

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)

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Promotion Policy

3451. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether army has worked out and implemented and also revised promotion policy to benefit officers of the ranks of Major General and Lieutenant General and others for fast track promotions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Article 16 (4a) by MTNL

3452. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) with reference to reply given in Lok Sabha on 21st March, 2018 by

Ministry of Communications to the unstarred question (USQ) 4230, whether the Government's attention is drawn towards the fact that Article 16 (4a) of the Constitution has been violated by Department of Telecom (DoT) and MTNL by defying instructions issued *vide* DoP&T OM No. 2001/1/2001-Estt. (D) dated 21st January, 2002;

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

(c) whether contradictory replies have been given by the Ministry to Parts (c) & (d) of USQ 4230 and part (b) of USQ 2852 by M/o Social Justice and Empowerment and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Caste (NCSC) has failed in discharging its duty required to be performed under Article 338 (5) (a) & (b) to safeguard consequential seniority of MTNL officers belonging to SC category and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure implementation of the said DoP&T instructions along with the action taken by the Government against the errant officials of DoT and MTNL?

Shortfall of Trained Employees

3453. SHRI K.R.P.

PRABAKARAN:

SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to include in industry the "Train the Trainee" (TTT) programme due to shortfall of trained employees in the sector;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to appoint any committee to observe the standardisation of skills;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government so far; and

(e) the fund allocation in this regard for the last three years and current year?

Shifting of Border Pillar

3454. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether international border pillar No. 81 at India-Myanmar border has been shifted 8 km. inside India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether Manipur Government has requested Union Government for time bound action; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to reinstall the border pillar at its previous place?

Notice to Website

3455. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

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

(a) the number of show cause notices which have been issued to the websites for spreading hatred during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any such websites have been shut down till date;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cost Effectiveness and Health Hazards of NPP

3456. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made to assess the cost effectiveness and the health hazards from the nuclear power plants *vis-a-vis* renewable sources of energy like solar, wind, etc.;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Legal Steps to Guard Digital Payments

3457. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any legal steps to guard digital payments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has appointed any committee for monitoring of measures for safety of digital payment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any complaints have been registered in this regard so far; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Start-ups in Space Sector

3458. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of start-ups involved in space sector that have been registered in the country during each of the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) the efforts made by the Government towards creating a vision/

roadmap in developing foundation for start-ups involved in space sector in the country;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals for Foreign Direct Investment in the space sector during each of the last five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in Promotion

†3459. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL: SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines to all its departments and State Governments to implement quota in promotion for employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move is the outcome of a recent verdict of the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of Churches

3460 SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of churches functioning in the country as on date, church-wise and State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government has any criteria/policy with regard to starting new

churches in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has received complaints on any issue from churches in the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

OBC Employees

3461. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment level of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Central Government services is far below the recommended quota of 27 per cent and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the employment level of the OBC employees in Group A cadre in Government departments and Constitutional bodies stands at mere 17 per cent and 14 per cent and the employment level of the OBC employees in Group B cadre stands at 14 per cent and 15 per cent respectively and the employment level of the OBC employees in Group C and D cadre is not much different;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Change in Passport Laws

3462. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to bring a change in passport laws to exempt infants from being physically present for a biometric finger print;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mathematical Olympiad

3463. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

SHRI ASHOK

SHANKARRAO

CHAVAN:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who have been awarded medals in International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) during each of the last three years;

(b) the criteria fixed by the Government for selection of students to participate in IMO;

(c) whether India has participated in 59th IMO held in Romania recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of Indian students who participated in the said Olympiad;

(e) the performance of Indian students in the above said event; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the performance of students?

CCTV at Surat Station

†3464. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any policy regarding installation of CCTV surveillance system in parcel office, goods yard and Head TC room for the security of passengers; and

(b) if so, the time by when this policy is likely to be implemented at Surat railway station?

War Memorial

3465. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of India's first war memorial to remember soldiers who have sacrificed their lives since 1947, around the national capital's India Gate;

(b) the salient features of the war memorial;

(c) the time by which the war memorial is likely to be completed and opened for general public;

(d) whether the entry to the memorial complex is likely to be free for public and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to display the arsenals including tanks

captured from Pakistan during war and if so, the details thereof?

Migration to OECD

3466. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

SHRI ASHOK

SHANKARRAO

CHAVAN:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) outlook 2018, the number of Indians migrating to rich countries belonging to the OECD has doubled since the turn of the century;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same, OECD country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has noticed any decline in migration to OECD and other countries by Indian nationals during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) the progress so far achieved by India Centre for Migration and its role in curbing migration or facilitating in migration of Indians; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop brain-drain from India?

Performance of Employees

†3467. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any data is prepared by the Government for rewarding or punishing the railway employees/officers on the basis of their good or bad performance and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the conspiracy for effecting accident in 13237 Patna-Kota express at Duriabad in Barabanki district was foiled by the train driver in May 2018, but the engine of the train got derailed;

(c) if so, whether cases of such vigilant and efficient personnel, who have protected the assets of the Railways have been reviewed during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, whether zone-wise data has been collected for rewarding or punishing such employees; and

(e) if so, the details of the policy of the Government for rewarding and promoting personnel rendering excellent work?

Net Neutrality

3468. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for telecom companies to treat the internet as a public utility and not a luxury;

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

(c) whether the Government is planning any revision in net neutrality framework; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Small Stations in Assam

3469. SHRI KAMAKHYA
PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to upgrade the small stations in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has any proposal to upgrade the small stations of Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to upgrade facilities like passenger waiting rooms etc. at such stations?

Dedicated Freight Corridors

†3470. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI KUNWAR

PUSHPENDRA

SINGH CHANDEL:

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL

SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH

SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Eastern and Western Freight Corridors;

(b) the time frame fixed for the completion of these projects initially;

(c) the expenditure incurred on the projects so far;

(d) the original cost of the project and the revised cost due to delay in its completion and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(e) the names of the funding agencies of the two projects, project-wise?

Artificial Intelligence

3471. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of thrust areas identified for employing Artificial Intelligence in Armed Forces; and

(b) the extent of use of drones in Armed Forces and feed back obtained on the same?

Proposals by Gujarat Government

†3472. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pertaining to Railways the Government has received from the Government of Gujarat during the last three years, proposal-wise;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of proposals of the Government of Gujarat which are pending at present; and

(d) the location-wise details of the said proposals along with the reasons behind the pendency of each proposal?

Promoting Relations with China

†3473. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to evolve new methods to promote relations between people of India and China and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard till now;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of Coal

3474. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

SHRI KAMAL NATH:

SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of coal by various power plants and supply made to them during each of the last three years and the current year, plant/State-wise;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passport employees have demanded that the authorities should consider merger of the passport office with the Ministry of External Affairs;

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

(c) whether many proposals approved by the cabinet are yet to be implemented in the passport offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not implementing them?

Indian Workers in USA

3477. SHRI MAGANTTI
VENKATESWARA RAO
(BABU):

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skilled professionals from India working in the USA, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in tackling the recent visa restrictions imposed by the American Government under the H1B and H4 categories?

Privacy of User Data

3478. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

(b) whether there is coal shortage in the country which is likely to persist for the next 2-3 years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to enhance production of coal and improve supply of coal to power sector;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps and directed CIL and State to import coal to bridge the gap between the demand and supply and if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(e) if so, the price at which coal is being imported from external agencies; and

(f) whether the private companies or captive miners have been allowed selling coal in open market and if so, the details thereof?

National Transporter's Revenues

3475. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set a target of doubling the national transporter's revenues to Rs. 4 lakh crore by 2025 to make it profitable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether over this period, the total investment by the Railways would be about Rs. 9 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether full electrification was planned by the Government to save around Rs. 15,000 crore in fuel bill; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Merger of Passport Office

3476. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
 DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
 SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
 SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
 SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
 SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
 SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
 SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
 SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
 SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
 SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
 SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
 SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge chunk of data is being generated on smart phone and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the data collated by mobile application over a period of time can be used to profile people which poses a risk to data privacy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing framework for protection of personal data of telecom consumer is sufficient and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has made recommendation that all entities that

process personal user data should be brought under a data protection framework and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the mobile operators thereto;

(e) whether the Government had set up a committee under Justice B. M. Srikrishna to deliberate on a data protection framework for the country which has submitted its report to the Government and if not, the reasons for delay along with the time by which it is likely to be submitted;

(f) whether entities controlling and processing user data do not have primary rights over the data and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(g) whether there is a need to spread awareness about data protection and privacy issues so that the users can take well informed decisions about their personal data and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Examination-based Cadre/Service Allocation

3479. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for examination-based cadre and service allocation to UPSC qualified probationers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present practice and the divergent plan therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the new system is likely to pay weightage and thus

respect position to the topmost posts of civil servants?

Infection of Cows at Sainik Dairy Farm

†3480. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cows at defence dairy farm situated in Jabalpur have been infected with a communicable disease;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to sell those cows;

(d) if so, whether the institutions have refused to buy these cows because of this deadly disease; and

(e) if so, whether treatment for the said disease is not available and if so, the reasons therefor?

Southern Railways

3481. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal of bringing Mangaluru Central and Mangaluru Junction of Mangaluru railway region under the Konkan Railway or the South Western Railway from the Palakkad Division of Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also

proposes to separate Thiruvananthapuram-Tirunelveli and Nagercoil-Kanyakumari lines from the Thiruvananthapuram Division of Southern Railway and bring them under the Madurai Division of Southern Railway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Jan Aushadhi Kendras

†3482. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of railway stations of Maharashtra where medical stores have been opened;

(b) whether licence to open a medical store at railway platforms for facilitating passengers can be given to the unemployed graduates and the stakeholder pharmaceutical firms; and

(c) if so, the prospective scheme in this regard?

Train Captain Service

3483. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Railways is considering to deploy onboard Train Captains who will solely handle the responsibility to redress the problems of the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Railways has identified trains for introduction of Train Captains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Internet Filtering System

3484. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian internet service providers have installed the highest number of internet filtering system and blocked the maximum number of web pages;

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

(c) whether an investigation has been conducted by overseas agencies in this regard; and

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

Study on Cyber Threat

3485. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to identify the cyber threats in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Coal Mine Workers

3486. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of coal mine workers working in different State-owned coal mines across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the number of facilities including safety facilities being provided to these workers across the country;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints at present in some of the States in connection with violation of safety guidelines in their mines and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make these coal mines/all coal mines as zero accidental; and

(e) whether the Government has issued guidelines to States to provide training to workers for safety during the work time and if so, the details thereof?

Cases Disposed Off by Courts

†3487. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state the average number of cases disposed off in the lower Court/High Court and the Supreme Court across the

country during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Pay Revision Committee for BSNL

3488. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO
RAUT:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted third Pay Revision committee for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited's (BSNL) employees and if so, the details and the major recommendations thereof along with the time by which the said committee is likely to submit its recommendations to the Government;

(b) whether the Government has implemented the said recommendations of the committee and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation from employee unions and Members of Parliament for early implementation of the said committee report in BSNL and sorting out pending issues with regard to the pay revision and if so, the details thereof and

the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government has implemented the recommendations of the second Pay Revision Committee in its entirety and there are no left over issues thereof and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has proposed to create a separate mobile tower subsidiary for hiving off BSNL's mobile tower infrastructure and if so, the details and the status thereof along with the time by which the said subsidiary is likely to be operational?

Technology for Lethal Weapons

3489. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ordnance factories has adequate technological knowhow and capacity to produce different types of lethal weapons required for the Defence and Home Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of such types of weapons produced by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) during the last three years and the current year, year, company and type-wise;

(d) the revenue generated through the sale of such weapons during the above period, year-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has imported lethal weapons and if so, the quantity of lethal weapons imported during the above period, year, company and type-wise?

Development of Railway Facilities in Sri Lanka

†3490. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an agreement for the development of railway facilities in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Demographic Data of UIDAI

†3491. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to share the demographic data of UIDAI with the State of Rajasthan;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agreements for Coal Mining

3492. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Coal India Limited (CIL) has carried out/proposes to carry out any agreement with the foreign companies for both open and underground coal mining in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage stake held by such countries in coal mining in the country, country-wise?

Setting up of Residential Schools

3493. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved for setting up of residential schools and other schools, on the lines of concentrated blocks/towns under its flagship scheme of multi-sectoral development programme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of schools that have been set up in various State Government till date;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to set up more such schools in minority dominated States;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to formulate any action plan for setting up 100 Kendriya Vidyalayas in minority dominated areas; and

(e) if so, the names of locations where work has been started under PPP model in regard to the said action plan?

Technology for Rural People

3494. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has succeeded in promoting low cost technology based initiative in rural sector in the whole country in terms of fulfilling the rural people's aspirations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the assessment regarding the success of Umang App;

(c) whether Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) are being properly utilized in systematic growths of e-platform for service delivery, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the details of start-up enterprises registered under Digital India programme?

Mobile Connectivity in Uttar Pradesh

†3495. SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient network range is available for providing easy connectivity in all the areas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether effective steps are being taken by the Government for addressing the complaints regarding the services of BSNL in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects in Neighbouring Countries

3496. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to complete all foreign projects committed during the last five years in the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details of bilateral projects with their present status;

(c) the funds allocated for the said projects and utilized during the above period, year-wise; and

(d) the timeline fixed for the completion of these projects and the funds required therefor?

Open End and Underground Mines

†3497. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of open end coal mines and underground mines are operating for the last several years without getting any environment and forest clearance;

(b) if so, the company-wise details of such coal mines; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government against such open end coal mines in this regard?

Modernisation of Infrastructure in Courts

3498. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for modernisation and infrastructure development of high courts and lower courts during the last year and the current year, court-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals to increase the said allocation; and

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

Fake Certificates/Documents

3499. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed 16 cases against persons who have secured Government jobs by submitting fake certificates;

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

(c) the reasons, if any, for delay in the said cases;

(d) whether the Government has taken a decision to sack officials who got jobs using fake certificates/documents and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministries/ Departments have been asked to compile information of candidates who got their jobs with fake certificates and initiate the process for their dismissal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Submission of OBC Certificate

3500. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether candidates have been facing difficulties in obtaining/submitting OBC Certificate in prescribed format for applying / joining Government jobs due to the rule that OBC Certificates should be updated about the current financial status the income criteria for exclusion of creamy layer as result of which many OBC candidates are denied the opportunity for further improving their career prospects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether even those candidates, who have been selected on the basis of valid OBC Certificate and joined Government service, face the problem of producing latest Certificate when they further apply for jobs in other government organizations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is urgent need for simplification of rules regarding requirement of producing OBC certificate for government employees by exempting them from it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Mobile Internet Download Speed

3501. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's average mobile internet download speed is around 9.01 Megabyte Per Second (Mbps) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per a survey, the country ranks 109th in terms of average mobile internet download speed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the ranks of other developed and developing countries in the said survey; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the said mobile internet download speed in the country?

Weather Satellites

3502. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of satellites launched by ISRO specifically to predict accurate weather forecast, rainfall, cyclones etc. with a view to helping common man, farmers and fishermen;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch more satellites in the country to provide all useful information for common people, agriculturists, fishermen and rural industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pension Scheme

3503. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce pension scheme for short service candidates in defence sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to approve pension and other welfare schemes for defence personnel serving less than 15 years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation from Military Service Pensioners Association in this regard; and

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

Shortage of Staff in Passport Offices

3504. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were 2697 passport office employees in 2009-10 against approximately 60 lakh applications and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been an increase of 65 lakh applications requiring appointment of additional 2080 staff members and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of passport office employees have been posted at various other offices on deputation resulting in shortage of staff at passport offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare Schemes

†3505. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the common man is not getting the proper benefit of majority of the welfare schemes due to lack of wide publicity of these schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government proposes to give wide publicity to its ongoing/proposed schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of the monitoring mechanism put in place for the proper utilisation of the funds?

Safety in Rail Operations

3506. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that laying of new lines and doubling of tracks have suffered because of the focus on safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has asked its zones not to compromise safety while undertaking the work of laying new lines and doubling of tracks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption under MPLAD Schemes

3507. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of corruption/irregularities in the implementation of schemes under MPLADS have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the punitive action taken by the Government in this regard along with the funds recovered therefrom; and

(c) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme in the country?

Rail Neer

†3508. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to ensure supply of Rail Neer at all major railway stations and trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the sale of local brands and sub-standard bottled water at most of the railway stations and trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether there is likelihood of supply of Rail Neer being made mandatory by the Government and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to make available either safe drinking water or Rail Neer at all railway stations?

eSIM

3509. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed the use of Embedded Subscriber Identity Module (eSIM);

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

(c) whether eSIM is a virtual equivalent of normal SIM cards and come embedded in the mobile device and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these eSIM cannot be removed from the device but can be updated over the air and if so, the details thereof?

Converting Sea Water to Potable Water

3510. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR has developed a technology to convert sea water into potable water to mitigate the shortage of potable water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the technology developed by CSIR is too, costly or economically unviable to be used on a large scale; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make it economically more viable?

Biometric Attendance System

3511. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether biometric attendance system has been introduced in the various departments and offices of the Ministry of Railways to ensure punctuality of employees and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said system has also been introduced in the Customer Care Institute of the Ministry located in Kishanganj, Delhi;

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

(d) the time by which the aforesaid system is likely to be introduced in Customer Care Institute, Kishanganj?

Rajdhani Train to Vadodara

3512. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is contemplating to run Rajdhani Train from Delhi to Mangalore *via* Vadodara and Madgaon and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for not running important trains like Rajdhani on this route so far; and

(c) whether the Ministry is contemplating to run YPR Duranto Express (12214/12213) from weekly to at least thrice a week and if so, the details thereof?

Safety Fund

3513. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has felt any difficulty to contribute to the rail safety fund namely Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh, as targeted;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of action that has been taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of safety projects undertaken by the Government since creation of the above 'Kosh'?

Look East Agenda

3514. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Look East Agenda for the North Eastern Region;

(b) the details of funds allocated and the number of projects under the said agenda till date; and

(c) the future targets under the said agenda?

Profiling of Citizens

3515. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to electronically profile the DNA of citizens in the country with an intension of incorporating the data captured into the Aadhaar database; and

(b) if so, the objectives and the reasons therefor?

Extension of Railway Lines in Rajasthan

3516. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase in the railway line networks during the current year and the previous three years along with the average increase in the railway lines per month during these periods;

(b) the details of the length of railway lines replaced/upgraded during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the current number of projects for extension of railway lines which had been initiated and where survey to ascertain cost and feasibility has been done around the country and specifically in Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to start railway project in Rajganjmandi-Neemuch-Badi Sadri and if so, the details of the progress made, budget allocated along with the estimated time period which has been fixed for the completion of the project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Covered Platforms

3517. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in the country specially in Odisha;

(b) the number out of them which have covered platforms particularly in Odisha;

(c) the number of covered platform stations which can accommodate 20 to 23 coach train in Odisha; and

(d) the details of measures taken to provide roof in all railway stations and to extend the covered platforms to accommodate all coaches in Odisha?

Letter from MPs

†3518. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:
DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued/likely to issue instructions to all Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings/bodies to immediately issue proper acknowledgement and take speedy action within stipulated time period on all the letters of the Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such advisory has been issued/likely to be issued to State Governments also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Regional Imbalances

†3519. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether regional imbalance still exists in various States despite implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and the other measures taken by the Government;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify regional imbalances among the States;

(d) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government to remove such imbalances; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to increase the funds under (CSS) for backward districts in these States and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Development of NER

3520. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to bring the North Eastern Council under the direct control of the Home Ministry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated the first-ever Regional Road Corporation in the form of North-East Road Development Scheme to boost development and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any new policy/scheme to make funds available for projects critical to the development of North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether his Ministry has approved a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs. 480 crore for the development of cooperative sector in the State of Manipur and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken to create a platform towards awareness and initiation of entrepreneurship development based on natural resources of the above region?

Ustad Scheme

3521. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Ustad scheme and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;

(b) the total number of artisans who received assistance under Ustad scheme since the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether any assessment is being made on the level of attainment the artisans have gained out of this and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has decided to add a component Ustad Samman Samagam in the existing scheme of Ustad and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is also considering to felicitate veteran artisans from the minority communities and if so, the details thereof?

Lithium-ion Batteries

3522. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO is offering production technology for producing lithium-ion batteries to Indian industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ISRO has also invited industries to take up other new technologies from its centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by it from the industry?

Doubling of Railway Lines in Gujarat

3523. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received representations from various organisations/road users as well as from the Government of Gujarat for doubling of railway lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the time-frame fixed for each project;

(c) the number of surveys that have been proposed for doubling of railway lines in Gujarat during the last three years *i.e.* from 2011-12 to 2016-17;

(d) the number of surveys of doubling of railway lines started and completed along with the time by which the remaining projects will be started and completed; and

(e) the status of work related to doubling of Rajkot-Veraval railway line that has been taken up and the time-frame fixed for its completion?

Speed of Swarna Jayanti

3524. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering of increasing the speed of Swarna Jayanti New Delhi-Ahmedabad Rajdhani Express trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that increasing the speed of Swarna Jayanti New Delhi-Ahmedabad Rajdhani Express trains would benefit a large number of passengers if it is extended upto Rajkot;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of Uranium

3525. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:

SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any MoU with foreign countries for the import of Uranium and other Nuclear Fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of uranium imported from various countries and the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is shortage of fuel for Atomic/Nuclear Power plants in the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the country is likely to become self-dependent in the field of atomic/Nuclear fuel?

Ghatak Project

3526. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ghatak project of stealth combat drones with initial Rs. 2650 crore is years away from completion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has now fixed any target to complete the said project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Railway Network

3527. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA HANSDAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any plans for expansion of Railway network in Mayurbhanj, being a tribal and backward district of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are plans for connecting Bangriposi to Gorumahisani, Badampahar to Rairangpur and Buramara to Chakulia; and

(c) if so, the details and the status thereof?

BPL People in NER

3528. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average monthly annual income of BPL people/families in NER;

(b) whether due to shortage of industrial units in the region, the population of BPL families are increasing;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the socio-religious category; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure overall improvement in the living standard of BPL population in the region during the last three years?

New Era of Digital Communication

3529. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any concrete action plan/scheme to usher India into a new era of digital communications; and

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

Mumbai's Congested Railway Network

3530. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the huge congestion, line crack and mechanical failure in the Mumbai Suburban Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures being contemplated by the Government to decongest these lines;

(d) whether proposals of executing two new major lines to decongest the rail network of Mumbai on cost sharing basis with the Government of Maharashtra are under consideration of the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by when these proposals will be approved to provide relief to Mumbai Railway commuters?

Four Railway Zones

3531. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are States which have been placed under more than one railway zone;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and also the reasons for placing Karnataka under four railway zones, *i.e.* south western, southern, south central and central railway;

(c) whether representatives of the State especially MPs had requested to keep Karnataka under one railway zone; and

(d) if so, the reservations the Government has about placing the State under one Railway Zone?

Closure of Coal Mines

3532. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal mines closed during the last three years and the current year, State and subsidiary-wise;

(b) whether the Government has examined the proposal regarding the viability of these mines or made efforts for the revival of these units before taking the decision to close them down; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Minorities

3533. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals approved by Telangana Government during the last three years till date and received by the Central Government for the approval of demand of funds for the welfare of minorities, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals approved out of the proposals received along with the funds released and the number of proposals that are still pending;

(c) the reasons for pendency of proposals; and

(d) the time by which pending proposals are likely to be approved by the Government?

Proposals from Maharashtra

†3534. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the Government of Maharashtra for approval during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the number of proposals out of the same that has been accorded approval?

Online RTI Applications

‡3535. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the applications under the Right To Information (RTI) Act can be filed online by the Indian Nationals and if so, the details of the process;

(b) whether Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are also eligible to file online RTI application; and

(c) if so, the procedure laid down in this regard?

Arms in Space

‡3536. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is concerned about the use of arms in space;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to avoid such situation;

(c) whether the Government has discussed/proposes to discuss the said matter with other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MPLADS Funds for Railway Projects

3537. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to allow Members of Parliament to use funds provided under the MPLAD Scheme for construction of railway projects in their constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from the Members of Parliament seeking financial assistance for railway projects taken under MPLADS;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the present status of such requests; and

(e) the details of financial assistance provided to such projects, State-wise?

Sri Ram Temple Case

‡3538. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any arrangement for early disposal or hearing of the case in Supreme Court pertaining to Sri Ram Temple in Ayodhya;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan and the action taken therein; and

(c) the time by which the judgement in the said case is likely to be delivered?

Ongoing Railway Projects

‡3539. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether dealy in completion of several ongoing railway projects is escalating the cost thereof;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details of such projects and the reasons for the dealy;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred on the said projects so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of these projects to avoid any further increase in the cost?

Privacy of Citizens

3540. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that any information stored by people in servers can be accessed by others and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the extent to which the Government has ensured privacy of citizens information stored in the IT apparatus?

Postal Store Depot

3541. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Stores Depot (PSD) of Madurai Postal Region is proposed to be shifted/merged with the PSD of Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) whether the said move of the Government will affect the efficient functioning of the post office and related offices under the Postal Region of exponentially growing Madurai and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to undo the decision made by them with regard to the said merging/shifting of PSD, Madurai and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Stoppage at Sirohi Station

‡3542. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide stoppage of important trains such as Ashram Express (12915/12916), Garib Rath Express (12215/12216), Ahmedabad Agra Superfast (12547/12548) and Surya Nagri Express (12479/12480) at Sirohi Road Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

New Train from Dhanbad to Surat

‡3543. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a new train from Dhanbad to Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Training to Space Scientists

3544. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to train space scientists of countries that lack satellite building capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India would not charge for this capacity building programme but will play a role in short listing scientists for the training programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Coal

3545. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is facing shortage of coal for its thermal power plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of coal allocated to Delhi in last six months; and

(c) the details regarding yearly allocation of coal to Delhi as against its total requirement?

Permission to Pilgrims

†3546. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the army is utilising and staying in the Fort built by Akbar at the confluence of the rivers Ganga and Yamuna at Allahabad;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to relocate them elsewhere;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to permanently allow the pilgrims to visit hundreds of temples and 'Akshayvat Vriksh' located in the Fort; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Data Protection Framework

3547. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert Committee on Data protection Framework of India has released a white paper and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its final report and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is bringing forward a legislation on data

protection and whether a draft bill in this regard has been sent to the Committee and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are cases of breach of privacy and security of biometric data in possession of UIDAI reported so far; and

(e) if so, the number of breaches along with the details thereof?

Railway Projects in Kerala

3548. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of various projects including wagon factory, medical college and bottling plant in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has abandoned or deferred these projects; and

(c) if so, the present status of these projects along with funds allocated for the same and utilised in the last three years?

New Rail Lines in Maharashtra

3549. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct new rail lines from Vaibhavwadi to Kolhapur and Chiplun to Karad in order to provide better connectivity;

(b) if so, whether the feasibility/viability survey has been conducted for the above lines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that there is no progress so far in this regard and if so, the details and the reasons therefor along with the present status;

(d) whether the Government has received requests/representations from the people of the area and MPs in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) the steps taken by the Government for construction of these new rail lines at the earliest so that the project may be executed within the stipulated time; and

(f) the details of the plan, if any, to connect Nagpur and Mumbai through a high speed corridor to reduce the travel time?

Ocean Observation System

3550. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Ocean Observation Systems set up so far in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop further Ocean Observation Systems across the country;

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

(d) whether any funds have been sanctioned for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when they are likely to be developed?

National Geographic Information System

3551. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to establish a National Geographic Information System (GIS) under the National GIS Organization;

(b) whether the Government is considering allowing private sector GIS application and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide GIS solutions to Ministries like Urban Development; and

(d) whether the Government is considering making GIS mapping mandatory for land registration and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Lines in Jharkhand

†3552. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the work pertaining to doubling of railway lines in the country especially in Jharkhand;

(b) the amount of funds allocated during the last three years for the doubling of the railway lines in Jharkhand indicating the locations of the same; and

(c) the works relating to the doubling of railway lines in Jharkhand which are likely to be completed in the current financial year?

Illegal Immigrants

†3553. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians in America are being seen suspiciously as a rapidly increasing community of illegal immigrants;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the rate of increase in the number of illegal Indian immigrants in America;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to preserve the image of the country?

Facilities to BRO Officials

†3554. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities given to the working employees and officers of Border Roads Organisation (BRO);

(b) whether different type of facilities are provided to such employees and officers in different States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of hill allowance given to these employees and officers, State-wise;

(d) the process of recruiting casual labourers for constructing the roads in difficult areas by BRO and the manner in which these are arranged;

New Ranchi-Surat Train

†3557. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new Ranchi-Surat train in view of overcrowding or proposes to run train Nos.13425/13426 on daily basis;

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

(c) whether the Government, keeping in view the problems faced by the passengers, has collected the data regarding the number of passengers travelling in the above weekly trains; and

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

Market Share of BSNL and MTNL

†3558. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in number of mobile users in the country during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and telecom company-wise;

(b) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have been incurring losses and in comparison to Private Telecom operators, their share in market is quite less during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan Yojana in BRO so far, State-wise; and

(f) whether any difficulties are faced by casual labourers of BRO in getting transferred their salaries to their bank accounts under the Jan Dhan Yojana and if so, the details thereof?

Survey for Laying Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh

†3555. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for laying of railway lines, gauge conversion and electrification in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the said survey, location-wise?

Compensation on Delay of Trains

3556. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TDRs filed against train delays in the last year;

(b) the major reasons for delay in trains in the past year;

(c) the steps the Government has taken to maintain punctuality of trains;

(d) whether the Government plans to bring in a policy to offer compensation for delayed trains or refund superfast surcharge in case of delayed superfast trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

(c) the market share of the telecom companies including BSNL and MTNL during the said period State/UT-wise;

(d) the measures taken by the Government to promote competition among BSNL, MTNL and these private telecom operators;

(e) whether the entry of a private sector telecom company in the telecom sector has accentuated the possibility of more losses to BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to further strengthen the network of public sector telecom companies across the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance of BSNL and MTNL

3559. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the responsible persons/entities for the alleged pitiable condition of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to disinvest and/or merge the said telecom service providers; and

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

Ease of Doing Business

3560. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a task force to further improve India's ranking in the Ease of Doing Business Index under the Secretary of Department of Justice;

(b) if so, the number of representatives from different Ministries and advisors who are members of the task force;

(c) whether the Government has asked all the High Courts to monitor court adjournments leading to piling of cases;

(d) the other measures taken by the Government in consultation with other Ministries such as labour reforms, etc. in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the steps are likely to be suggested by the task force in this regard?

Mobile Towers in Singhbhum

†3561. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile towers sanctioned for East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum of Jharkhand during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of mobile towers out of the total sanctioned towers set up so far, location-wise;

(c) the reasons for not setting up the remaining towers;

(d) whether any person/persons has been held responsible for the said shortcoming so far and if so, the details thereof along with the punitive action taken by the Government against them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality and Price of Food

3562. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is having any proposal to conduct periodic inspection of food and beverages served in trains supplied by the vendors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to display the tariff for each food and beverages items in every coach;

(c) whether the Railways is having any proposal to set-up the Railway Police Help Desk at Thanjavur junction, which is important tourism and historical place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Maritime Security

3563. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is undertaking review of maritime security to secure country from terrorist attacks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India's maritime security needs modernization and technology upgraded support system and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of measures being taken to increase the vigil on the international maritime border to thwart any attacks?

MGPSY

3564. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana (MGPSY) has been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any alternative scheme launched to protect the emigrant workers welfare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of Minorities

3565. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Jains recruited in the Government and Public Sector Undertakings jobs during the last three years;

(b) the number of complaints filed by the members of the minority communities who were denied Government jobs along with the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the employment opportunities for the minorities over the last three years?

Unpaid Workers in Bahrain

†3566. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether hundreds of Indian workers have not been paid their salaries for the last several months by the companies in Bahrain;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken to help the said workers to get their salaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of Rail Line between Tinpahar-Bhagalpur

†3567. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval for doubling of rail line between Tinpahar and Bhagalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated so far for implementation of this project along with the funds spent out of it; and

(d) the details of items of work undertaken and completed so far on the said project?

Utilisation of Renewable Energy

3568. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any plan to utilize renewable sources of energy as fuel for trains in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

National Digital Communication Policy

3569. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has unveiled National Digital Communication Policy, 2018 recently and if so, the details and the highlights thereof;

(b) whether the said policy envisages to provide job opportunities in the digital communication sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said policy is also expected to contribute more to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and if so, the details thereof?

Collegium System

3570. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of recommendations from the collegium of the Supreme Court for appointment of judges to the higher judiciary, which is still pending with the Government since May, 2014 including the names of the persons recommended and the corresponding date of such recommendations;

(b) whether any of the names were sent back to the collegium for re-consideration and if so, out of such names sent back for reconsideration, the number which were reiterated by the Supreme Court collegium including the name of such persons and the dates on which the collegium reiterated their recommendation;

(c) whether the Government is taking steps to dispose off all pending recommendations for appointment to the higher judiciary, in a time bound manner, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government is considering any change in the Collegium System on appointment of judges in higher courts of the country?

Linking of Villages with OFC

3571. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to link all the villages of the country with Optical Fiber Communication (OFC) network in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Security of Stations from Terrorists

3572. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action plan of the Railways to ensure safety of trains and railway stations from potential terrorist threats;

(b) whether the Government is considering to install metal detectors at all the railway stations of the country; and

(c) if so, the present status of stations having metal detectors?

Improvement in Current Infrastructure for the Minority Communities

3573. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any proposals/ suggestions for the improvement in current infrastructure for the minority communities to the Union Government;

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

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for substantial funds for physical and social infrastructure development for minority communities in the State; and

(d) if so, the details and the steps taken by Union Government for the fulfillment of Kerala Government's request so far during the last two years?

Issue of Receipts to Clients

3574. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any Law/ Rules compelling issuance of receipts to the clients by the legal and medical practitioners in the interest of transparency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Foreign Investment

3575. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of foreign investment in defence sector on the security of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Per Capita Income

†3576. SHRIMATI HEMA

MALINI:

SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the data of national income and per capita income in the country during each of the last three years, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether national income and per capita income has grown during the said period;

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

(d) whether the average per capita income in the country during the last four years has been much higher than the average per capita income of previous four years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NRI Marriages

†3577. SHRI UDAY PRATAP

SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of NRI men, who fled out of India after marrying Indian girls that came to light during the last three years and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make significant changes in the law pertaining to NRI marriages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said law is likely to be implemented?

Promotion of Digital Transaction

3578. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes and programmes aimed at improving digital transaction in the country including awareness programmes for the rural populace and the trader community engaged in cash based transaction;

(b) the details of the total number of digital transaction recorded in the country for the fiscal year 2016-17;

(c) whether there has been an increase in the usage of digital transactions in the succeeding quarter after demonetization and a reduction in the usage after adequate supply of currency notes were restored; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Prediction of Rainfall

3579. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current mechanism being followed to predict the rainfall;

(b) whether his Ministry is considering to take any steps to devise an intelligent prediction/expectation system with modern analytic tools by using local weather information for prediction of rainfall; and

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

Vigyan Jyoti Project

3580. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is bringing out the Vigyan Jyoti Project to enhance the scientific attitude of the students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which it will be helpful to the students?

Depression among Farmers

3581. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has issued a consultation paper which says that more than 70% farmers are living in depression and more than 12% farmers are in severe cases of depression which often lead to suicides; and

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

Women Reservation Bill

3582. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously planning to pass the Women's Reservation Bill before the next Lok Sabha elections, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has started interacting with other political parties for finding a consensus on this bill which has already been passed by the upper house;

(d) whether serious social and economic imbalance has been created due to lack of empowerment to the women; and

(e) the status of the legal efforts being made by the Government to provide financial assistance for the upgradation of social, economic and political status of women in the country?

Reservation for Sportspersons

†3583. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR
BALYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of reservation for sportspersons/athletes in different jobs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide 25% reservation to sportspersons/athletes in armed forces; and

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

Effect of GDP on Economy

†3584. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any committee to check the GDP of the country from getting adversely affected during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adverse impact on GDP is affecting foodgrain production along with severely denting the economy of the country;

(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the Ministries to stop such adverse effect of GDP on economy; a

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(e) if so, the details thereof?

Gambling and Betting in Sports

3585. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended that gambling and betting in sports, including cricket, be allowed as regulated activities taxable under the direct and indirect tax regimes and used as a source for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to enact a model law under Article 249 or 252 of the Constitution for regulating gambling that may be adopted by the States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has also recommended linking Aadhaar or PAN card of an individual indulging in betting and gambling and making the transaction cashless to regulate illegal activities such as money laundering; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funding for Fast Track
Courts**

†3586. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fast Track Court scheme has been launched as 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central assistance regarding this scheme has been reduced substantially during the last few years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether extra burden has been borne by the State Governments for extension of this scheme; and

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

**Alternative Arrangement in Place of
Employees on Child Care Leave**

3587. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that the office work is being totally disrupted due to absence of women employees on account of the long paid maternity leave and child care leave;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has calculated days and assessed working during maternity/child care leave for making provisions of staff to overcome the shortage or cope up with the work in the absence of women employees who are on maternity and child care leave;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Call Drops

†3588. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of call drops reported per day across the country, State/UT-wise and Telecom Service Providers (TSP)-wise;

(b) whether the cases of wrongfully hiding the issue of call drops by the TSPs have come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against the erring TSPs; and

(c) the manner in which telecom customers are likely to be compensated on account of losses incurred by them?

Encroachment on Vacant Land

†3589. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:
SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of illegal occupation of vacant railway land have come into light;

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

(c) whether the collusion of certain officers of railway with land mafia have come into light in such cases and if so, the details of the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether such encroachments have been causing serious operational problems and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Railways thereto; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to remove such encroachments?

MPLAD Fund for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

†3590. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total sanctioned fund proposed to be spent from MPLAD fund for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan of the Government;

(b) whether the Government proposes to purchase trolleys equipped with pumps for cleaning of septic tanks of the toilets constructed by the Government in urban unauthorised colonies and rural areas under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan from MPLAD funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the provisions in this regard in MPLAD guidelines along with the amount of the funds proposed to be spent in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal by the Government to make amendment in the rules of MPLAD to purchase garbage vehicles for collecting garbage under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Water Management in NER

3591. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a high-level committee for proper management of the water resources in the North Eastern Region (NER) to facilitate optimising benefits of appropriate water management in the form of hydro-electric power, agriculture, bio-diversity conservation, reduced flood damage erosion, inland water transport, forestry, fishery and eco-tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome and the action taken in this regard?

Plantation of Trees

†3592. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extant status of plantation of trees along the railway tracks;

(b) the number of railway tracks along which trees have been planted so far; and

(c) the manner in which these trees are being watered and fertilised?

Awareness Campaign for Minority Communities

3593. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of its awareness campaign initiated to create awareness of the schemes/programmes among the minority communities meant for their welfare in the country;

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

(c) whether there is an increase in beneficiaries of the said schemes/programmes after such awareness campaign;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and scheme/programme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year; and

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

Land Acquisition for Construction

†3594. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the works of land acquisition for construction of railway line from Basiyarpur to Mananpur *via* Haweli, Khadagpur, Laxmipur Barhat and from Sultanganj to Banka *via* Tarapur, Belhar of Jamalpur-Bhagalpur rail section under Eastern Railway which is approved for ten years; and

(b) if so, the funds released for construction of both the said rail sections and the timeline fixed for completion of the projects?

Mobile Towers in Inaccessible Areas

†3595. SHRI KAMALBHAN
SINGH MARABI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down by the Government for installation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) towers in villages located in remote/inaccessible areas especially in hilly regions;

(b) whether population of villages is the basis for the said norms and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement any scheme to address the problems being faced by the residents of naxal affected and farflung villages who do not have access to phone facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delayed Infrastructure Projects

†3596. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure projects undertaken by the Government during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the number of under construction projects has increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether seventy five per cent of the projects are running late and there is no timeframe set for them;

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

(e) whether the cost of construction for the said projects has escalated by Rs. 2 trillion due to the delay and if so, the details thereof?

Disruption in Digital Infrastructure

3597. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of disruptions in digital infrastructure caused by infrastructure related construction activities like laying roads, railways etc.;

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

(c) whether there is a huge gap in internet connectivity and digital infrastructure between States depending on the State and their network infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise?

Satellite Driven Surveillance System

3598. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV: SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a satellite driven surveillance system has been developed to detect the illegal mining at various coalfields across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the surveillance system;

(c) whether illegal coal mining at coalfields across the country has caused losses to the Government/exchequer to the tune of crores of rupees every year; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken by the Government to check pilferage of coal from coalfields across the country?

Toll Free Number Facility

†3599. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any registration charges and monthly fee is paid to BSNL and other Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for toll free number facility provided by them and to continue this facility and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the documents required by BSNL and other TSPs for providing the toll free number facility to any Government and Private company;

(c) whether any fee is charged by BSNL and other TSPs to provide toll free number facility to Government Service like police (100), fire (101) and Ambulance (102) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any kind of instructions have been given to TRAI in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Migration

†3600. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a number of Indians who are migrating to other countries illegally/living in other countries illegally are facing the repatriation process;

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

(c) the procedure being followed to repatriate the illegal Indian migrants;

(d) whether any financial assistance is being given to the people being repatriated; and

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

Backlog Vacancies

3601. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has more than one lakh job vacancies presently and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(b) whether this huge vacancy backlog has had severe impact on rail safety issues and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent rail accidents and take care of rail safety issues with such a serious manpower shortage?

Screening of Whatsapp Messages

3602. 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 Government plans to tap citizen's whatsapp messages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether tapping of personal and private data is allowed under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948); and

(d) if so, the details of the plan of the Government in this regard and if not, the basis of such surveillance, if undertaken?

Bird Menace

3603. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether birds are posing a threat to flights including military aircraft and VVIP jets operating from the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) airport due to clogged drain and garbage adjacent to the airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with the Karnataka Government to clean the area to facilitate safe operation of flights;

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

(e) whether HAL is having any other option or alternate schemes to prevent the bird menace?

Corps of Military Police

3604. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of the Corps of Military Police (CMP);

(b) whether women are not permitted to join the CMP;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to induct women into the CMP and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the recruitment of women into the CMP and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Motihari-Sitamarhi Rail Line

†3605. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Motihari-Sitamarhi railway line *via* Sheohar which is approximately 68 km. long stretch was sanctioned in the year 2007 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ever after spending approximately 100 crore, Railways have cancelled the project;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is not aware that Sheohar is a very backward region adjacent to border of Nepal and it is still deprived of railway facility since the independence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Towers in Madhya Pradesh

†3606. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken/being taken by the Government to install mobile towers in the remote areas of Madhya Pradesh which are still deprived of them and the time by when the communication revolution is likely to be realised in such far flung areas; and

(b) the time by which Digital India Programme is likely to achieve its objectives?

Regional Trade Pact

3607. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Singapore prodded India to speedily conclude a regional trade pact with South East Asian countries and its partners in East Asia including China against backdrop of a push back against free flowing trade by some countries;

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

(c) the time by which the regional trade pact with these countries would be signed keeping in view India's trade interest?

Reconstitution of Railway Zones and Divisions

†3608. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the need for reconstitution of railway divisions and zones has been felt in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any demands for new railway divisions and zones have been made in the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government on the same so far?

Accurate Signalling System

†3609. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to make railway signalling system more accurate;

(b) whether the Government proposes to use foreign technique in the new Railway signalling system;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for the new Railway signalling system during the last four years and the details of works undertaken so far?

Modernisation of Railway Stations

3610. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a major programme for modernisation of railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of stations identified and total cost of the projects;

(c) whether any stations in Punjab have been identified for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the timelimit fixed for completing the said projects?

ITI in Rajasthan

†3611. DR. RAGHU SHARMA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on construction of information technology institute in kohda village under Kekadi Tehsil in Ajmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) the number of students who are being taught at information and technology institute every year;

(c) the details of annual budget allocated for the said institute and courses being taught in the said institute at present;

(d) whether the Government intends to start more courses in the said institute; and

(e) the number of staff working in the said institute, faculty-wise?

ICT in Government Offices of North-East

3612. SHRI NINONG ERING:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the establishment of Information and Communication Technology in the Government offices of North-Eastern States of India;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in the last three years, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the incentivising tools and directives issued to reduce the corruption in Government offices by use of IT and IT enabled services?

Reservation in Jobs

3613. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 49.5% reservation has been provided for the reserved categories in the Government posts;

(b) if so, the percentage of reservation provided by the Government when a particular designation in a Department has a total number of posts viz. four and six, for direct recruitment;

(c) the percentage of posts left for the Unreserved Category/General Category in such allocation; and

(d) the details of provision of the Constitution for lesser percentage of reservation for the reserved categories and consequent disproportionate reverse reservation for the General Category?

(c) whether the Government proposes to convert all gram panchayats into e-panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Law to Curb Molestation/Rape

†3616. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present law is proving to be ineffective in preventing molestation/rape of children below 12 years;

(b) if so, whether the Government would consider to make a stringent law to prevent this;

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up a Fast Track Court for speedy trial of such accused; and

(d) if so, the time by which such measures are likely to come into effect along with the full details thereof?

Digital Voting

†3614. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/propose to take any steps to adopt digital voting system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expansion of Telecommunication Services

†3615. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposed to formulate any special scheme for expansion of telecommunication services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the target fixed by the Government to complete the network rollout at gram panchayat level in the country along with the time by which the said target is likely to be achieved;

Irradiated Seeds

†3617. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether advanced varieties of seeds have been developed by Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) using radiation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such varieties of seeds developed using this technology;

(c) whether these seeds are potentially hazardous to health of humans and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the precautions taken/being taken by the Government to avoid such health risks?

Nuclear Power Generation

3618. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current nuclear power energy generated in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the nuclear power capacity added to the total energy mixture during each of the last three years;

(c) the per unit cost of atomic power energy in the country; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the said capacity and ensure the availability of raw material for the said capacity addition and if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Private Players in Nuclear Power Generation

†3619. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for establishment of new nuclear power plants finalized by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of such proposals sanctioned during the said period;

(b) whether central public sector enterprises are being involved in nuclear power generation projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to permit private sector in the area of nuclear power generation and if so, the details thereof including the extent to which the private sector is participating in the supply of equipment and services for nuclear power generation in the country; and

(d) the estimated nuclear power generation capacity expected to be generated by the private sector?

Passport from Anywhere

3620. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a new scheme under which a person can apply for a passport from anywhere in India;

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

(c) whether application for passport can be submitted with a mobile app; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of Vacant Land

†3621. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared/proposes to prepare any action plan for commercial use of additional land lying with the Railways;

(b) if so, the benefits likely to accrue to the Railways therefrom and the details of commercial activities for which such land has been given; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Trains to Tirupati

3622. SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains running between Hyderabad/Secunderabad to Tirupati and *vice versa*;

(b) the average number of passengers per day who travel between Hyderabad/Secunderabad and Tirupati and *vice versa* by Railways;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce non-stop Durgam Express (Night Train) between Hyderabad and Tirupati and *vice versa*;

(d) if so, the time by when the train will be introduced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

NRI Marriages

3623. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is monitoring the rising complaints of harassment faced by brides in NRI marriages abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formed a special body to help such brides and their families in distress, to ensure help in India and abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would consider freezing of the assets of NRI families in India as a repercussion of misbehaviour, harassment and physical/mental abuse of brides abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of External Affairs would work with Ministry of Women and Child Development to identify the women flying abroad post marriage and could arrange regular feedback and check calls for first few years to ensure their safety; and

(e) if so, the details of any such action plan and timeline, if any, especially for the State of Punjab?

Laying of New Railway Lines

†3624. SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation stone was laid at Jhabua for laying of new railway line for the Indore-Godhara *via* Dhar-Sardarpur and Jhabua route and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it was decided to lay a new rail line between Ratlam and Dungerpur and if so, the present estimated cost of the above-mentioned rail line;

(c) whether land acquisition and other formalities have been completed for the said purpose and if so, the present status of the aforesaid project;

(d) whether there has been inordinate delay in completion of the above said projects and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the progress of the work on the Dhar-Sardarpur-Jhabua block is extremely slow and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether adequate budgetary provisions have not been made by the Government for the said projects and the date by which the said projects are likely to be completed and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds for Space Technology

3625. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state the funds allocated for the development of space technology during the last three years and the current year?

Digital Transaction of Cash

3626. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for digital transaction of cash in various sectors, sector-wise?

Railway Line between Adilabad to Gadchandur

3627. SHRI NAGESH GODAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide Railway Line between Adilabad to Gadchandur (Maharashtra); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Escalators at Stations

3628. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to provide escalators in all those Railway Stations where the foot-fall is more than 25,000 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made a list of all those Railway Stations where the foot-fall is more than 25,000 and whether any budgetary allocation for this project has been made;

(c) if so, the amount so allocated during the current financial year; and

(d) the period that has been fixed by the Government to complete the project?

Railway Projects

†3629. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:

SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway projects being run across the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the works of construction of new rail lines, gauge conversion, electrification and doubling etc. projects especially of Purnia, Araria and Kishanganj rail line;

(c) the estimated time and cost of completing the said projects; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to complete the said projects in time especially in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

NERAMAC

3630. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to revive North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC);

(b) if so, the details of the measures being undertaken and expected timeline for its operationalisation; and

(c) the State-wise data on any new food processing units being set up in the region to promote export?

Bio-metric Attendance System

3631. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bio-metric attendance has been made mandatory in Central Government offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of Government offices yet to introduce Bio-metric attendance system;

(c) whether any survey has been undertaken to assess the outcome of manpower before and after introduction of Bio-metric attendance system; and

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

Atal Innovation Mission

3632. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Atal Innovation Mission;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this mission since its inception across the country, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the details of the targets set and achievements made under this mission so far;

(d) whether the Government has seen steady improvement since its inception across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Wardha-Nanded Railway Line

†3633. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to connect Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded railway line with Nagpur-Goa railway line;

(b) whether Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded railway line is being constructed in phases;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds allocated by the Government so far for completing this work speedily and the time by which the construction of missing link is likely to be completed; and

(e) the time by which the construction work of above-said line is likely to be completed and whether any time-limit has been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Safety from Fake News

3634. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to educate people to stay safe from fake information being circulated on social media;

(b) whether the Government proposes to create a platform where a citizen can identify fake news or hoaxes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Passport Seva Kendras

†3635. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) running in the country at present;

(b) the State-wise details thereof including Jharkhand;

(c) the places where the service of making passport through post offices has been started in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposals or is considering to set up post office PSKs; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started in Chatra and Latehar districts of Jharkhand?

Pending Rail Projects

†3636. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of ongoing and pending rail projects in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;

(b) whether many ongoing rail projects are getting delayed causing huge escalation in cost;

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

(d) the project-wise and State/zone-wise details of funds expected for

completion of such projects and the amount spent till date on these projects; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to complete these projects at the earliest in order to avoid cost escalation?

Issues in Judiciary

3637. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether four senior judges of the Supreme Court came together to flag some issues in January, if so, the details thereof and the steps that have been taken to address those issues; and

(b) the number of vacancies in High Courts for the last five years, court-wise?

Rail Connectivity in Telangana

3638. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to increase the rail connectivity in Telangana State;

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

(c) the efforts made/being made by the Government so that the works allocated in this regard could be completed in time; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent to redevelop the Secunderabad railway station?

Wrong Information from Enquiry Number

†3639. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the wrong information being provided from the online rail enquiry system or enquiry number and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether exact information is not often provided regarding platform number at the time of arrival of trains and station on national train enquiry system; and

(c) if so, the efforts being taken by the Government to overcome the above-said lacunae?

High Speed Corridor

3640. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is working on a plan to connect major cities through a high speed corridor to reduce the travel time;

(b) if so, the details of the aforesaid plan and the names of the cities proposed for linking through the said high speed corridor, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any plan to connect Nagpur-Mumbai and Lucknow-Delhi through a high speed corridor to reduce the travel time and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways has signed MoU for developing proposed high speed corridors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Railways has identified more cities for high speed corridors and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Abolition of Posts

†3641. SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has decided to abolish ten thousand nine hundred posts in seventeen zonal railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has sent a list of the General Managers regarding the number of posts to be abolished in zonal railways including Kolkata zone and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any protest, in large scale, has been noticed across the country against this decision;

(e) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to withdraw its decision; and

(f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Postal Services

†3642. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the services provided/being provided by the Department of Posts in the country during the last three years along with the revenue earned/being earned therefrom, service-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the use of various postal services during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to increase the usage of postal services in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of new postal services, if any, introduced/being introduced by the Government during the said period?

Integrated Software System

3643. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided for massive overhaul of various systems including use of integrated software system in joining hands with Japan and other agencies to optimize punctuality, use of stations and utilization of coaches etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the absence of any latest technology, the railways have been incurring revenue losses; and

(d) if so, the time by which the new system is likely to be introduced in the railways?

Road Connectivity in NER

3644. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national highways under construction in the north east Tripura;

(b) whether the road connectivity in the North Eastern Region (NER) is not adequate and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the national highways are not fully maintained in the north east and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the government to improve the road connectivity and maintenance of the roads in the NER?

Backward Districts

3645. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for grant of packages to the backward districts;

(b) whether the bigger districts such as Anantpur are treated on equal footing with the smaller ones;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether funds to some backward districts of Andhra Pradesh have been withheld even after submitting utilisation certificate; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to release the funds?

Irregularities in Station Development Work

†3646. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints of irregularities in the development works of Railway Stations from various States/Union Territories during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the fund allocated for the said works by the Government during the above period; and

(c) the strategy/rules formulated by the Governments to check irregularities of any kind in development works?

Adarsh Stations

3647. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned, released and expenditure incurred for modernisation of railway stations in the country during the last two years,

zone-wise and the funds released during the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether modernisation of stations is undertaken under the Adarsh Station Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indians Trapped in Zimbabwe

3648. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of Indian citizens trapped in Zimbabwe; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure their safe and secure return to India?

Mechanised Cleaning System

3649. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced a mechanized cleaning system for comprehensive cleaning of all platforms, circulating areas and foot over bridges in the station premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has ever monitored the progress of cleaning at platforms, circulating areas and foot over bridges in the station premises;

(d) if so, whether any flaws have been found so far; and

(e) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Laying New Railway Lines in Punjab

3650. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is aiming commissioning of 3,500 km new railway lines in the financial year 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made in the last two years in laying of new tracks, doubling, gauge conversion and electrification in kilometer, in Punjab?

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Maharashtra

†3651. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations in Maharashtra targeted for modernization;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated for modernization of railway stations particularly in backward and rural areas of the country during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(c) the quantum of fund likely to be spent separately on each railway station; and

(d) the targets fixed for modernization of those railway stations where works are under progress?

Prototype Lithium-Ion Cells

3652. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR has set up a demonstration facility in Chennai to manufacture Prototype Lithium-Ion cells;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CSIR has secured global IPRs with potential to enable cost reduction, coupled with appropriate supply chain and manufacturing technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mining of Coal in Meghalaya

3653. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of cases in NGT and Supreme Courts regarding mining of coal in Meghalaya;

(b) whether the Central Government has filed affidavit or counter affidavit in the NGT Court and Supreme Court regarding mining of coal in Meghalaya, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to accept the proposal of Meghalaya State Government and Assembly Resolution to adopt the policy for mining of coal in Meghalaya as a special case; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken by the Central Government regarding coal mining in Meghalaya?

Conversion of Narrow Gauge into Broad Gauge

†3654. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States/UTs of the country for which budget to convert narrow gauge into broad gauge has been sanctioned during the year 2017-18, State and UT-wise;

(b) the details of the lines on which work has been started after formulation of DPR following the sanction of budget, State and UT-wise;

(c) the time by which these sanctioned broad-gauge lines are likely to be completed;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for the conversion of these lines and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of meter gauge lines likely to be converted into broad-gauge along with the details thereof?

4G Services

†3655. DR. KARAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 4G services have been launched in the country including in rural and backward areas;

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

(c) whether the BSNL and MTNL have launched the 4G services across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide 4G services in all the villages of the country within a prescribed time period and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which this facility is likely to be extended in Sawai Madhopur and Tonk districts of Rajasthan?

Awareness of Government Schemes

†3656. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to make the common people aware of Government schemes and to ensure its benefit to the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the benefit of the Government schemes does not reach the common people fully due to lack of awareness about them;

(d) whether the Government is evolving a system to interact directly with the mobile owners to propagate the Government schemes and to ensure that the benefit of schemes reach the common people and also for proper implementation of the schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

New Railway Projects

3657. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the following 08 (eight) New Projects are in active consideration for sanction by the Railways:

1. Bhadrachalam Road (Andhra Pradesh) - Malkangiri - Jeypore - Junagarh -Lanjigarh Road - Talcher - Bimlagarh
2. Baragarh - Padmapur - Nuapada (120 Kms)
3. Talcher - Gopalpur (245 Kms)
4. Rupsa - Bangriposi - Gorumahisani (35 Kms)
5. Badampahar - Keonjhar (70 Kms)
6. Rayagada - Gopalapur *via* Gunupur - Bhisimagiri and Digapahandi
7. Paradip Port - Dhamra Port
8. Anandpur - Champua; and

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

Tsunami and Earthquake Warning

†3658. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved any success in the field of early warning of Tsunami and Earthquake;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated/spent

on the research in this regard during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether any advance warning system is available in the global market which the Government proposes to acquire; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

FOBs in East-Central Zone

†3659. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foot-over bridges (FOBs) and under bridges proposed to be constructed by the Railways in the East-Central railway zone and the locations thereof; and

(b) whether any target has been fixed for completing the construction of all proposed foot over bridges and under bridges and if so, the details thereof?

Elevated Corridor Project

3660. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented CST-Panvel Elevated Corridor Project in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the said project is likely to be implemented;

(c) the estimated cost of the said Project along with the funds provided by the Government to implement the said project so far;

(d) the number of requests/representations received by the Government from public representatives to implement the said project during each of the last three years and the current year along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests/representations;

(e) the number of meetings held between the Union Government and the State Government of Maharashtra for expeditious completion of the said project during the said period along with outcome of such meetings thereof; and

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

De-Reserved Coaches

3661. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide more de-reserved coaches in long distance trains for the convenience of the short distance passengers and season ticket holders;

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

(c) whether the Southern Railway has sent proposals for sanctioning de-reserved coaches in long distance train from Ernakulam to Thiruvananthapuram;

(d) if so, the details of the train and the steps taken in this regard; and

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

Attack Helicopters Unit

3662. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate attack helicopters unit for the Indian Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to create such a unit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether such helicopters are likely to be made in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of Minorities

3663. SHRI MOHD. ASRARUL
HAQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority persons recruited in Group C and Group D posts in the railways, during the last two years;

(b) whether Urdu medium/madarsa students are considered eligible for such posts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government would make amendments in its rules for recruiting such youths and if so, the details thereof?

Mega Defence Projects

3664. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the status of various mega defence projects launched under Make In India programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the present status of these projects;

(c) the reasons for delay in these projects;

(d) the steps taken to expedite and fast track these projects; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to ease the rules to give freest initiative to arms and ammunition and if so, the details thereof?

NSG Membership

3665. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state the outcome of the efforts made and the present status of India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)?

4G Speed

3666. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the 4G speed in India is lower than the global average and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to improve the 4G speed;

(b) the details of range of spectrum allocated for the 4G LTE services, along with the range that could be made available to increase the speed; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage faster adoption of advanced technologies by the telecom companies in providing 4G services?

Production of Weapons

3667. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not having any Technological Partner for producing weapons of civilian use and non-lethal riot control weapons like Rubber bullet Pistol/Teaser gun;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has sufficient in-house capacity to produce weapons for civilian use like 0.22", 0.32" bore size and Non-Lethal Weapons like Rubber bullet Pistol/Teaser gun etc., for riot control;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of such types of weapons produced by OFB during the last three years and the current year, year, company and type-wise; and

(e) the revenue generated through the sale of such weapons during the above period, year-wise?

Redressal of Complaints

†3668. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made/are being made by the Government to reduce the long pending grievances and fix time-frame to resolve the pending grievances;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for quick redressal of the public complaints received online;

(c) whether the complaints regarding delay in redressal of online complaints have been received by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is going to set up an agency or institute for addressing such problems and if so, the details thereof?

Bilateral Maritime Dialogue

3669. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bilateral maritime dialogue between India and China was recently held in Beijing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed by both sides in this regard;

(c) the consensus made and mechanism developed between the two countries on maritime issues;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to engage maritime forces of friendly nations at multiple levels in training and maritime security operations;

(e) whether the Government proposes to protect and utilize the country's long coastline, numerous island and large exclusive economic zone and continental shelf to reap the benefits of a blue economy; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost bilateral maritime relations with other countries?

Cyber Physical System Project

3670. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch cyber physical system project;

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

(c) the salient features of the cyber physical system mission;

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

(e) the total expenditure likely to be involved in the said project along with the initial budget that has been earmarked for the project in the current financial year; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen cyber security in the country?

Technological Partner for Small Arms

3671. 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 Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has issued any circular on

Expression of Interest (EoIs) opened prior to the approval of new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in March 2018 to be based on the old SOP of September 2016 or the newly approved SOP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken three years to decide not to proceed with approval of Technological Partner (OEM) for manufacture of small arms since the EoI was floated in 2015;

(d) if so, the status of other EoIs floated by OFB in the last three years; and

(e) whether they were given approval by the Government based on old SOP or new SOP and if so, the details thereof?

Military Equipment

3672. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has planned large defence outlay including in Bundelkhand Region for India's defence requirements in the future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether partnership with foreign original equipment manufacturers is significant for co-production and co-development of military equipment;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has established a number of Joint Working Groups under Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) to take forward mutually agreed projects for the benefit of the Armed forces;

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

(e) whether any discussion was held between India and USA to strengthen defence trade ties and create opportunities for co-production and co-development of military equipment and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Union Government for co-production and co-development of military equipment?

Innovation at the School and College Level

3673. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has created any structure/organization to nurture innovations at the school and college level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Innovation Foundation has recorded a number of innovations at the rural school level, touching the future of these students;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Research Development Corporation is acting as a window for such innovations including the processes patented by laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Fraud in Digital Payment

3674. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of fraud in digital payments have increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in respect of digital security?

Prevention of Cyber Crime

3675. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the legal, technical and administrative measures taken by the Government to prevent cyber crimes have achieved the desired results in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases of cyber crimes reported across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of such cases registered under the Information Technology Act, 2000, Indian Penal Code and other laws along with losses incurred in such cases across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has sought technical aid from some of the developed countries of the world to prevent cyber crimes in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the reaction of the said countries thereto; and

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

Special Fast Track Courts

3676. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposal to set up special fast track courts

across the country to hear rape cases, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the objectives thereof;

(b) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for this and the details of the target likely to be set for this project; and

(c) whether any time limit for investigation of all cases of rape has been fixed, if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive Health Index

3677. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has published recently the comprehensive Health Index report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report ranks States and Union Territories innovatively on their year-on-year incremental change in health outcomes as well as their overall performance with respect to each other;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the list of performers and worst performers among States; and

(e) whether the Government has any action plan to improve State rankings and if so, the details thereof?

Circulation of Fake News to Create Panic

3678. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to check the broadcasting of erroneous clips about natural disasters that induce panic, such as the fake clip circulated about Cyclone Okhi destroying Bandra-Worli sealink in Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has probed into the origin of these clips or monitored their circulation over social media sites and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any monitoring or evaluation of clips at the source of origin, to examine their validity before they are circulated widely and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to actively dismiss fake clips and to spread information regarding authenticity of clips?

Enhancement of MPLAD Funds

3679. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the MPLAD funds to Rs. 15.00 crore as against Rs. 5.00 crore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to accede to request, if any, received from the public representatives to donate the MPLAD funds upto Rs. 2.00 crore for purchase of Cancer Hospitals/Mobile Cancer Van to be donated to local Government/aided hospitals; and

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

**Protection of
Aadhaar Data**

3680. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government
to protect citizen's data stored in Aadhaar
Cards; and

(b) the details as to how the Aadhaar
cards are being used for purposes of
identification of persons below the poverty
line to transfer subsidies?

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