12929-30, 22953-54, 19015-16, 22959-60, 19033-34, 22929-30) along with the details thereof?

#### **Safe Return of Indians**

†1226. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure safe return of Indian citizens of Jharkhand State stuck in other countries like Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia; and

(b) the number of such labourers/employees from Jharkhand, kidnapped or became victim of exploitation in foreign countries during the last two years along with the details thereof?

#### **Global EoIs**

1227. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:  
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:  
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Global Expression of Interests (EoIs) floated by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) for the selection of Technological partner/Co-production/Joint Venture projects during the last three years and their present status;

(b) whether the OFB has approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any foreign companies to sign JV/Co-production/transfer of technology during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to OFL-Beltech co-production and the OFB-BAE system, USA;

(d) whether the OFB had formulated any SoP to decide on these EoIs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Mobile Service Quality Assessment**

1228. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has conducted any assessment of mobile operators with regard to call drop issues and mobile service quality and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any action against operators not meeting the quality benchmarks of the mobile services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said assessment is benchmarked to the new, more stringent call drop norms that came into effect in October, 2017 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the operators continue to face many problems at ground level when it comes to getting approvals for infrastructure and networks roll outs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Land Acquisition**

1229. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total land required for the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) has been acquired and if not, the time by which the land acquisition would be completed;

(b) whether all civil engineering and systems contracts for the eastern corridor have been awarded and if not, the time by which the awarding of contracts would be completed; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in the corridors and the steps being taken to ameliorate the causes of delay?

#### First Aid in Trains

1230. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether first aid facilities and first aid boxes are available in all the trains running in the country;

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

(c) whether adequate staff has been deployed in Railways to provide first aid treatment to sick/wounded passengers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any pilot projects in respect of various trains for the purpose especially in Duronto/Rajdhani/ other long distance trains have been successful;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure timely medical assistance/first aid to the needy passengers during the journey period?

#### Trains on Tori-Shivpur Line

†1231. SHRI SUNIL  
KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the trains presently being operated on Tori-Shivpur rail line;

(b) whether any passenger train is being operated or proposed to be operated on Tori-Shivpur rail line and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which Shivpur-Kathotia rail line is proposed to be operated;

(d) the present status of the said rail line; and

(e) the time by which Tori-Shivpur-Kathotia rail line is scheduled to be completed along with the details thereof?

#### Outlets at Stations

1232. SHRI BHAGWANTH  
KHUBA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any outlets at railway stations have been allotted by IRCTC to various companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of companies, zone-wise;

(c) whether it is true that many crores of rupees of the railways are outstanding against many companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Shortages of GDS in Madhya Pradesh

†1233. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge shortage of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) in the Parliamentary Constituency of Sagar and in Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of the sanctioned posts as against the actual strength of GDS in the aforesaid region;

(c) whether GDS are not willing to work in these districts due to shortcomings in the present selection process; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to start selection procedure at division level to recruit the locals and persons knowing regional language as Gramin Dak Sewaks?

#### Pending Divorce Cases

†1234. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that cases related to divorce and atrocities against women are pending for years in lower courts of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the pending cases particularly of Delhi, court-wise;

(c) whether the Government has fixed/proposed to fix any time limit for disposal of such cases;

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

#### Complaints in CVC

1235. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC *vide* their Circular No. 000/VGL/018 dated 23.05.2000 has intimated to all Chief Vigilance Officers (Government of India) to clearly indicate on each complaint its logic conclusion within specific time limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some complaints are pending in CVC for a long time and Complaint No. 011/MCD/043/145090 is one of them;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for pending of the complaint; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken in this matter?

#### NESIDS

1236. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT  
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps his Ministry plans to take under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) in the State of Sikkim;

(b) whether the scheme aims to cover creation of infrastructure in the social sector as well; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve health and education in the North Eastern Region?

#### **Relationship with Neighbouring Countries**

1237. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to improve its relation with the neighbouring countries; and

(b) the details of exchange programmes undertaken and agreements signed with the neighbouring countries during the last three years, areas, country and year-wise?

#### **Posting of Young IAS Officers**

1238. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to post young IAS officers in districts which rank low in development parameters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the IAS officers, having 3 to 5 years experience, would be considered for such posting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **STPIs**

1239. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a proposal to set up 3 Software Technology Parks (STPIs) at Angul, Sambalpur and Jajpur has been pending with DEITY for a long time now;

(b) if so, the details of action taken to expedite the consideration of the proposal;

(c) if no action has been taken, then the reasons therefor;

(d) the reasons to keep the proposal pending for so long;

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(f) whether the Government is aware of the in-principle approval accorded and feasibility reports submitted regarding these projects; and

(g) if so, the action taken in this regard?

#### **Telecom Services in Unviable Rural and Remote Areas**

1240. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for provision of telecom services in unviable rural and remote areas of the country;

(b) the details of the villages connected with the telecom services under the said schemes/programmes so far across the country, State/UT-wise and scheme/programme-wise;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme/programme-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide telecom services in each village of the country along with the achievements thereof?

#### **Stoppage of Trains at Attabira**

1241. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers stoppage of Express Trains like Bhubaneswar-Bolangir Intercity Express (12893), Nagabali Express (18309) at Attabira in view of large public demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **PSUs in Defence**

1242. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of her Ministry;

(b) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with foreign countries for production of equipment and if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to revitalize and make Defence PSUs and Ordnance factories more dynamic and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government so far; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to modernize?

#### **Thalassery-Mysore Railway Line**

1243. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any deadlock has been reported for the proposed project Thalassery-Mysore Railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

**Issue of Confirm Tickets**

1244. SHRI SISIR KUMAR  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways has started new ticket confirmation process through website;

(b) if so, the confirmation and cancellation chances probability of last two years trend thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to issue confirm tickets to passengers whenever and wherever the person needs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue confirm tickets to the patients travelling for treatment purpose for all the trains; and

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

**Setting up PSKs**

†1245. SHRI SHER SINGH  
GHUBAYA:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in the post offices of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of post offices in Jharkhand and Punjab where PSKs are likely to be set up and the details thereof?

**National Business Register**

1246. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch the National Business Register Platform (NBRP) to facilitate creation of a repository of information on economic activity from the formal and informal sectors on various socio-economic parameters including employment;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the timeframe by which NBRP will be launched; and

(c) whether the Government will collate the data from various registration authorities to create NBRP and if so, the details thereof?

**Socio-Economic Facilities to Minorities**

1247. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge gap between national average and that of minority communities on backwardness parameters;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities particularly in the field of education, health and skill development are still lagging behind;

(d) the other steps taken by the Government for welfare of minorities in the country; and

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

**AIJS**

†1248. SHRI RAM CHARAN  
BOHRA:  
DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the progress made in the creation of All India Judicial Service (AIJS) in the country;

(b) whether the suggestions sought from States and High Courts regarding the proposed AIJS, have been received and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any advisory council in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite creation of AIJS; and

(e) whether creation of such a service was ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in 2009 and if so, the status of implementation of such proposal?

**Dismissal of Absentee Workmen**

1249. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:  
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late, the Indian Railways has conducted a drive to identify the long-term absentee employees in its various establishments with a view to terminating their services and to improve the efficiency of the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a total of 13521 of 13 lakh employees in Groups C and D have been identified as chronic absentees who have been absent for a long term and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has initiated the process of holding disciplinary proceedings against the absentees in accordance with the regulations with a view to terminating their services; and

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

**Digitization of Rural Post Offices**

†1250. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect the rural post offices in the country with digital system and to provide major banking facilities in other one lakh twenty thousand post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to install more than one thousand automatic teller machines to facilitate the customers of post office saving bank in the coming three months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Improvement in Supervision

1251. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to increase the number of posts of additional divisional railway managers in all divisional offices to improve supervision;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of such additional divisional railway managers so far appointed by the railways, zone-wise?

#### Tellichery-Mysore Railway Line

1252. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether feasibility study of Tellichery-Mysore Railway Line has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

#### Constitution of ZRUCC and DRUCC

1253. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding the constitution of Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) and Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) in all zones and divisions;

(b) if so, the zone-wise status thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which they will be constituted; and

(d) the details about the members and meetings held so far specially in delhi division?

#### Hamari Dharohar

1254. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement made under ambitious scheme of Central Government named "Hamari Dharohar" in last three years;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under this scheme, State-wise and various project-wise; and

(c) the number of projects completed till now with regard to the conservation of rich heritage of minority communities under this scheme?

#### Signalling System

1255. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has lined up mega investment to scale up its operations,

including a revamp of the signaling system across its network and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways is considering electric locomotive unit and a station development plan for large cities such as Mumbai, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is planning extensive consultations to work out a model that serves the twin goals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Passenger Facilities

†1256. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Koderma and Hazaribagh road railway stations in Jharkhand State under East-Central railway are deprived of passenger amenities;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to modernise both the above mentioned stations;

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

(d) whether the Government has received any suggestions from the peoples' representatives/citizens regarding upgradation of the said stations; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken on the suggestion received in this regard?

#### Smart Railway Stations

1257. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocated for the development of railway stations on the lines of smart cities in the country so far along with the facilities upgraded/being upgraded at these railway stations under the said project;

(b) the number of railway stations of Gujarat identified under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT); and

(c) whether any special financial provision has been made for the railway stations in border areas under the said Mission and if so, the details thereof?

#### Make in India Initiative

1258. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to promote Defence and Aero manufacturing under Make in India initiative;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Government of Uttar Pradesh for setting up of Defence and Aero Manufacturing cluster in UP;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to plan such Defence and Aero manufacturing cluster in UP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Environment-Friendly Toilets

1259. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plans to install environment-friendly toilets in railway coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of implementation of the project and timeline for its completion; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Loan Agreement with Asian Development Bank**

1260. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently inked a huge loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for completion of projects to improve rail infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the loan amount will be used to complete the ongoing works commenced under earlier tranches;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of loan term and interest to be paid thereon?

#### **Coal Supply to Power Stations**

1261. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal supply to power stations from Coal India's mines has risen by 17% in September to 32 mt. from 27.4 mt. in the year ago period and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the coal shortage had returned to haunt power plants across the country after a gap of three years due to a combination of several factors involving coal India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the unprecedented rains hit coal production in coal mines of CIL badly during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Aadhaar For Homeless**

†1262. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of homeless people/people without a residential address across the country could not be issued aadhaar number so far;

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

(c) whether the Government plans to provide aadhaar number to such people; and

(d) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Business in IT Sector**

†1263. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business in IT sector has increased manifold;

(b) if so, the annual increase in IT business on an average in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether employment opportunities in the said sector have also been generated as per the said increase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status in Scientific Research**

†1264. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of India in the field of scientific research and development;

(b) the number of applications for patents for new inventions submitted by the Indian scientists *vis-a-vis* scientists of other developed/developing countries during the last three years;

(c) whether any concrete action has been taken by the Government to deal with slow rate of progress in the field of research and development in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind not paying any heed in this regard?

#### **Decline of Coal Production in Private Sector**

1265. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of coal has declined in the private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the production of coal in each of the coal mine in private sector in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the percentage of coal produced by private sector in the country?

#### **Shortage of IAS Officers**

1266. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall in the number of officers in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and difficulties being faced due to this shortfall especially in left wing extremism affected States like Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sanctioned strength of IAS officers against the actual number in the cadre at present, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to make up the shortfall; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Software Technology Parks**

†1267. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) have been set up in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose for setting up of STPI;

(c) the State-wise details of those software technology parks which have been registered and are functional at present;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more STPI units in the country; and

(e) if so, the names of the States/Union Territories where the Government proposes to set up these new STPI units?

#### Electrification of Tracks

1268. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether electrification of the track between Masagram/Sehara Bazar to Bankura and Arom Bankura to Sehara Bazar has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal for doubling of the line between the above two stations or the stretch and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of projects being considered in this stretch; and

(e) the time by which the work between Bishnupur to Tarakeswar line is likely to be completed?

#### Telecommunication Facilities in Lakshadweep

1269. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to improve Telecommunications and Broadband facilities in Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the result achieved thereon?

#### Purchase of Spares for An-32

1270. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government tried to find out the movement of funds to the tune of US\$ 2.7 million deposited in Noor Islamic Bank in Dubai in Global Marketing SP Ltd., account in connection with the alleged kickbacks given to Indian Defence officials in purchase of spares for military transport aircraft An-32; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Restrictions on Development Works

1271. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the proposal received from the Services regarding imposition of restrictions on development works around the land of Navy and Air Force and finalising a list of properties in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the issue is hanging on fire since long and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether peoples representatives from Mumbai had several meetings with Defence Ministry for finalising the list of properties where development works could be done;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the list is likely to be finalised and released; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### RUB at Sodepur Station

1272. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received request from various levels for construction of a 6 metre width RUB at Sodepur Railway Station of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the reasons for not constructing a 6 metre width RUB; and

(d) whether the Government will give priority to the requests of Members of Parliament and if so, the details thereof?

#### ROB/RUB in Maharashtra

†1273. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) in Maharashtra the construction work of which is pending at present;

(b) the reasons therefor; project-wise;

(c) the present status of construction work of the said pending ROBs, project-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has set any target for the completion of the said pending ROBs and if so, the details thereof?

#### Attacks on Indians

1274. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record of Indians who were attacked overseas during the last year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any policy for this and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has contacted the country concerned about Indian people getting attacked there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

#### Extension of Trains

1275. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations for extension of onward and return journey of (1) Train No. 19310 and 19309 Indore - Gandhinagar City - Indore, (2) Train No. 12656 and 12655 Navjeevan Express and (3) Train No. 19412 and 19411 Ajmer Intercity Exp. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above trains on reaching their destinations are parked in the yard for more than 12-15 hrs, which clearly paves way for extension of its service upto Rajkot without any operational or resource constraints;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Central Waqf Council

1276. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Waqf Council (CWC) is providing training through NGOs to women in tailoring & knitting, food processing, embroidery and cloth printing for their empowerment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the council is also providing coaching to the Muslim students for competitive examinations for jobs which are based at graduation level, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of schemes/programmes being implemented by the Ministry for educational empowerment of centrally notified minorities, with separate earmarking of targets for women/girls;

(d) whether at least 30 percent of the target under the schemes are earmarked for girl students; and

(e) if so, the details of specific schemes being implemented by the Ministry which are exclusively for women and the results thereof during the last three years, State-wise?

#### Training to Officers

†1277. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tradition of imparting training to the officers and staff is quite weak which impacts their working;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to adopt quality training system for officers and employees; and

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

#### Extradition of Financial Defaulters

1278. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians living abroad who have been involved in financial irregularities with the banks as well as who are under criminal investigation; and

(b) the steps being taken for the extradition of these persons?

#### Assistance for Development Programme

1279. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to continue central assistance for the area Specific Development Programmes like special plan for KBK, Backward Region Development Grant Fund and Integrated Action Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the measures taken for the development of such areas/regions?

#### SSC Paper Leak

1280. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of leakage of Staff Selection Commission (SSC) examination papers are increasing day-by-day in all over the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the examination paper with answers are found to be available on computer screen for some students and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that students who have cleared the examination criteria would not be given appointment letter by SSC;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Law University

†1281. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Law Universities and colleges located in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish more Law Universities in the country, location-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which they are likely to be established; and

(e) whether the Government also proposes to establish them in Tonk and Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

#### Jobless IT Graduates

1282. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that B.Tech graduates are not fit for hiring by the IT firms due to skill shortages;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any report regarding the issue;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding learnability and the skill development deficiency therein; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to tackle the problems of unemployment of the engineers in the country?

### Power of She Initiative

1283. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the "Power of She" initiative undertaken by the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT);

(b) whether the Ministry has set targets under the above mentioned initiative; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Average Rainfall

1284. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average rainfall has decreased in the country;

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

(c) the strategies and means his Ministry is using to measure and predict the rainfall?

### Opening of New Rake Points for Fertilizers

†1285. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open new rake points for fertilizers at Obedullaganj (distt. Raisen), Singrauli (distt. Singraulli) Bargava, Damon, Narsinghpur and Budni; and

(b) if so, the time by which these rake points are likely to be opened?

### Prevention of Corruption Act

1286. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL

SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) is slowing down decision making as it does not confine corruption to bribery or dishonest behaviour;

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

(c) whether the Union Government has set up a high level group to study the clauses of the aforesaid Act which are responsible for delaying the decision making and if so, the findings thereof;

### C-Vigil App

†1288. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps likely to be taken by the Government to bring C-vigil app to the knowledge of maximum number of people;

(b) whether any person can individually inform the Election Commission during election times about any illegal activities in the form of photos, videos and hate speeches; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Installation of CCTV at Stations

†1289. SHRIMATI BHAVANA

PUNDALIKRAO

GAWALI PATIL:

SHRIMATI REKHA

VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CCTV cameras installed at the railway stations during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(b) the number of CCTV cameras likely to be installed in the next financial year;

(c) whether crimes taking place in the trains and at the railway stations have gone up or declined in the last three years;

(d) whether the Union Government is considering amendment in the PCA to ensure that bonafide decisions that subsequently turn wrong are not treated as acts of corruption; and

(e) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

### Construction of Railway Lines in Naxalite Affected Areas

†1287. SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra for the release of 50% of the total amount to be spent in the construction work of railway lines in naxalite affected areas of the country particularly in Wadsa-Gadchiroli and Nagpur-Nagbhid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard till date;

(d) the reasons for delay in releasing 50% amount by the Government for the construction work of the said railway lines in naxalite affected areas; and

(e) the time by which this proposal is likely to be given a final shape?

(d) if so, the details of such registered cases and the number of cases which have been solved or on which action has been taken during the said period, zone-wise; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by Railways for the safety of passengers?

#### Social Network Platforms

1290. DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many foreign based social network platforms are existing in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to regulate foreign based social network platforms;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government intends to make it mandatory for them to install main frame servers within the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Bengaluru Cantonment-Whitefield Railway Line

1291. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has sanctioned any amount for quadrupling of the Bengaluru Cantonment-Whitefield railway line which is pending for over last 20 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the same;

(c) whether the required land has been acquired by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways is considering additional trains on the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield route due to the traffic snarls faced by the commuters due to metro-work; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Hindi as Language of Higher Judiciary

†1292. SHRIMATI NEELAM

SONKER:

SHRI HARISH CHANDRA

ALLAS HARISH

DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to authorise the lawyers to plead in Hindi in the Supreme Court and in Hindi and other regional languages in High Courts and to get justice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for English being the language of pleading for providing justice in the Supreme Court and High Courts in the country even after so many years of independence;

(d) the number of States where Hindi and other regional languages are the language for argument and judicial process; and

(e) the number of States where English is still the language of argument and

justice in the High Courts despite regional language being more enriched than English?

#### Eminent Persons Group

1293. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on Nepal-India relations have agreed to update all the bilateral treaties and agreements including the crucial Peace and Friendship Treaty signed in 1950 in line with the present reality of both the countries;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the Government of India thereon;

(c) whether the Government of India has since taken any other steps to strengthen its relations including bilateral treaties and agreements with Nepal; and

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

#### Strategic Rail Lines

1294. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:  
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY  
PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has since started the process of building strategic railway lines along the international borders including China border;

(b) if so, the details of such strategic railway lines decided to be built by Railways along international borders;

(c) the estimated amount invested so far or likely to be invested in the next few years to build the strategic railway lines;

(d) the time by which the task of building strategic railway lines along China border is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the Railways has proposed to expand its network in the hilly and rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps the Ministry is taking to ensure safe usage of these lines, and monitor infiltration, weapon transport as well as other illegal activities prevalent on the borders?

#### Aadhaar Enrolment at Banks and Post Offices

1295. PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start Aadhaar enrolment at banks and post offices;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the infrastructure to enable them to collect biometric data;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the modalities finalised by the Government in this regard?

### Modification in Passport Rules

1296. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any modifications in the rules related to passport applications in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken by the Government in view of recent incident in which an inter faith couple was asked to produce their marriage certificate; and

(d) whether the Government endorse such action and if so, the details thereof?

### Passport Simplification

1297. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the various measures taken by the Government to simplify the process of obtaining fresh passport; and

(b) the details of simplified process adopted by the Government to renew the passports which are kept pending?

### Pending Railway Projects

†1298. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:  
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether approximately 300 railway projects are pending at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures being taken by the Ministry to expedite these pending railway projects;

(c) whether disappointment over the performance of Railways was expressed in the Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2015 mandated by the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether as per the Urban Mobility India (UMI), Rs. 3 lakh crore and additional amount of Rs. 1 lakh crore are required for the completion of pending projects and doubling of railway tracks respectively; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to mobilise funds?

### Inter-Ministerial Task Force

1299. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) to undertake a comprehensive review of existing coal sources of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) having linkages and consider the feasibility

for rationalisation of these sources with a view to optimize transportation cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the methodology for linkage rationalisation of power producers has been accepted by the Government recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Jurisdiction over Courts

†1300. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the jurisdiction of district courts in some States still comes under the sphere of the district administration;

(b) if so, the details of such courts where the administrative officers look after the work of district courts;

(c) the reasons for not segregating the district administration from district courts; and

(d) the time by which such district courts are likely to be separated from district administration?

### NLCPR

1301. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation and expenditure of the Non Lapsable Central

Pool of Resources (NLCPR) fund during each of the last three financial years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned for Arunachal Pradesh under the NLCPR scheme during each of the last three financial years and the allocations made and expenditure incurred thereon, location-wise; and

(c) the details of allocation and expenditure of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the North East during each of the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18, State-wise?

### MoU regarding Electoral Management

1302. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Suriname on cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievement and amount spent on it as on date;

(c) the details of the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of organizational and technical development of electoral process; and

(d) the details of bilateral cooperation and technical assistance extended in electoral management and administration till date?

**Penalties against  
Telecom Service Providers**

1303. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has imposed penalties on leading telecom operators for failing to meet various quality of service benchmarks recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of deficiencies of these telecom operators that have come to the notice of the TRAI;

(c) whether the telecom operators are functioning as per set guidelines and procedure laid down by TRAI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by TRAI to ensure the compliance of the said guidelines by these telecom operators?

**Security in A&N Islands**

1304. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of various ongoing projects of the Central Government for better security in A&N Islands, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for inadequate pace of implementation of projects in certain districts of the UT;

(c) the estimate of livelihood opportunities made available through new

defence projects implemented in A&N Islands after June, 2014; and

(d) the comparative figures of amount spent on rural defence-related projects implemented in A&N Islands between 2009-14 and 2014-18?

**Security of Aadhaar Data**

1305. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA

KHAN:

SHRI HARISHCHANDRA

CHAVAN:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR

HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of incidents/cases where aadhaar data was leaked/breached and used illegally all over the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any investigation has been conducted against the agencies which were responsible for breach/leakage of aadhaar data;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against them;

(d) whether any FIR has been lodged by UIDAI in this regard during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the extent to which the aadhaar database is secure along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure the privacy/security of aadhaar data; and

(f) the mechanism put in place for usage of aadhaar data by Government

**Promotion of  
Digital Transactions**

1308. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:  
SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government initiatives taken for encouraging digital transactions in the country; and

(b) the details of increase/decrease digital transactions in the country post demonetisation, urban and rural area-wise?

agencies and the accountability of officials in case of negligence on their part in handling of such data along with the details thereof?

**Fly Ash**

1306. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort is made to make optimum utilization of fly ash as an environmentally sustainable and economically viable product; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Exemption from Aadhaar**

1307. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the cases where people suffering from leprosy have stopped receiving pension for the lack of Aadhaar card;

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

(c) whether the Government has clarified and notified any alternatives or exemptions for cases such as leprosy where it is not possible for the person to have his biometrics done, if so, the details of the exemptions and alternatives and if not, the reasons for having no such alternative or exemptions?

**Public Data Offices**

1309. DR. KAMBHAMPATI  
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets under the BharatNet project have been revised and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the role of the Public Data Offices (PDO) to be setup under the BharatNet project along with the mechanism for operation, control and regulation of Public Data Office Aggregators; and

(c) the details of skill development initiatives, if any, for enhanced employability of youth in the upcoming digital communication revolution as envisaged under draft telecom policy?

**VVPAT**

1310. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some political parties in the country, including those from Andhra Pradesh are insisting on Electronic Voting Machines with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a few political parties are preferring the old ballot system over the EVM's; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**CPGRM System**

†1311. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether though the usage of Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRMS) has increased following the expansion of information technology and general awareness of public, the redressal of grievance mechanism is still weak;

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

(c) whether the Government has constituted any committee for the redressal of complaints during the last four years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Government to make the grievance redressal system effective?

**Women Scientists**

†1312. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant special relaxation to the women scientists working in all research and academic institutions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for construction of residential complexes for them and also to provide creche facility in such institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Survey for New Rail Lines**

†1313. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH  
KULASTE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for new rail line from Jabalpur to Mandla-Rajnandgaon had been conducted by the Government in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether survey had been conducted for Jabalpur to Mandla, Dindori

Pendra in Madhya Pradesh too and if so, the details thereof?

**Interview at Lower Level in Government Jobs**

†1314. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has discontinued holding interview for lower grades in Government jobs and make recruitment on the basis of written examinations/eligibility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken, if any, in this regard?

**Transfer Policy**

†1315. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy for the transfer of employees of Central Government;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate single transfer policy for the Government employees in the country;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to constitute any commission for single transfer policy for both Central and State employees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Uranium Production**

†1316. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme to increase the production of Uranium in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of uranium in metric tonnes produced in the country and its annual requirement for production of atomic energy;

(c) the progress made so far with regard to the possibility of finding uranium deposits in the country, State/UT-wise especially in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(d) the quantum of requirement of uranium being met through the uranium produced in the country;

(e) the quantum of uranium imported from foreign countries along with the names of those countries from which import of uranium is made;

(f) the names of the various sectors and areas in which uranium is being produced/utilized in the country; and

(g) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to become self-reliant in the case of uranium and if so, the



details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Employment in IT Sector

†1317. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether new avenues of employment have been explored in the country under the Information Technology industry during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of the growth in quantum of revenue due to increase in employment in IT sector in the last three years?

### Mobile Facility in Jharkhand

†1318. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether measures are being taken by the Government to provide mobile phone facility in Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar and Gumla districts of Jharkhand under universal service obligation fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such mobile phone connections provided during the last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Illegal Agencies

†1319. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to take action against those agencies which illegally send Indians to foreign countries particularly West Asian countries for employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked to recruit people through the agencies set up by the State Governments to work as domestic help in these countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### New Railway Zones

1320. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sanction more railway zones considering the demands of various States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of existing criteria for formation of new railway zones;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the railways development activities in Kerala are lagging due to the lack of railway zone and if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether any proposal is pending to detach a portion of railway line from

Thiruvananthapuram Railway Division and attach it to the Madurai Railway Division and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Union Government has considered the request of State of Kerala for formation of new railway zone exclusively for Kerala and if so, the details of the action taken thereon?

### Increase in Cyber Crime

1321. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY: SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of cyber crime are increasing every passing year;

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

(c) whether the present IT laws are adequate to deal with the growing cyber crimes/attacks; and

(d) if not, the measures to be taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of software programmes and cyber network in the country?

### Rate Chart for Coolies

†1322. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coolies charge higher rate from the rail passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of complaints received by the Government in this regard, zone-wise;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government on these complaints, zone-wise; and

(d) the outcome of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

### Appointment of Lokpal

1323. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to appoint Lokpal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has constituted a selection panel for the same;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken towards appointing a Lokpal, which has been delayed for five years;

(d) whether the post of the eminent jurist in the selection panel for Lokpal had been vacant and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time-frame fixed to fill up these vacancies?

### Indians in Foreign Jails

†1324. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians are languishing in various jails of foreign countries;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard along with the number of Indians being kept as captive in these jails and the names of the respective countries where they have been lodged;

(c) whether the Government has made efforts during the past years to get such prisoners freed from jails; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent for the purpose from March 2015 to March 2018?

### **Categorization of Minority Community**

†1325. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the Government categorises minority communities;

(b) the State-wise population of Muslim community in various States of the country and the ratio of the population of Muslims in comparison to the total population of those States; and

(c) the steps being taken to give proportional representation to the Muslims in various commissions set up by the Government?

### **Special Uniform**

†1326. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the requirements of special uniforms for the

security of soldiers posted at borders/field areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding the time-bound procurement of bullet proof jackets and security equipment/uniforms for the soldiers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said procurement is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy for periodic review and necessary upgradation regarding the uniform of soldiers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### **LHB Coaches**

†1327. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

SHRI GURJEET SINGH  
AUJLA:

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of LHB coaches being manufactured by using new technique;

(b) the manner in which they are different from old and conventional coaches;

(c) whether the railway is contemplating to attach LHB coaches in all the express trains keeping in view the safety of passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the various steps being taken by the railways to check the accidents and to ensure passenger safety and whether any scheme is being worked out for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

### **PSK in Seoni**

†1328. SHRI BODHSINGH  
BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) has been approved for setting up in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether service has been started in this PSK and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Seoni postal department has interrupted the setting up of PSK by giving wrong information regarding unavailability of adequate space to their Ministry; and

(e) if so, the necessary efforts being made by the Government for setting up of PSK?

### **Sanctioned Railway Projects**

1329. SHRI MALLIKARJUN  
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the railway projects sanctioned during each of the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(b) whether a large number of railway projects are pending due to financial constraints;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/spent thereon so far, zone-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite completion of these projects in a stipulated time-frame?

### **Technical Agreement with UAE**

†1330. SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has taken place between India and the United Arab Emirates in the field of technical cooperation recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether along with technical agreement with the UAE, discussions have also taken place regarding investment in the Railways;

(d) if so, whether a consensus has been reached regarding investment in some projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Jan Sadharan Ticket Booking Seva**

1331. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to provide additional Jan Sadharan Ticket Booking Seva (JTBS) counters on MPs recommendations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to allocate one more JTBS in Malappuram District on account of population and distance from the Railway Stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Allocation of Backhaul Spectrum

1332. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to avoid the auction route for allocating backhaul spectrum, or airwaves, in the E and V bands to help enhance mobile phone signal carrying capacity between two towers, reduce call drops and improve voice and data quality and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether TRAI has recommended that E band spectrum be charged at Rs. 10,000 a year per slot of 250 MHz each with an initial promotional discount of 50% for three years from the date of allocation of the first carrier in this band and for spectrum in V band and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the working group on backhaul spectrum has proposed to allot such airwaves through auction instead of 'fixed fee' as suggested by TRAI and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the response of the Government thereto?

#### MoU for Mineral Exploration

1333. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed any

Memorandum of Understanding with any department/organisation for using satellite data for mineral exploration in the country during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the further action taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise?

#### Wage Structure of GDS

1334. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the date of effect of the revised TRCA, admissible DA and other allowances of the Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) from 01/01/2016;

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

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to govern the Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) under GDS Employees Conduct & Engagement Rules, 2011 as statutory Rules within Art. 309 of the Constitution of India to safeguard the livelihood of the GDS Employees and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of other alternatives, if any, proposed by the Government in this regard?

#### Allocation of Budget

1335. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of budget and actual expenditure incurred on modernisation of armed forces during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to allow the private sector to play a major role in the production of weapons for the armed forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the modernisation of armed forces in view of constant military threats by our neighbours?

#### FOBs in Patna City

†1336. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders for two Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) in Patna City and Rajendra Nagar and six FOBs in Gulzarbagh, Danapur and Neura under Danapur zone were issued in 2016 itself;

(b) if so, the time by which work on these FOBs is likely to be started;

(c) whether these FOBs have been sanctioned keeping in view the inconvenience being faced by the people while moving across the railway line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay?

#### Seats of Haj

1337. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of seats for Haj have been reserved under discretionary quota which are recommended by Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Vice-President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, various Ministries including Members of Parliament and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Jammu and Kashmir being a Muslim majority State has less number of seats resulting in a long wait period for pilgrims intending to perform Haj and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the Haj quota to private tour operators of the State and if so, the details thereof?

#### Nyaya Mitra Scheme

1338. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the numbers and particulars of cases disposed off under the Nyaya Mitra Scheme;

(b) the names of the States in which the programme has been implemented;

(c) whether any measures are being taken to extend the Scheme to other States; and

(d) if so, provide a timeline for the expansion of the programme?

#### Aadhaar for Direct Benefit Transfer

1339. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:  
SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Aadhaar was intended for direct benefit transfers of subsidies and other benefits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Government's rationale behind linking PAN, birth certificates, death certificates, voter ID, bank accounts, mobile phone numbers to Aadhaar number;

(d) whether instances of money laundering and black money have shown any decline post Aadhaar linkage; and

(e) if so, the details of the methodology of calculation used to assume at such figures?

#### Fire Incidents

†1340. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire incidents in the Railways reported in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the details of loss of lives and property and subsequent inquiry report in a recent major fire incident at Itarsi railway station and also in a major incident happened on 17th June, 2015;

(c) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to stop recurrence of fire incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Manufacturing of Defence Products

†1341. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the defence products manufactured in 41 ordnance factories of the country;

(b) whether the Government has provided adequate work to the said ordnance factories and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued licence to private industries for defence production and if so, the number of industries to which licences have been issued;

(d) the number of such private industries which have set up factories for defence production so far along with the number of factories which have started production and the details thereof;

(e) whether ordnance factories and public sector undertakings were taken into confidence before issuing licence to private industries for defence production and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether they had expressed their inability in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(g) the total production from such private factories so far; and

(h) whether such production have been found successful in army trials and if so, the details thereof?

#### Solar Panel on Trains

†1342. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has installed rooftop solar panels on some trains on experimental basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such experiment;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to install such rooftop solar panels on other trains;

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

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

#### Centres of Excellence

1343. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any plans to devise a system within the NITI Aayog to involve ideas and inputs of Indian students studying in premier institutions across the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry also plans to promote the idea of establishing Centers of Excellence in top universities across the world to attract ideas for India's development;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken in this regard so far?

#### Mobile Connectivity in North East Region

1344. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there is no proper mobile connectivity along the border in the North East and the rest of India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a joint survey was conducted by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Border Security Force (BSF) in the North East area of the country and if so, the details, the objectives and the outcomes thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the Indian forces posted at India-Bangladesh border are using Bangladeshi SIM cards to connect with their family and friends and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the number of mobile towers installed and proposed to be installed on the International border areas of North East Region along with the time frame set in this regard, State/UT-wise?

#### Delay in Construction of Solapur-Osmanabad Rail Line

†1345. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in construction work of Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad rail line;

(b) whether the survey work for said rail line has been completed and if so, the estimated cost of construction thereof; and

(c) whether any time frame has been stipulated for the completion of Solapur-

Tuljapur-Osmanabad rail line and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Light Touch Licensing

1346. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce the light touch licensing for those that register to provide public Wi-Fi services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to allow unlicensed entities to provide the aforesaid services and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said unlicensed entities may not have to share revenues with the Government and only need to follow rules on security, monitoring and lawful interception and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether establishing public Wi-Fi networks without licence will be illegal in view of violation of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering ways to make the said programme attractive for all stakeholders in a bid to rapidly roll out hotspots across the country by the end of 2018; and

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

#### Increase in Fare

†1347. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fares of trains are higher as compared to air fare;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the number of train passengers has decreased due to higher train fare;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to connect the passengers with train services by providing more new railway lines so that more people use train as a measure of transportation and travelling; and

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

#### Nuclear Power Station

1348. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a strong opposition to the installation of Nuclear Power Station at Jaitapur and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the present status of the said project;

(c) whether some of the European countries have closed down the nuclear power projects in their countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to review the installation of the said project in view of the closure of the nuclear projects in European countries and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Sainik Schools

†1349. DR. KARAN SINGH

YADAV:

SHRIMATI RANJANBEN

BHATT:

SHRI SISIR KUMAR

ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sainik schools in the country at present, location and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open new sainik schools in various places including in Alwar district;

(c) if so, the details thereof location and State-wise along with the time by which the said schools are likely to start functioning;

(d) the approximate percentage of students selected for employment in Army from these sainik schools;

(e) whether admission of girl students in Mizoram sainik school has been approved and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to approve the admission of girl students in all the sainik schools and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

#### Railway Safety Fund

1350. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI JITENDRA

CHAUDHURY:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL

SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRI KUNWAR

PUSHPENDRA SINGH

CHANDEL:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH

SHINDE:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has created a corpus of Rs. 1 lakh crore to give a major boost to safety-related works connected with tracks, rolling stock and proliferation of other safety technologies and training of staff and if so, the facts in this regard;

(b) whether this corpus has started funding safety related works and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all safety related measures have been compromised as over one lakh posts related to the railways' safety mechanism are vacant;

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;

(e) the manner in which the Government will use the corpus fund in the absence of workforce; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilization of corpus funds and to speed up safety-related works?

#### Electrification of Railway Network

1351. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has launched grand drive of 100 per cent electrification of the country's railway network and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the electrification of railways network in the country;

(c) whether the decision to electrify 100 per cent of the network was taken without adequate multi-disciplinary high level consultations and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a need for 100% electrification especially when massive working infrastructure is already in place for diesel traction and if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;

(e) whether the US multinational General Electric had signed an agreement with the Government in 2015 to build the modern diesel locomotive factory in a joint venture with the Railways to supply 1,000 high horsepower diesel engines exclusively to the Indian Railways over 10 years; and

(f) if so, the fate of the aforesaid agreement?

### NECTAR

1352. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR  
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate initiative for the implementation of the North East Centre for Technology Application and Research (NECTAR) since its inception;

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

(c) the financial allocation made to NECTAR during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the target set by NECTAR in different areas;

(e) the details of ongoing projects under the above centre; and

(f) the targets set and the achievements made so far?

### NMDFC

1353. DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) along with the details of utilization of allocated funds by NMDFC for the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes of NMDFC and the procedure to avail concessional loans under these schemes;

(c) whether most of the beneficiaries are not in a position to avail concessional loans provided under these schemes due to complicated procedures;

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

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to make NMDFC more effective?

### Coal Mafia

1354. SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention is drawn to coal mafia interfering in the management of Government owned coal mines in several States;

(b) if so, the details of such coal mines, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to get rid of such illegal and unauthorised interference of coal mafia and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any complaints have been received from the owners of private coal mines regarding such interference of coal mafia during the last three years and the current year; and

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

### Ceasefire Violations

†1355. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:  
SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:  
PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
DR. BHARATIBEN D.  
SHYAL:  
SHRI MALLIKARJUN  
KHARGE:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army has lost a soldier every third day in the line of duty during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of cases of ceasefire violation reported during the last three years and the current year at India-Pakistan Border particularly in Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) the number of personnel of Army, Border Security Force, Jammu & Kashmir Police and civilians killed and injured in the ceasefire violation during the said period, year-wise;

(d) the retaliatory action taken by the Government in this regard and the terrorists killed during the said period, year-wise;

(e) whether the Government has taken up the matter in UNO and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the UNO thereto; and

(f) whether defence experts/military officers have apprehended that Pakistan is unlikely to relent on ceasefire violation and if so, the details and the Government reaction thereto?

#### **Pending Commercial Disputes**

1356. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the commercial disputes are not disposed off in a time bound manner resulting in negative impact on Ease of Doing Business and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of commercial disputes pending in the country in various courts, the details for the last three years, year wise; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure that commercial disputes are disposed off in a time bound manner to promote Ease of Doing Business and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dedicated Freight Corridors**

†1357. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:  
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (DFCP);

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the scheme till date, State-wise including Gujarat;

(c) the States and corridors selected under the scheme till date alongwith the current status thereof;

(d) whether the Government is facing any type of difficulties in certain States for its construction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor and the measures taken by the Government to deal with these difficulties?

#### **MoU of RFI**

1358. SHRI K.N.  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN  
R.K.:  
SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from MPs to probe into the issue of approval of MoU of RFI with a Technological Partner as decided by the Board Meeting of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) held on 28 Feb. 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of vacancy position;

(c) whether the OFB has written any specific reply on 24 October 2017 to the Department of Defence Production with regard to this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Passport Offices in the Country**

1359. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:  
SHRI CHANDRAKANT  
KHAIRE:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of passport offices and Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) currently operational across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government has prepared/is preparing a list of the areas where new passport offices and PSKs may be opened and existing one's to be modernised in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for maximum coverage area under these centres; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to introduce any new scheme in this regard across the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Absolute Poverty Line**

1360. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the findings of NSSO Consumer Expenditure Survey 2017-18, which form the basis of calculations of absolute poverty, have been released by the Government;

(b) if so, the main findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which such findings are likely to be released;

(c) whether the Government has taken/proposed to take care of the World Bank's suggestions of poverty line for 'the poor', 'lower middle income' and 'upper middle income' in the process of defining an absolute poverty line in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

#### **Collapse of ROB in Andheri**

1361. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made an estimation of the loss of property in the collapse of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in Andheri, Mumbai in the recent past;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry to fix accountability of such collapse of ROB;

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

(e) the number of such incidents along with loss of property and lives reported therein across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

#### **Crew Escape System**

1362. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) clients along with the revenue generated during each of the last three years;

(b) the total amount allocated, disbursed and spent by ISRO for its projects during the said period;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make ISRO a profitable organization;

(d) whether the ISRO has carried out a series of tests to qualify a Crew Escape System recently; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the aims/objectives thereto and expenditure incurred thereon?

#### **Pilferage of Coal**

1363. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of illegal coal mining and coal pilferage are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported during the last six months, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out quantum of revenue losses due to coal pilferage every year and if so, the details of the survey;

(d) whether alleged involvement of some of the security personnel and officers of various companies have come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Union Government has launched the Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS) and mobile application 'Khan Prahari' to monitor unauthorised activities and if so, the details along with the features and the objectives thereof;

(f) whether there is a need for spreading greater awareness about the App among the workers of coal India subsidiaries and the common man so that illegal mining activities could be stopped;

(g) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(h) the other steps taken by the Union Government to curb the illegal coal mining?

#### **DNA Technology Regulation Bill**

1364. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the DNA Technology Regulation Bill, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government decided to expand the application of DNA-based forensic technologies to support and strengthen the justice delivery system of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up DNA data banks across India to store profiles and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the development and application of DNA technologies;



(f) whether the Government has included provision of jail term to those who leak the information stored in DNA data banks and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

#### **Encroachment on Railway Land**

†1365. SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any Action Plan for removal of encroachment from railway land across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times demolition drive was conducted by the Railways under different zones during the year 2014 and 2017 along with the area of land cleared from encroachers as a result thereof, zone-wise;

(d) the total area still under encroachment along with the steps taken to clear encroachment; and

(e) the action being taken by the Railways on priority basis for construction of boundary wall at railway stations located in densely populated areas with a purpose to check encroachments and proper maintenance of railway stations?

#### **People Living Below Poverty Line**

1366. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:  
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING  
योजना मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people are living below poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and as on date, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that India has been able to reduce the number of people living below the poverty line considerably during the last few years;

(d) if so, the details of the number of people living in poverty according to various studies by national as well as international agencies and the basis of measuring poverty rate in each study; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to uplift the BPL people?

#### **Contract for Bullet Proof Jackets**

†1367. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
रक्षा मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether contract for providing bullet proof jackets of international standard for the Army has been signed

under Make in India initiative and if so, the details of number of jackets likely to be procured under the said contracts;

(b) the norms adopted by the Government for the said contract; and

(c) the number of institutes who participated in the bidding along with the number of institutions selected out of them and the details thereof, institution, company-wise?

#### **Digital India Initiative**

1368. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS  
संचार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the challenges faced by the Government in the effective implementation of Digital India initiative and the measures taken by the Government to tide over the said challenges;

(b) the number of internet subscribers in the country separately in rural and hilly areas, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the estimated fund required and allocated for the said purpose, State/UT-wise?

#### **Violation of Promotion Rules**

1369. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER  
प्रधान मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of violations of promotion rules by the States in case of All India Service officers creating anomaly

in overall cadre of same batch have come to the notice of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such cases which have come to notice during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has established or proposes to monitor such type of violations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the guidelines and instructions issued in this regard from time to time?

#### **Security and Safety of Passengers**

1370. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Railways to improve the security and safety of passengers;

(b) whether the Railways is contemplating establishment of a separate authority for this purpose in the name of "Railway Safety Authority"; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shoreline Mapping**

1371. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH  
SCIENCES  
पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the shoreline mapping

programme for the coastal region of the country particularly in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Odisha coast;

(c) the details regarding vulnerable regions in Odisha coast for sea erosion during high tide period;

(d) whether any research activity has been undertaken by the Ministry to find out development of effective means to check sea erosion and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government furnishes and shares information and data regarding shoreline and seabed with the concerned State/district authorities for better coordination and common benefit of the country specially in Odisha?

#### Asylum Seekers

1372. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether over thousands of asylum seekers from India have been branded as illegal migrants and are in jails of different countries;

(b) if so, the country-wise Indians incarcerated in different countries as illegal migrants; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to bring them back to the country?

#### Social Security Agreements

1373. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any Social Security Agreements with various countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of Indian expatriates, benefited through such agreements during the last three years, country-wise?

#### Committee for Data Protection

1374. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a 10 member committee meant to suggest a framework to ensure protection of digital data including a draft law on data privacy has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the committee held many rounds of public consultations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Urban Infrastructure Development Projects

†1375. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of urban and infrastructure development plans operational/proposed in small and medium cities of Rajasthan;

(b) the city-wise details of the proposals sanctioned under these plans during each of the last three years and the current status of work in these cities; and

(c) the number of proposals lying pending and the time by which these pending proposals are likely to be sanctioned along with the current status of the said proposals in Rajgarh and Taranagar tehsils of Churu district?

#### Shekatkar Committee

1376. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government appointed Shekatkar Committee on defence reforms and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;

(d) whether the Government has accepted 65 recommendations of the committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which remaining recommendations are likely to be accepted and implemented keeping in view the rising threat perception from neighbouring countries?

#### e-Ticketing System

1377. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched new user interface of its Next Generation e-Ticketing (NGeT) System recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it provides user-friendly, easy and fast way of booking rail tickets by automating journey planning and purchase of tickets;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it will provide enhanced class, train, destination, departure and arrival time and quota-wise filters for facilitating customers while planning their journeys; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Backward/Aspirational Districts

†1378. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of districts of Bihar declared as backward/aspirational districts;

(b) whether the Government proposes to include more districts in the list;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to remove the backwardness of these districts and extent to which the success has been achieved?

**Revision in Wage Structure of GDS**

†1379. SHRI SANJAY KAKA  
PATIL:  
SHRIMATI KAVITHA  
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the revision in the wage structure and allowances of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) recently and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government is considering to constitute new pay revision committee for GDS engaged in postal service as per the recommendation made by Kamlesh Chandra Committee; and

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(c) the provision being made by the Union Government with regard to revision of salary of GDS as per the recommendation of Finance Commission?

**Power Transmission Lines**

†1380. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the disinvestment of power transmission lines of the railways;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue likely to be earned by the Railways from the said disinvestment; and

(c) the items on which the said revenue is likely to be spent?

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