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Questions For Written Answers

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Facilities for Construction Labourers

1151 Dr. Anirudhan Sampath, (Attingal):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total number of labourers engaged in construction works and related fields in metropolitan cities of the country along with the facilities of shelter homes or houses being provided to them, State/UTwise; and

(b) the details and share of assistance/ aid provided by State and Union Governments along with local bodies to the labourers engaged in construction sector across the country, State/UT-wise?

Poultry Case at WTO

1152 Sh. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy (Khammam):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether India has lost a case at the World Trade Organisation which ruled that the Indian ban on import of poultry meat, eggs and live pigs from the U.S. was inconsistent with international norms; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Agricultural Export Policy

1153 Sh. P. Karunakaran (Kasaragod):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has approved the Agricultural Export Policy, 2018 and if so, the salient features of the policy;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the Policy on the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has emphasised the need for diversifying export basket in the country through the policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of foodgrains and crops exported to various countries from the State of Maharashtra during each of the last five years, year-wise and crop/foodgrain-wise?

FDI in Heavy Industries

1154 Sh. B. Senguttuvan (Vellore):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the heavy industries has picked up considerably after the 'Make in India' initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the FDI in any defence-related heavy industries or public enterprises has picked up since the Make in India initiative has been set afoot; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employees Working on Contractual Basis

1155 Dr. Kirit Somaiya (Mumbai-north-east):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is true that a large number of employees are working on contractual basis in various Ministries, Departments and subordinate offices of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Ministry/ Department-wise;

(c) whether these employees are recruited by the Government or outsourced from private service provider, if so, the details thereof, Ministry/Department-wise;

(d) whether it is true that in some Ministries/Departments employees are working on contractual basis year after year without getting any break, if so, the details thereof, Ministry/Department-wise;

(e) whether appropriate procedure was followed while recruiting these contractual employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether all these employees have been brought under EPF/ESIS/ESIC scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

World Heritage Site

1156 Sh. Prabhatsinh Pratapsinh Chauhan (Panchmahal):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any intention to impose restrictions across the Western Ghats region, as UNESCO has declared it as a World Heritage Site;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any communication in this regard from UNESCO;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has ratified the UN Heritage site declaration of Western Ghats; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines on Public Procurement

1157 Sh. M. Chandrakasi (chidambaram):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether necessary guidelines/ notifications requiring declaration of items with sufficient local capacity and domestic content in public procurement have been issued by all Departments and CPSUs in accordance with 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the mechanism put in place for strict monitoring of implementation of public procurement by the Government agencies in the country; and

(c) the details regarding salient features of the proposed new industry policy, if any, to promote competitiveness of domestic industry?

Status of Civil Petition

1158 Sh. P.K. Kunhalikutty (Malappuram):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether while deciding the final status of Civil Misc. petition No. 390/2013 and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 187/2013, Hon'ble Delhi High Court, had issued 'specific directions' to be adhered to scrupulously by the Petitioner as well Respondent, keeping in view, the highly legal sanctity involved in this case vide complaint No. 011/MCD/043/145090 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Secretary of the Petitioner Society named 'Sarva Priya CHBS Ltd.' vide letter dated 23.03.2017 had made the stand clear on the part of the said society, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether to cope up the 'Stonewalling issue' involved in this case, the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India reportedly did not pass 'reasoned order' as per extent rules to be passed within time limit, clearly indicated in the aforesaid Hon'ble High Court order; and

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

Yoga Education

1159 Sh. Rajendra Agrawal (Meerut):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute any expert committee for the standardisation of yoga education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which the said panel/ Committee is likely to submit its report;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognised yoga in the form of a curriculum at graduate and post-graduate level and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether all universities/colleges run full or part-time courses for preparing yoga instructors?

Adopt a Heritage Scheme

1160 Sh. Shashi Tharoor(Thiruvananthapuram) :

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a pre-requisite for prospective Monument Mitras to partner with experts in the field of conservation of heritage/ancient buildings, before applying under the 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme' and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has nominated any experts in the field of conservation of heritage sites/ancient structures, as members of the Oversight and Vision Committees for all the Monuments adopted under the 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme';

(c) if so, the details thereof Monument-wise, along with the period of professional experience of such persons nominated in the field of conservation;

(d) the present status of implementation of "Adopt a Heritage" scheme and the details of MoUs signed so far; and

(e) the details of monuments identified and proposed to be put under the scheme?

Exploration of Blocks under NELP

1161 Sh. Elumalai V.(Arani) :

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) for 26 discovered blocks, 28 exploration blocks under pre New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and 254 blocks under NELP and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has now moved to the revenue sharing mechanism under the Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy regime and if so, the details thereof along with the extent and manner in which the new policy announced by the Government will help to improve the ease of doing business and to increase the revenue of States;

(c) whether the first round of auction of hydrocarbon fields under the new regime saw explorers showing interest and bidding for 55 fields and if so, the details thereof along with the details of such fields which are yet to be awarded;

(d) whether the Government has streamlined the existing PSCs with four key changes in the policy framework to increase domestic hydrocarbon production and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the exploration period has also been increased by two years and the appraisal period by one year for North Eastern hydrocarbon fields and if so, the details thereof?

Oil Import Bill

1162 Sh. R.P. Marutharajaa (Perambalur):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the quantum of crude oil imported to meet demands of energy consumption along with details of the crude oil import bill during the years 2014 to 2018;

(b) whether there has been an increase in crude oil import bill in 2016-17 and 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been an increase in energy consumption during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to bring down country's dependence on imports of oil; and

(d) the details of domestic crude oil produced during the last three years?

Collaboration with ASEAN Countries

**1163 Sh. Ashok Shankarrao Chavan(Nanded) :
Sh. Sanjay(Kaka) Ramchandra Patil(Sangli) :
Sh. T. Radhakrishnan(Virudhunagar) :**

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) countries to strengthen cooperation in the field of Tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions thereto;

(c) whether Indian tourism has grown after the collaboration with ASEAN countries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the obstacles that prevent India from taking transnational tourism venture along with the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has launched the ASEAN-India Tourism Cooperation year 2019 to enhance cooperation with a view to increasing twoway tourist visits and promoting greater people to people exchange between ASEAN countries and India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the other measures taken/being taken by the Government

to enhance the tourism in the country?

Removal of Pre-Import Condition

1164 Sh. Bharta Singh (Ballia):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has revoked/proposes to revoke the pre-import condition for IGST relaxation under Advanced Authorisation Scheme keeping in view the long standing demand of the exporters in the country;

(b) if so, the amount of profit which the exporters are likely to get; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Technical Education

1165 Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya (Secunderabad):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of institutes imparting professional and technical education in the country including Assam and other NorthEastern States in the current year, Statewise; and

(b) the number of such institutes which are likely to be set up in the current year, State and Location-wise?

Postponement of MII Initiative

1166 Sh. Ajay Misra (Kheri):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether any multinational electronics company has requested the Government to postpone the 'Make in India' (MII) initiative for components like display and touch panel and has stated that if it is not postponed then they will decrease the manufacturing of mobile phone in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve this problem?

Samagra Shiksha

1167 Sh. Ladu Kishore Swain (Aska):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of budget allocated to various States under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan during 2018-19, State/UT-wise and component-wise;

(b) the details of Education Cess collected and spent towards various purposes since 2014-15;

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to impart teachers training in the country; and

(d) the allocation of pre and post matric scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes since 2014-15, State/ UT-wise and year-wise ?

Residential Schools in Madhya Pradesh

1168 Smt. Savitri Thakur (Dhar):

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the Government schemes being implemented to promote residential schools for the tribal students in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the details of financial assistance provided in this regard during the last three years?

Reconstitution of ICHR

1169 Sh. Gopalakrishnan Chinnaraj (Nilgiris):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has recently reconstituted the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of members included/nominated in the newly constituted council;

(d) the criteria/eligibility to appoint member in the council; and

(e) the tenure of the reconstituted council?

Technical Education

1170 Smt. K. Maragatham (kancheepuram):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has accepted the recommendation of the Government committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether online requests from existing engineering institutes to either start programmes in new technologies or convert current capacity in traditional engineering disciplines to emerging new technologies would be entertained from next year;

(d) whether All India Council of Technical Education would only grant approvals for additional seats in existing institutions based on the capacity utilisation of the institutes concerned; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Safety and Security in Petroleum Industry

1171 Sh. Om Birla(Kota) :

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government accords top priority to safety, security and environmental aspects and continuously monitors and brings in changes in statutes, rules and regulations in order to enhance them at the petroleum installations from time-to-time at par with global standards and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard so far;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study report about the safety and security and environment protection in petroleum and natural gas industry particularly in its various installations/plants/units and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to review the rules and regulations governing the industry in a time-bound manner so that their standards are at par with international standards;

(d) whether the Government has analysed all the details received from the Public Sector Undertakings and Oil Industry Safety Directorate regarding the implementation of safety audit recommendations and ensured the compliance by each PSU; and

(e) if so, the details, thereof along with the details of funds allocation made in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

Procurement from KVIC

1172 Smt. m.Vasanthi (Tenkasi) :

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has asked its departments to place maximum orders on Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for providing sustainable employment through micro enterprises to rural artisans, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether (KVIC) has received an order worth Rs. 08 crore from Air India, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this was the third successive order from Air India to KVIC if so, the details thereof?

ESI Hospitals in Telangana

1173 Sh. Sukender Reddy Gutha (Nalgonda):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the ESI hospitals in Telangana are running with shortage of staff which is leading to crisis in the ESI Hospital services to the employees, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to evaluate the present state of affairs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts in ESI hospitals at least in view of the health factor of the employees?

Strengthening of Startups

1174 Sh. Arvind Ganpat Sawant (Mumbai South):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the startup ecosystem at local level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including any proactive steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the startups in the country have seen a 108 per cent growth in funding in 2018, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the NASSCOM president has remarked about startups not receiving much support in India barring a few exceptions, if so, the reasons therefor?

National Energy Policy

1175 Sh. M.Udhayakumar (Dindigul):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the changes pertaining to cooking subsidy are likely to be incorporated in the draft National Energy Policy 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the draft on the said proposal was made public last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft National Energy Policy 2030 has been discussed in the interministerial consultations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Charkhari Fort

1176 Sh. Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel (Hamirpur):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop charkhari fort of Bundelkhand as tourist centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

LPG Subsidy through Post Office

1177 Dr. Banshilal Mahto(Korba) :

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has recently issued any guidelines to transfer LPG subsidy in Post office saving accounts for the convenience of the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this facility is available in all the post offices of the country or only in a few selected post offices and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to provide such facility in all post offices in the country;

(d) the details of the post offices in which this facility is being provided in the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(e) the reasons for not providing the said facility in all the post offices so far?

Construction of Ramayana Circuit

1178 Smt. Kamla Devi Patle (Janjgir-champa) :

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is considering to construct Ramayana circuit for promoting tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard during the last two years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include Jagdalpur of Chhattisgarh in Ramayana Circuit and also proposes to include Ram Van Gaman Path Ratanpur, Shivi Narayan Sirpur, Aarang, Fingeshwar, Sihawa (Sapt Rishi Mandal) Jagdalpur, Sukma ramoram therein and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to include Rajmergarh Kabir Chabutra, Kurdargarh, Kotmisunaar, Crocodile Reserve Baran wapara Kodardem-Raipur of Chhattisgarh under eco-tourism circuit and if so, the details thereof?

Formalization of Informal Labour

1179 Sh. Vincent H Pala (Shillong):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure quick formalization of informal labour in the country;

(b) whether any legislation/ amendment to any existing legislation has been proposed for the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to successfully implement the ILO's India Decent Work Country Programme 2018–22?

Irregularities at FSNL

1180 Sh. Rajesh Verma (Sitapur):

Will the **STEEL** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the 48 complaints of alleged corruption in recruitment and tendering process against the Managing Director (MD) of Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd.(FSNL), Recruitment and Tendering process-wise;

(b) the details of the action taken on the 29 such complaints and the current status of the remaining 19 complaints of corruption against the MD of FSNL;

(c) the names and details of the officials/whistleblowers who filed complaints of alleged corruption against the MD; and (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the MD based on the above complaints?

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

1181 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Jamshedpur) :

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the objectives behind establishing Kasturba Balika Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the details of the said Vidyalayas functioning at present, State/UT-wise across the country;

(c) the extent to which the objectives have been achieved for which Kasturba Balika Vidyalayas were established;

(d) whether there is any plan to establish more such Vidyalayas in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof State-wise and location-wise?

Funds Released under Various Schemes

1182 Sh. Ramesh Chander Kaushik(Sonipat) :

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar and Sonapat in Haryana under various schemes of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilised under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the said works?

Viability Gap Funding

1183 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan (kheda):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for providing capital grants/viability gap funding for GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) along with grant of license for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis on the lines of support provided to GAIL Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra project;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

LPG Subsidy

1184 Dr. Ponnusamy Venugopal (Tiruvallur):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace LPG subsidy with cooking subsidy to extend the benefits for the people using PNG and biofuel for cooking purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the similar benefits would also be extended to cities and towns where PNG is used for cooking purposes and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to MSMEs

1185 Sh. Virender Kashyap (Shimla):

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)/units in the country upto 2013 and increase of such units between 2014 to 2018;

(b) whether the Government has financed such units under various schemes and if so, the details thereof, State/Bank-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken the guarantee of such units financed by the Banks or other institutions; and (

d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount that has been given to banks/ financial institutions as guarantee during 2015 to 2018?

Development of Theme Based Circuits

1186 Sh. Sriram Malyadri (bapatla):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study about the various policies which

have been introduced to provide funding towards the development of Swadesh Darshan for integrated development of tourism based theme circuits and PRASHAD Scheme across the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Question Papers Leak

1187 Sh. K. Ashokkumar (Krishnagiri):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is also true that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had to face major embarrassment after class XII Economics and Class X Mathematics Question papers leaked in March last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to check paper leak ?

Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2017

1188 Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel (Dakshina Kannada):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to provide 26 weeks maternity benefits to their women employees as provided for in the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of female employees benefited from various entities under the said Act since its inception, State/ UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that the said Act is implemented in all the entities in the country for the benefit of female employees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

CSR under National Culture Fund

1189 Sh. Joice George (Adv.) (idukki):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is receiving Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under National Culture Fund for conservation and maintenance work of historical monuments in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any well equipped mechanism to spend such funds for conserving and maintaining monuments and other attractions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of expenditure made in this regard during the last five years, State/ UT-wise?

Irregularities in Visva Bharati

1190 Dr. Anupam Hazra (Bolpur):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of steps/initiatives/ measures taken by the Chancellor of Visva Bharati, Central University for eradication/ minimisation of corruption/irregularities and malpractices in its administration during his tenure;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether excepting acknowledgement of letters of an public representative for redressal of gross injustice by corrupt Visva Bharati authority, has any explicit, effective step as per rule of natural justice and Rule of Law been taken as the Chancellor of the said university during 2015-2017 and if so, the details of action taken by the Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in Export

1191 Sh. G.Hari (Arakkonam):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports soared by 17.6 per cent to USD 27.7 billion in June but the trade deficit widened to a more than three and a half year high of USD 16.6 billion; (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that imports too rose by 21.3 per cent to USD 44.3 billion during the month of June; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of HECI

1192 Sh. C. Mahendran (pollachi):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the establishment of Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) for higher education will ensure that HECI focuses single-mindedly on academics;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether HECI will have the power to act against institutions in case of violation of norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it brings in provisions to 'mentor' deficient institutes rather than order closure is also a new approach to upping quality; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Moral Education

1193 Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh (Surat):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start teaching of moral education in higher education sector such as medical and engineering and in day-today life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives behind the proposal?

Vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

1194 Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar (Nalanda):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the target of setting up atleast one Kendriya Vidyalaya and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in all the districts of the country has been achieved;

(b) if so, the names of the districts in Bihar which do not have the said vidyalayas so far including the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the total number of posts of teachers lying vacant in the said Vidyalayas till date along with the measures taken/ being taken by the Government to fill up the same?

MoUs with Monument Mitras

1195 Sh. Shashi Tharoor (Thiruvananthapuram):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government undertook a study of the Red Fort to determine the timeline for installation, implementation and commissioning of various activities, as specified in Annexure-II of the MoU with Dalmia Bharat Limited, dated 13th April, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the said MoU and other MoUs with Monument Mitras to ensure that professionals and experts in the field of conservation of heritage sites, with proven track records, are made members of the Oversight and Vision Committee; and

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

MSME Export

1196 Sh. Anto Antony (Pathanamthitta):

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the revenue generated through export by MSME sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the revenue generated during the past six years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has noticed the decline in export revenue by the MSME sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to enhance export by MSMEs?

Allocation of Budget

1197 Sh. Rajeshbhai Naranbhai Chudasama (Pathanamthitta):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total budget allocated and spent on education during the last three years, its percentage in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the action plan of expenditure to be hiked on education in terms of percentage of GDP during the last three years;

(b) the time by which Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) would be set up to increase research facilities in centrally aided institution and higher education; and

(c) the amount likely to be provided to HEFA, the rate on which loan would be provided to teaching institutions through HEFA and the ways through which this interest would be borne?

Establishment of IIM

1198 Sh. Kotha Prabhakar Reddy (medak):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any plan for the establishment of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Telangana during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/spent during the current year for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Mythological Heritage Sites

1199 Sh. M. B. Rajesh(Palakkad) :

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any proposal of developing mythological/historical-cultural heritage sites of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the project-wise details of the funds allotted to the State of Kerala for the said project?

Steel Prices

1200 Prof. Chintamani Malviya (Ujjain):

Will the **STEEL** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether prices of steel in the country are increasing continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the average market price during each of the last three years and current year and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of actual increase of prices of materials utilized for production of steel in the country during the said period;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to ban the export of steel from the country to control the prices of steel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Import of LNG

1201 Sh. Ram Charitra Nishad (Machhlishahr):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the country's LNG imports jumped 20 per cent year on year basis during the first half of the current year on strong growth demand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether LNG is the only option in boosting the country's gas demand during the next few years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country's gas market has relatively low penetration of around 6.5 per cent of energy mix as against the Government's target of 15 per cent by 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this is due to inadequate infrastructure of pipeline for LNG expansions and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of NTA

1202 Sh. Janak Ram (Gopalganj):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct test for admission in higher education institutes;

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed along with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

Creche Facilities for Employees

1203 Sh. T.G. Venkatesh Babu (chennai North):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has directed all the employers both in private and public sectors to provide creche facilities for employees in the office premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action proposed to be taken against the defaulters;

(d) whether there are reports that women who return to work post-delivery are not adequately provided with nursing breaks by the employers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Assistance for Production and Export of Seafood

1204 Sh. Mohanbhai Kalyanji Kundariya (Rajkot):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government provides any financial assistance or infrastructural assistance to the exporters/State Governments to boost the production and export of seafood including fishes from the country.

(b) if so, the details of the funds released during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any minimum support price or export price for sale and export of seafood products, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether certain countries have imposed restriction/ban on the import of prawns from India; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to ensure quality control and boost the production and export of seafood/prawns from the country?

Grant to Maharashtra

1205 Sh. Rajan Baburao Vichare (Thane):

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for release of grant of Rs. 16808.95 lakhs (75%) Central share and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the above proposal of the Maharashtra Government has been accepted by the Union Government and the total amount of the grant released to the State Government so far; and

(c) if not, the time by which the grant is to be sanctioned and released to the State Government?

Financial Assistance to Folk Art Groups

1206 Sh. Abhishek Singh (Rajnandgaon):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government provides any monetary help or Pension to various Folk Art groups especially from Tribal community and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote such Folk Art groups on various National and International platforms;

(c) whether any inter-cultural festival has been organized by the Government to cherish rich cultural heritage of the country during the last four years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Invest India Programme

1207 Sh. Tejpratap Singh Yadav(Mainpuri) :

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has launched "Invest India" with FICCI for promoting foreign investment in the country;

(b) if so, the details and current status thereof including funds allocated by DIPP to FICCI, year-wise;

(c) the details of schemes/programmes and their achievements so far in terms of FDI inflow, year-wise and sector-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the implementation of programme and if so, the details thereof including cases of financial irregularities detected so far; and

(e) whether Invest India programme has not taken off the ground yet and may meet the same fate as erstwhile India Investment Centre and India Brand Equity Fund and if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the programme more effective?

Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2018

1208 Dr. Naramalli Sivaprasad (Chittoor):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the status of implementation of the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2018 along with the details of the kind of benefits being provided under the Act;

(b) the details and the number of registrations done along with the number of beneficiaries so far under the Act, State/ UT-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the said Act, so far, State/UT-wise?

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

1209 Sh. Sanjay Haribhau Jadhav (Parbhani):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has approved addition of 5000 more seats in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) from 2019-20 and if so, the number of seats in JNVs at present;

(b) the details of pass percentage from Class 10 and Class 12 during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to engage full time counsellors in each of the 630 functional JNVs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the new initiatives of the Government for expansion of quality education for rural and underprivileged students?

Land Acquisition

1210 Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya (Gujarat):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the land in rural areas has been acquired to set up Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the facilities provided to the land owners in lieu of land acquisition;

(d) the provisions with regard to providing jobs by the public sector undertakings under the MoPNG to the local people of the surrounding areas whose land is acquired; and

(e) the reasons for not implementing the said provision?

Teacher Training

1211 Dr. Mahesh Sharma (gautam Buddha Nagar):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to accelerate and amplify solutions, experiments and innovations that are underway and are being attempted in the areas of teacher training and professional development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Release of Funds under Various Schemes

1212 Sh. Ramesh Chander Kaushik (Sonipat):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the funds released to Sonapat in Haryana under various schemes of this ministry;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the said works?

Infrastructure Development of Buddhist Places

1213 Smt. Jayshreeben Patel (Mehsana):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the present status of infrastructure development at Buddhist places and regional handicraft development centres in the country;

(b) whether the said project is likely to be funded by the Ministries of Tourism, Culture and Finance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the progress of cultural learning Centre, Meshwo reservoir front development, tribal haat and handicraft market places along with the policy of the Government in this regard?

Trade Restrictive Measures

1214 Sh. A. Arunmozhithevan (Cuddalore):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that G20 members including India and the US have applied as many as 39 new trade restrictive measures such as higher duties and taxes as also stricter customs procedures during seven months to mid May, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the trade restrictive measures in G20 economies have

doubled compared to the previous review period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring of Schools

1215 Smt. Kirron Anupam Kher (Chandigarh):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of assistance provided to States/UTs by the Government during the last four years to augment capacity for school monitoring and planning by School Management Committees (SMCs) members;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to address the low utilisation of funds under the 'SMC training and community mobilization' component by many States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Iron-based Industry

1216 Sh. Laxman Giluwa (singhbhum):

Will the **STEEL** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up iron based industry to generate employment in Singhbhum of Jharkhand which has huge iron reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Faculty Shortage

1217 Sh. Parasuraman K. (Thanjavur):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government would take fresh initiatives to appoint Ph.D. students to teach some courses at degree level with some financial support to mitigate the crisis of faculty shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Universities have hardly achieved any result as more than one-third faculty positions are still vacant; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken fresh steps to address this issue and if so, the details thereof?

Funds Sanctioned for Cultural Development in Jharkhand

1218 Sh. Vijay Kumar Hansdak (Rajmahal):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Jharkhand for cultural development during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the proposals which have been approved;

(c) the details of the proposals which are yet to be approved and the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds sanctioned/allocated for cultural development in Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the works undertaken by the ministry of culture for the development of culture in the country during the said period?

Teaching in Colleges

1219 Sh. Om Birla (kota):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government intends to make Ph.D. compulsory for teaching in colleges from 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether under new API for Assistant Professors, Ph.D. holders would be given undue advantage and it has reduced the importance of National Eligibility Test;

(c) if so, whether the Government intends to give equal weightage to NET and Ph.D; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sports Period in Schools

1220 Smt. V. Sathyabama (Tiruppur):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to make one hour sports period compulsory in all the schools across the country;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to be implemented in only Government schools;

(c) if so, whether the Government has made the survey on availability of Physical Training Teachers/Instructors in all the schools of the country before implementing this plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Cheap Imports on Industrial Production

1221 Sh. S. Rajendran (Viluppuram):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be

pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the present production capacity and actual production of steel, cement and tyre sectors in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these sectors are running much behind their production capacity due to dumping of these items from various countries including China;

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

(d) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to protect domestic industries from dumping these items in the country?

Notified List of Tribes in Delhi

1222 Sh. Parvesh Sahib Singh (West Delhi):

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is true that there is no notified list of Schedule Tribes in Delhi hence depriving them from special benefits entitled to them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome the issue; and

(c) whether the Government is aware that the migrant population is facing huge difficulties in getting registered themselves as Schedule Tribe person in Delhi and if so, the steps taken by the Government in such cases?

Status of Museum Grant Scheme

1223 Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi (new Delhi):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the status of the Museum Grant Scheme, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of proposals for new museums approved so far, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the funds disbursed for the scheme and the amount utilized therefrom, State/UT-wise?

Vacant Posts in Various Labour Courts and Tribunals

1224 Sh. Radheshyam Biswas (Karimganj):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether some posts of presiding officers and judges are lying vacant in various Labour Courts and Tribunals in the country including North East States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up?

Use of Petrol/Diesel

1225 Sh. Sanjay(Kaka) Ramchandra Patil (Sangli):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether there is a possibility to issue any guidelines to oil companies after preparing draft outlay for the use of petrol and diesel in view of the increasing number of vehicles being used in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any guidelines have been fixed or are likely to be fixed for the use of petrol and diesel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cultural Institutions

1226 Sh. Nagarajan P. (coimbatore):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total number of cultural institutions functioning under the Ministry of Culture State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the works/functions being carried out by each institution;

(c) the total budget earmarked and released to each institution during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the achievement made by each institution so far, State/UT-wise?

Inclusion of Mangarh Dham under PRASHAD Scheme

1227 Sh. Arjunlal Meena (Udaipur):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to include Rishabhdev temple, Baineswar dham and Mangarh dham of Udaipur division of Rajasthan in the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme;

b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Culture Fund

1228 Sh. Manoj Kumar Tiwari (North East Delhi):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to establish special cultural fund for organising cultural events at district level to promote our incredible culture, specially in Delhi/ NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the concerned officials and nodal agencies regarding the aforementioned purpose?

Misuse by Chinese e-Commerce Apps

1229 Sh. Santokh Singh Chaudhary (Jalandhar):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether some Chinese e-commerce apps and websites are misusing/bypassing Indian laws to import and sell their products in India;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure that these websites and apps comply with the Indian laws and regulations?

Percentage of Skilled Workforce

1230 Sh. Kanwar Singh Tanwar (Amroha):

Will the **SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether in comparison to other countries, India has very small percentage of skilled workforce and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of skilled labourers out of total labourers is very less in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to set up training centres at district and block levels in rural regions for skilled labour training and encouraging youngsters in these centres and if so, the details thereof?

Collaboration of Education System with NITI Aayog

1231 Sh. Ramachandran Mullappally (vadakara):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether a new project is proposed to be launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog with an aim to make whole Government school education system responsible, ambitious and transformative for each student;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the objective of this project is to take consistent action to bring

transformation in human capital in education with tripartite collaboration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Transparency in Issuing of Entry Tickets at Tourist Spots

1232 Sh. J.C. Divakar Reddy (anantapur):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that in many tourism places/spots in Andhra Pradesh including Tirupati and Srisaillam, tickets are not being generated/given/provided online and the State officials are following the methods of counter tickets to tourists for various tourism purposes;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken to monitor the situation to avoid giving manual entry and other tickets at tourist hubs/ places all over the country including Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure transparency while issuing tickets to tourists at various places in Andhra Pradesh in future?

Educational Institutions

1233 Sh. Prasun Banerjee (Howrah):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision not to give financial support to educational institution which does not provide 10% EWS quota, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to implement the quota without financial support; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Registration of MSMEs

1234 Prof. Saugata Roy (Dum Dum):

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has implemented any new schemes for generating vast number of employment in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the number of employment generated, Statewise and sector-wise; and

(c) the number of new MSMEs registered during the last three years, Statewise?

Research Ecosystem

1235 Dr. Jayakumar Jayavardhan (Chennai South):

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to improve the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that vibrant young researchers are leaving India due to unemployment or very low remuneration and depleting work environment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to attract more such people to work in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Restoration of Azimganj Sarai

1236 Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Raver):

Will the **CULTURE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes the restoration of the Azimganj Sarai with 108 rooms and a large courtyard, the fort like structure that was the grandest Sarai in the area, built during Mughal emperor Akbar's reign in the 15th Century which once served historians and travellers who used the Grand Trunk Road; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the future development plan of the Government in this regard?

Assistance under PMEGP

1237 Sh. B.V. Naik(Raichur) :

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is plagued by delay in the process of sanctioning loans and that job growth under the PMEGP has been steadily declining over the years, if so, the details thereof including the number of jobs created/growth achieved under PMEGP during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to overcome these problems;

(c) the amount of loans sanctioned for Karnataka and the number of jobs created in the State under PMEGP during the said period;

(d) whether the number of units assisted under PMEGP is increasing over the years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of units assisted and margin money utilized and employment generated during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Bonded Labourers in Backward and Rural Areas

1238 Sh. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the estimated number of bonded labourers in backward and rural areas of the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any plan has been formulated/proposed to be formulated for their release and rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of bonded labourers released/rehabilitated during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether any assistance has been provided for this purpose especially in backward and rural zones of the country during the said period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

Kartarpur Sahib Industrial Corridor

1239 Sh. Ravneet Singh (Ludhiana):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government plans to construct an industrial corridor at the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor in Punjab, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government expects to create jobs through this corridor and if so the number of jobs likely to be created therefrom; and

(c) the amount the Government plans to spend on the said corridor?

Separate Wing for Overseas Employment

1240 Sh. Gowdar Mallikarjunappa Siddeshwara (Davanagere):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether a wing for overseas employment of unskilled labourers is in existence in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of unskilled labourers sent for overseas employment through the said wing during the last three years;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to create a separate wing for overseas employment of unskilled labourers; and

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

Demand of Organic Tea

1241 Sh. Sirajuddin Ajmal (Barpeta):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether organic tea grown in the country has tremendous demand abroad;
- (b) if so, the quantity and value of organic tea exported during each of the last three years and the current year, countrywise and brand-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand the cultivable area of organic tea and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote its export?

Financial Assistance to Tribal Students

1242 Sh. Alok Sanjar (Bhopal):

Will the **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the Tribal students to get higher education in engineering, technology and science, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries thereof during each of the last three years and the current year and the State-wise details thereof including Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government provides proper guidance to the tribal students for taking admission in foreign recognised universities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

LPG Agencies

1243 Sh. Rahul Kaswan (Churu):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) the number of LPG agencies in Churu and Hanumangarh districts of Rajasthan;
- (b) whether people in Rajasthan are facing a lot of difficulties in absence of LPG agencies in rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether new gas agencies are proposed to be set up to minimise the pressure on existing agencies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Higher Education and Research

1244 Sh. A.T. (Nana) Patil (Jalgaon):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government continuously works to promote higher education and

research in the country;

(b) if so, the various courses being conducted to promote the youths of the country at present along with the details;

(c) whether the Government has decided to conduct the National Eligibility Test (NET) examination only once a year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which the said step would result in reducing the number of NET

Skill Training Centre

1245 Sh. Devji Mansingram Patel (Jalore):

Will the **SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a model, inspirational, state-of-the-art skill training centre in each district of the country including Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana to provide quality training to youth;

(b) if so, the total number of districts in which training centres have been set up in Rajasthan including Jalore and Sirohi Districts during the last three years;

(c) the total number of skill related contests, employment fairs and integration camps organised to make the skill training popular among the youth during the last three years; and

(d) the year-wise and State-wise details thereof?

Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans

1246 Sh. Jayadev Galla (guntur):

Will the **MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Ministry provides financial assistance to artisans to construct workshed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of khadi and other artisans benefitted under the workshed scheme in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last four years and the current year?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1247 Sh. K. C. Venugopal (Alappuzha):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the measures taken by the Government to improve the quality of education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) whether the Government has adopted any mechanism to evaluate the progress of various objectives of the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the targeted achievements under the scheme during the last five years; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to implement the scheme particularly in rural regions of the country?

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

1248 Sh. Arjun Charan Sethi (Bhadrak):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the date on which the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' scheme was launched by the Government;

(b) the main idea behind launching the said scheme;

(c) whether all the stakeholders like Union Government/States educational institutions and general public are part of the scheme; (

d) if so, whether all the States have shown interest and are participating actively in the scheme;

(e) if so, the nature and number of activities held so far under the scheme in different States and total fund made available by the Union Government to States, educational institutions in conducting events; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in consultation with all the stakeholders to make the scheme widely acceptable?

Building of Rural Tourism Clusters and Parks

1249 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan (kheda):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether there is a proposal to build rural tourism clusters and tourism parks to promote tourism at a large scale in the country;

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

(c) the details and the number of such clusters and parks proposed to be set up in Gujarat?

Steel Projects

1250 Sh. Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan (Khandwa):

Will the **STEEL** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total number of steel plants in the country and the number of steel projects that

are still underway in the country;

(b) whether the current number of steel plants is enough to meet the needs of the country and if so, the details thereof and the major reasons for steel imports;

(c) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court's capping on mining/production of Iron in States of Odisha, Goa and Karnataka has led to the fall in production of steel and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of total steel consumed and manufactured in the country and the percentage imported from outside; and

(e) whether there has been increase in imports of steel over last few years and if so, the details thereof along with its impacts on the domestic market and the indigenous steel plants?

ESI Hospitals

1251 Sh. Harish Dwivedi (basti):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of ESI hospitals functioning across the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the criteria for setting up new ESI hospitals in the country;

(c) whether the Government is working upon any plan to set up ESI hospitals in small cities of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee for Global Funds

1252 Sh. Mohanbhai Kalyanji Kundariya (Rajkot):

Will the **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether a committee headed by the Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has been set up to ease regulatory burdens to attract global funds in particular sectors across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated timeline of setting up of such a mechanism?

Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1253 Sh. Mohanbhai Kalyanji Kundariya (Rajkot):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-based Tourist Circuits and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) had been launched by the Union Government for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country and if so, the details and the facts thereof along

with the aims and objectives of the said schemes;

(b) the number of projects identified under the Swadesh Darshan and the funds sanctioned in this regard along with the religious sites identified under the PRASHAD scheme and the funds sanctioned for these sites, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned four new projects under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Tourism Infrastructure Development Schemes for Meghalaya, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bundelkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds allocated to these States under these schemes for the development of tourism during the last three years; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to include more projects/sites under these schemes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Gas Grid

1254 Sh. Tejpratap Singh Yadav (Mainpuri):

Will the **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is in the process of developing additional 13105 kilometre gas pipeline as part of National Gas Grid and to increase the availability of natural gas across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the existing geographical area and population covered under the current City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the status of projects currently underway under the National Gas Grid, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project for connecting gas pipeline in Eastern India Region of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including length of pipelines completed during the last three years?

Skill Development Centres

1255 Sh. Anurag Singh Thakur (Hamirpur):

Will the **SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of operational Skill Development Centres opened in the country during the last three years, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the details of persons who have been provided employment by these Centres, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the persons who have been provided certification by these Centres in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise data;

(d) the details of the efforts made to enhance employment opportunities for those who have not received certification;

(e) whether the persons who undertook training have been placed in alignment with the target set by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government to improve the placement scenario?

Development of Area around the Statue of Unity

1256 Sh. Vishnu Dayal Ram (Palamu):

Will the **TOURISM** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the tourism has increased substantially in the area after the Statue of Unity has been opened for visitors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the revenue generated till now from visitors to the Statue of Unity;

(c) whether the Government plans to develop the area around the Statue to increase employment and tourism in the surrounding area and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the financial burden is to be shared between the State and the Union Government for the coming years upto 2021; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Minimum Wages

1257 Sh. Sukhbir Singh Jaunapurja (Tonk-sawai Madhopur):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has increased minimum wages for labourers in the organised and unorganised sector during the last five years;

(b) if so, the year-wise/ State-wise/ UT-wise details thereof along with the rule/ law under which the said increase has been made;

(c) whether the Government increases the minimum wages of organised and unorganised sector keeping in view the recession/boom in the economy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective measures taken by the Government to save the labourers from exploitation?

Skilled and Unskilled Workers in the Unorganised Sector

1258 Sh. M. K. Raghavan (Kozhikode):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total number of skilled and unskilled workers in the unorganised sector,

State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of their employment reach and the number of such workers who are either retrenched or unemployed for the period 2014 to 2018, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(c) the present scenario in this regard and the action taken by the Government to increase employment in the unorganised sector?

National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Societies

1259 Sh. Lallu Singh (Faizabad):

Will the **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether any notification has been issued in all districts of the country regarding National Child Labour Project (NCLP) societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the new NCLP societies set up in order to complete new Central Sector for rehabilitation of bonded labourers?

University Status to Sanskrit Sansthan

1260 Sh. Kaushal Kishore (Mohanlalganj):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether no central university has been set up for Sanskrit though the same exists for Hindi, Urdu and English languages, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan is likely to be accorded the Central University status;

(b) whether the 240 contractual/guest teachers working in the said Sansthan have not been regularized so far in spite of having the requisite qualifications prescribed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which they are likely to be regularized;

(c) whether the ratio of regular and contractual/guest teachers in this Sansthan is as per the laid down guidelines and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to bring this ratio at par with the guidelines;

(d) the reasons for not giving salary/ emoluments, amenities and opportunities to the contractual/guest teachers at par with the regular teachers in spite of High Court directions in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for not deducting Provident Fund (PF) to contractual/guest teachers in spite of drawing minimum salary/emoluments as prescribed by the Karamchari Bhavishya Nidhi Sangathan along with the time by which their PF is likely to be deducted?

National Literacy Mission

1261 Sh. Ravindra Kumar Pandey (Giridih):

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has terminated services of literacy personnel who were appointed on contract basis under the National Literacy Mission (NLM) since the year 1999;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to re-instate services of said personnel or to accommodate them in other works;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the total number of employees engaged under the said Mission across the country including Jharkhand?

New Delhi.

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