

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 230

Exports of Electronics Items

1381. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturing and exports of electronic items in the country has dropped in the last five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the manufacturing and exports of electronics in India in the last five years;

(d) the details of the Government initiatives to boost the manufacturing of electronic items in India; and

(e) the details of the number of electronic companies started in India under the "Make in India" Project?

Industrial Corridor

1382. SHRI RAJMOHAN

UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether land has been acquired and all necessary sanctions have been issued for the setting up of a new Coimbatore-Kochi Industrial corridor via Palakkad;

(b) if so, the progress made in approval and completion of the projects under the said Corridor along with its current status;

(c) the details of the target set for completion of the project; and

(d) the time by which this corridor will be made operational?

Misuse of Social Media

1383. SHRI S.

JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any step or/and enacted any law to prevent all types of social media from publishing any kind of obscene pictures, photos and other pornographic literature and materials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chandrayaan-III

1384. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for a Chandrayaan-III Mission in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount of money spent on Chandrayaan-II Mission?

Use of Blockchain Technology

1385. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

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 promote and encourage the use of blockchain technology;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any research on the uses of blockchain technology and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Manned Mission to Mars

1386. MS. MALA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to launch a manned mission to Mars and if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be launched;

(b) whether the training has started for the persons who will go to Mars; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Registered Start-ups

1387. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY: SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of start-ups that have been registered since 2014;

(b) the top five sectors in which the maximum number of start-ups have been opened since 2014;

(c) whether any support has been provided by the Government to these start-ups including any special package to them to raise foreign venture capital;

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

(e) the details of the top five States where the maximum number of start-ups have opened since 2014 along with the data in this regard;

(f) whether the Government is considering to give relaxation period of five years to obtain all licenses and NOCs for the MSME start-ups units; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Slowdown in GDP

1388. SHRIMATI NUSRAT
JAHAN RUHI:
SHRI THOMAS
CHAZHIKADAN:
SHRI M. BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's GDP is slowing down day by day during the last several months;

(b) if so, whether the GDP growth has slowed down to an overall six-year low at five per cent and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the GDP growth;

(d) the GDP growth rate during the last five years, year-wise; and

(e) by when the GDP rate of the country is likely to come out of the downward trend?

Promoting Ease of Doing Business

†1389. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SANGAM LAL
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the works carried out by the Government during each of the last five years in respect of the initiative for ease of doing business;

(b) whether there is any system under which the Government has arranged a single window for business;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any arrangement for providing loans to businessmen at short notice; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Exports from India

†1390. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details in regard to export targets and achievements made during each of the last five years;

(b) the details of target set for export of different items from the sector/Export Oriented Unit(EOU) and the achievements

made therein during each of the last two years and the current year;

(c) whether any decline in export from India to Europe has been recorded during any of last two years;

(d) if so, the details of sectors which are responsible for slowdown in global demand;

(e) whether export capacity of the country is being affected due to this;

(f) whether the Government is taking effective measures to promote export in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Non-coking Coal Washeries

1391. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
DR. DNV
SENTHILKUMAR S.:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM
PATIL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing non-coking coal washeries of Coal India Limited and private washeries functioning along with its total capacity;

(b) whether the utilization of these existing washing capacity is sub optimal;

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

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to optimally utilize the existing capacity, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Coal India Limited proposes to set up more washeries in the coming years; and

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

Outsourcing RRB

1392. SHRI THOMAS
CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) has any plan to outsource its competitive exams to private agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of recruitments conducted through RRB in the last five years?

Crime in Railways

†1393. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not taking the assistance of modern technology equipped devices to check the incidents of crime at the prominent railway stations in Jabalpur under West Central Railway Zone;

(b) whether there is any proposal for installing high definition cameras at major railway stations in Jabalpur;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in installing these equipments;

(d) whether the Government proposes to instal the modern equipments very soon keeping in view the safety of the passengers and their belongings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for this purpose?

Telecommunication Facilities in Forest Areas

†1394. SHRI BAIDYANATH PRASAD MAHTO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in the country where communication facility including the network quality is poor, State/UT-wise and district-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the mobile network in forest areas of the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide telecom network to the people living in forest areas of Valmiki Nagar?

New Railway Line from Thawe/ Gopalganj to Chhapra

1395. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been conducted by the Railways for laying new railway line from Thawe/Gopalganj junction to Chhapra junction and Thawe/Gopalganj junction to Gorakhpur junction;

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

(c) whether the electrification works of railway lines *via* Thawe/Gopalganj junction are under consideration of the Railways;

(d) if so, the time by which electrification of the said lines would begin; and

(e) if not, whether the Government would consider to include this work in its new action plan on priority basis for its execution?

Linking of Social Media with Aadhaar

†1396. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU: DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to link social media accounts of users with their Aadhaar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the terms and conditions finalized/ proposed to be finalized by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has issued any order or notification in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the likely advantages and disadvantages of linking social media profile with Aadhaar?

Racial Attacks on Indians

†1397. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the racial attacks on Indians abroad;

(b) if so, the details of the racial attacks on Indians during the last three

years along with the names of the countries; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the security of Indians abroad?

Shortfall of Women in RPF

1398. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sufficient number of women police personnel in the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these women police personnel are deployed in the running trains as Rakshak Dal to ensure adequate safety and if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is shortage of women police personnel to provide proper safety and security to the women commuters; and

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to recruit sufficient number of women police personnel to ensure proper safety and security for women commuters?

Framing of Rules for Legislation

1399. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manual of Parliamentary Procedure (MoP) stipulates that rules and regulations would be framed within a period of six months from the date on which the relevant statute came into force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only 2 to 5 per cent of rules/regulations/bye-laws are framed by the concerned Ministries/Departments and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the time taken for framing rules of legislation after publication of approval in the official gazette exceeds a time limit of 15 days as of the MoP and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedies adopted by the Government to frame the rules of all legislations within the time limit and reduce the delays associated with framing the rules?

Reviewing Decision on RCEP

1400. SHRI M. SELVARAJ: SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.: DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE: SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government attended but decided to withdraw from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

(b) if so, the reasons for such withdrawal and time taken to get out of the RCEP negotiations;

(c) whether the Government is likely to review its decision and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any pressure from any outside country to sign the agreement and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the issues raised for not signing the RCEP and whether any assurance was given by the member countries to resolve the issues raised by India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Misuse of Export Promotion Scheme

†1401. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of companies that were identified for misuse of facilities under Export Promotion Scheme against which action has been taken during the last three years;

(b) the outcome of the action taken thereof;

(c) the details of the number of companies of which export codes were cancelled on the basis of above results along with their names during the last three years;

(d) the details of the number of companies enlisted under unapproved units list;

(e) whether no penal action on such crimes by companies misusing the above mentioned facilities are initiated and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the reaction of the Government on the above reasons?

Accidents in Coal Mines

†1402. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal mines account for the most number of casualties caused by accidents in mines;

(b) if so, number of accidents occurred in coal mines in the country during each of the last three years including Gujarat;

(c) the details of the number of deaths and injuries caused due to accidents in coal mines and the compensation provided to the victims and their families, State/UT-wise in the last five years;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to increase compensation amount given under coal mines accident;

(e) if so, whether the said amount is likely to be given to permanent employees or temporary employees along with the time by which said action is likely to be taken; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to improve safety standard and working condition in coal mines?

Non-Payment to Workers

1403. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government was in receipt of representations from NRI employees/workers working in various countries with regard to non-payment as agreed in the agreement form and cheating by the employers of private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such cases received during the past seven years including the current year, country-wise/year-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken/being taken for disposal of these cases?

Postal Ballot

1404. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any recommendation from the Election Commission of India to allow senior citizens and persons with disabilities to cast their vote through postal ballot;

(b) if so, whether the Government has studied the recommendations with regard to amending the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government would announce the decision?

Modernisation of Railways

1405. SHRIMATI S. JOTHIMANI:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds required for the modernisation of Railways, laying new railway lines, doubling of railway lines, electrification and railway protection, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) the time and manner by which the said fund is likely to be mobilised;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to implement the said programmes on Public Private Partnership mode;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the State-wise details of railway stations that are proposed to be upgraded;

(f) the steps being taken to utilize environment-friendly technologies such as solar power or bio-toilets; and

(g) the measures being taken to reduce the losses in the Railways?

BPO Scheme

1406. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand Business Process Outsourcing

(BPO) Units Scheme to rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has given approval for India BPO Promotion Scheme for promoting BPO operations across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of incentives given/being given by the Government for these BPOs?

Procurement Policy

1407. SHRI DEVUSINH
JESINGBHAI
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Procurement Policy of Small Track Machines by Indian Railways encourages monopoly in procurement and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether people's representatives have brought the facts of cartelization and monopoly of one company regarding procurement of abrasive rail cutter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Railways to end this monopoly and evolve a mechanism so that more companies can enter in the bidding?

Supreme Court Collegium

1408. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendations of collegiums which are pending with the

Union Government, as on date, and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of recommendations of collegiums which have not been approved by the Union Government in the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of all such persons recommended by the collegiums in the last three years for elevation as Supreme Court Judges, High Court Judges and Chief Justice(s) which were not approved by the Union Government?

Utilisation of Red Mud

1409. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO
BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY
TATKARE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING
KOLHE:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI
SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of red mud generation in India per year;

(b) whether the Ministry of Mines has organized any workshop on the effective utilization of red mud recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of representatives who have attended the workshop;

(d) the present status regarding the generation of red mud and its safe disposal and utilization;

(e) whether the stakeholders came up with a solution as it is an environmental concern; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for effective utilization of red mud and its safe disposal?

Slowdown in Commerce and Industrial Sector

1410. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a slowdown in commerce and industrial sector;

(b) if so, the details of the current growth rate and the growth rates in each of the last five financial years in both the sectors; and

(c) the growth rate in 2010, 2014 and 2018 respectively in both the sectors?

Scheme for Judicial Infrastructure

1411. SHRI MANICKAM
TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the fund allocation made by the Government under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Judicial Infrastructure for the last three years;

(b) whether there is shortage of court rooms in district courts;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to construct more court rooms

under this scheme along with the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to construct adequate number of court rooms in district courts across the country?

Completion of ROBs

1412. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the railway authorities for the completion of ROBs in Kuthirapanthi and Malikamukku as part of the Alappuzha bypass Road;

(b) the present status of ROBs at Thuravoor, Cherthala, Chittumoola, Malikamukku and Vavvakkavu Road under Thiruvananthapuram division; and

(c) the time by when the work of these ROBs are likely to be completed?

Overall Share of Gross Value Added

1413. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steady drop in the growth rate of overall share of Gross Value Added (GVA) in the manufacturing sector in the year 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to provide more policy or administrative support to the manufacturing sector under the "Make in India" vision?

Mobile Towers in Rajasthan

†1414. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether opportunities of digital services based social activities and e-Governance are increasing in the rural areas where telecom towers have been installed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of villages including Rajasthan where towers have been installed till now and the State-wise number of towers to be installed in the next financial year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the total number of towers installed in Sirohi and Jalaur districts of Rajasthan during each of the last three years, telecom company-wise; and

(d) the total number of towers installed across the country during the same period, State/UT-wise?

Tracing of WhatsApp Rogue Message

1415. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce a mechanism to trace WhatsApp rogue messages and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this mechanism will curb the circulation of such messages and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant Posts in Courts

1416. SHRI SISIR KUMAR

ADHIKARI:

SHRI RAJENDRA

AGRAWAL:

SHRI FEROZE VARUN

GANDHI:

SHRI UTTAM KUMAR

REDDY NALAMADA:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR

PINTU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of Judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts at present in the country, court-wise along with the total number of judges appointed in these courts during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) whether number of posts of judges are lying vacant in different High Courts and Supreme Court across the country, State-wise and bench-wise;

(c) if so, the time since when these posts are lying vacant along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government promised to fill up all vacant posts within a time-frame and if so, the reason behind not fulfilling the commitment and the present status of vacancies therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has set any time-frame to appoint adequate number of judges at the earliest in all the courts of the country to provide speedy justice to the citizen and reduce the number of pending cases?

Him Vijay Military Exercise

1417. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY

TATKARE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO

BHAMRE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING

KOLHE:

SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI

SHARMA:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army has conducted major military exercise called Him Vijay recently and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto and the expenditure involved therein;

(b) the number of army personnel and the integrated battle groups who participated in the exercise and the benefits likely to be achieved as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to increase joint military exercise of Indian forces with foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of joint military exercises undertaken during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) whether the Government has signed agreements with foreign countries during such exercise and if so, the details thereof?

Coal Supply to Power Plants

†1418. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI SANGAM LAL

GUPTA:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

SHRI CHANDRA

PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal supplied by the Government to thermal power stations of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan and the year-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments regarding shortage of coal supply and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States have surplus quantity of coal for thermal power and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of quantum of coal supplied to industries and private sector in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan and the details thereof?

Atal Innovation Mission

1419. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR

REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to States/UTs under the Atal Innovation Mission;

(b) the number of Atal Tinkering Labs, State/UT wise; and

(c) the number of Atal Incubation Centres that have been set up, State/UT-wise?

World Legal Service Day

1420. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV
RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI SELVAM G.
SHRIMATI SANDHYA
RAY:
SHRI DHANUSH M.
KUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
DUBEY:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government observed World Legal Service Day, 2019 in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to achieve the aims and objectives of the event along with the details of programmes organized by the Government to mark this occasion;

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts for providing legal aid to the poor and the people in urban and rural areas of the country and if so, the details of the legal aid clinics/legal service centres functioning in different parts of the country including Tamil Nadu and Tripura;

(d) the norms and guidelines of the legal assistance system for providing free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of the society and steps taken to open new legal aid clinics especially in Tamil Nadu;

(e) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor and evaluate implementation of legal aid programme for the poor and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the funds allocated and spent for legal aid services in the last three years and the current year and the number of beneficiaries who received the help from the Government; and

(g) whether the Government is aware of the large number of persons lodged in various prisons in the country due to lack of access to legal aid and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ISRO enabled GPS System

1421. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has started setting up of ISRO Enabled GPS System Real Train Information System (RTIS) in passenger trains of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of trains that have already got the system installed, zone wise;

(c) the advantages of such system in the overall functioning of the Indian Railways;

(d) whether there is any proposal to install the same in goods trains also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

New Trains in Bihar

†1422. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trains introduced in Bihar during the last three years along with the details of the new trains proposed to be introduced for Araria district; and

(b) the number of people likely to be benefitted by it?

Supply of Coal to Power Plants

1423. DR. AMAR SINGH:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed by Coal India Limited for production of coal in the current year;

(b) whether production of coal is enough for fulfilling the requirement of power sector;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to augment coal reserves in view of coal shortage being reported in coal run power plants across the country;

(d) whether huge quantity of coal remains lying at pit head and railway siding due to unavailability of wagons;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Railway Underpass at Edapally

1424. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Railway underpass at Edapally for smooth running of vehicles including ambulances and residents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps that have already been taken to begin the said construction work;

(d) whether there exist any obstacles for the commencement of the proposed project; and

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

Report on Data Protection

1425. SHRI SHANMUGA
SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received Justice B.N. Srikrishnan Committee report on data protection;

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

(c) whether the said committee report has any recommendation on the subjects such as personal, non-personal and super-sensitive data and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the categories of personal data identified in the report;

(e) whether the Government has accepted the said categorisation of personal data by the committee report and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has prepared any draft legislation with regard to data protection and if so, the details

thereof including the details of provisions related to protection of non-personal data in the proposed legislation?

Global Competitiveness Index

1426. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ
JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Economic Forum's latest iteration of its Global Competitiveness Report has put India at 68th position, down by 10 ranks from the previous year, out of 141 countries;

(b) if so, whether the continuous fall in India's economic growth is the primary reason for this; and

(c) the details of the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to increase its growth rate and its position in Global Competitiveness Index?

Pending Railway Works in Maharashtra

†1427. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN
LOKHANDE:
DR. BHARATI PRAVIN
PAWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway works for which proposals have been received by the Government from Maharashtra during the last three years and the details thereof, proposal-wise;

(b) the reaction of the Government on the said proposals and the action taken so far on such proposals;

(c) the number of proposals from Maharashtra pending so far with the railways at present and the details of such proposals, location and work-wise; and

(d) the reasons for pendency of the said proposals?

Order Books of Defence PSUs

1428. SHRI SUDHAKAR
TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
MS. PRATIMA
BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that currently order books of Defence PSUs is alarmingly low and which will not sustain them beyond 2020-21;

(b) if so, the details of orders with various Defence PSUs including HAL, Bharat Dynamics, Mazagon Dock, Goa Shipyards, etc.;

(c) the reasons for very low order books of Defence PSUs; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to formulate a foolproof strategy to ensure that the Defence PSUs do not remain idle for want of orders?

Development of Aspirational Districts

†1429. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any agenda for the next hundred days for development of 112 aspirational districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any arrangements for regular review of the works undertaken so far in the said 112 aspirational districts;

(d) if so, at which level the review is being conducted;

(e) whether the Government is aware of the developmental work done under different schemes in the said 112 aspirational districts during the previous two years; and

(f) if so, the details of the work done in the 112 districts of the country including Chatra, Latehar and Palamu districts?

Privatization of Rail Coach Factories

1430. SHRI A. RAJA:
SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:
DR. KALANIDHI
VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Rail Coach Factories across the country, State/ UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government is planning to corporatise/privatise all some of its Rail Coach Factories including Modern Coach Factories;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise including Tamil Nadu and the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by which it is likely to be corporatised/privatised; and

(e) whether any or some of the States has opposed this proposal and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Revenue from Advertisements

1431. SHRI MOHAMMED
FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue earned by the Government from the sale of platform tickets;

(b) the details of amount earned by the Government from shops and advertisements on the platforms;

(c) the year when the rates of the rent for shops and advertisements on platforms were fixed and whether these rates are under revision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

FDI and Private Participation in Defence Production

1432. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:
DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently initiated/proposes to initiate any scheme under the Make in India programme

to design, develop and manufacture indigenous military equipment in collaboration with Indian private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number and name of the private firms engaged in defence productions;

(c) whether the indigenously developed and manufactured defence equipments are competitive at international level and conform to international standard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is allowing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in defence production sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide eighty per cent funding to the Research & Development projects undertaken by the private sector companies in defence production and if so, the details thereof?

Facilities by Empanelled Hospitals under ECHS

1433. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that a large number of private general hospitals refusing medical treatment to the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) beneficiaries on the grounds that the desired medical specialty is not covered under ECHS, however, if the beneficiary is willing to pay general rates for treatment they are provided with medical treatment in those hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the various private hospitals empanelled under ECHS do not list all the medical specialties they cater to the patients and list only those for which they are willing to cater to ECHS beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to revise the relevant ECHS list of empanelled hospitals either by removing the column 'empanelled for' describing the specialty treatment catered to the beneficiaries or by ensuring that the said list of empanelled hospitals provide all the medical specialty to which the hospitals is catering to; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Setting up of Rail Coach Factory in Telangana

1434. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Para 10 of Schedule 13 to the AP Reorganisation Act mandates Indian Railways to set up Rail Coach Factory in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to set up Rail Coach Factory in Kazipet in Telangana;

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

(d) the manner in which Railways justifies the proposed purchase of coaches from private players or importing them instead of setting up of rail coach factory which is cost-effective and also provides employment to our youth?

Do Not Call Registry

1435. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of 'Do Not Call Registry';

(b) whether the Government has taken note of incidents of telemarketing companies calling customers from the personal phones of their employees thereby making it difficult for the customers to know the whereabouts of the call; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Wi-Fi at Stations

†1436. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Wi-Fi services at all railway stations of the country in the next three to four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which Wi-Fi services are likely to be provided by the Government at all railway stations of Chhattisgarh and at Etawah railway station; and

(d) the number of railway stations in which Wi-Fi service has been provided by the Government so far, along with the details thereof?

Resumption of Train Operations

†1437. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which 54251 UP and 54252 down passenger trains plying between Lucknow and Saharanpur *via* several railway stations in the parliamentary constituency of Bijnor are not operating for almost two years; and

(b) the time by which the operation of the said train is likely to be resumed?

Frequency of Rajdhani Trains

†1438. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajdhani Express or Shatabdi Express trains runs daily for all the State capitals of the country from New Delhi railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of those State capitals for which there is no arrangement of such trains and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to run 12441/12442 Bilaspur Rajdhani Express only two days of the week now; and

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

Destruction of Railway Property

1439. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the loss incurred to the Indian Railways in the last three years on account of the destruction of its property and disruption of rail services on account of public disorder and the burning of trains etc.;

(b) the number of cases that have been registered on account of destruction of railway property; and

(c) the States that have witnessed maximum destruction of railway property and disruption of services on account of poor law and order situation?

Payment to UN

1440. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is paying regularly its due amount to UN every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount paid by India to UN during the last three years?

Open Cell TV Panel

1441. SHRI SELVAM G.:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has removed 5% custom duty on open cell TV panel which is used in manufacturing of television sets such as LED TVs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this move would help to reduce the prices of TV as it would lower the input costs for TV makers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many TV manufacturing companies have stopped making televisions in India and are now importing them from other Asian countries, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage companies for manufacturing in India under the Make in India initiative;

(e) whether, India would soon become the largest country in the world where every household has a television set; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to manufacture more TV sets to meet the growing demand?

Safety of Women

1442. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps for ensuring safety and security of women passengers;

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

(c) the other measures which are being contemplated by the Government for the safety of women in trains?

Demand and Supply of Coal

†1443. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of coal has exceeded its supply in the country and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor, State and Sector-wise;

(b) whether the cancellation of coal blocks by Supreme Court of India and delay in re-allocation of such coal blocks have impacted adversely on the production and supply of coal in the country and if so, the details thereof and the action plan contemplated by the Government to mitigate such adverse impact of cancellation of coal blocks along with its impact on import of coal;

(c) whether the cases of violation of Coal Mining Nationalisation Act, 1973 have come to the notice of the Government in re-allocation of such coal blocks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study on the cost escalation of power generation and power tariff due to delay in re-allocation of such coal blocks in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal in the country from the indigenous production of coal?

Exports by NALCO

1444. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) has taken steps to increase its exports;

(b) if so, the performance of NALCO in this regard during the last three years;

(c) whether the NALCO has fixed higher target for 2019-20 financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GI Tag to Bandar Laddu

1445. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bandar Laddu from Andhra Pradesh has been given GI tag;

(b) the details of the efforts made by the Government to promote Bandar Laddu

within and outside the country to help the community involved in its manufacture earn more money;

(c) whether Bandar Laddu is exported to other countries; and

(d) if so, the country-wise details of such exports in each of the last three years and the current year?

Spot e-Auction of Coal

1446. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal allocated by the Government as on date in the spot e-auction of coal, special forward e-auction for power sector and also the exclusive e-auction for non-power sector; and

(b) the total quantity of coal imported in the country in the current financial year as on date?

Cases of Illegal Mining

1447. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any steps against such companies which have been accused of illegal mining;

(b) if so, the number of companies which have been found guilty of illegal mining of minerals in the last three years including the current year;

(c) whether any status report has been sought by the Union Government from States about illegal mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra along with the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Laying of Optical Fibre

†1448. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down optical fibre cable network in one lakh village Panchayats in the first phase of the BharatNet Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has been able to provide internet connection to only 22,000 village Panchayats out of the aforesaid one lakh village Panchayats and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the target fixed by the Government in this regard was March, 2015 and the Government has not been able to achieve the same despite a lapse of more than four years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the district-wise details of the condition of internet provision to village Panchayats in Maharashtra?

Missing Trade Opportunities by India

1449. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has finally decided not to be a part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by not signing the deal, whether India has missed the opportunity of being a part of global supply chains, while closing the doors on some trade opportunities in the region and if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government in this regard?

Railway Development Fund

1450. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank and the Railways are working together to create a Railway Development Fund that would partly finance the \$142 billion investment plans for the core infrastructure sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether part of this plan funded by multilateral bodies and the World Bank, that has global experience and access to technology and the Government has held a meeting with senior officials of the World Bank in this regard recently, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Railway officials attended a World Bank meeting on transportation, interacted with business leaders at the U.S. - India Business Council-met officials of the IFC and the IFC could help Indian Railways to monetize its huge assets and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that globally Railways get 30-40 per cent of

their income from non-railway operations but in India, it is not even two per cent and putting the huge prime real estate held by the Railways into productive use would be the cornerstone of this strategy and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government encourage U.S. businesses to invest in Indian Railways that has been opened up to 100 per cent FDI in most part of its operations and the steps taken/being taken to give a facelift to the IR and revolutionize the way Indians travel, transport goods and services and conduct business, if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Projects under Integrated Action Plan

†1451. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects undertaken under the Integrated Action Plan;

(b) whether a review of the performance of such projects has been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to address the local problems and to ensure effective implementation of the said programme?

Features of Make in India

1452. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.: SHRI A. RAJA: DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Make in India Programme;

(b) the details of the number of districts/cities/areas covered under this programme across the country including Tamil Nadu;

(c) the State/UT-wise number of sectors included in this programme so far within the country, including Tamil Nadu;

(d) the details of the targets set and achievements made so far under this programme;

(e) whether the Government has created facilitation centres under this programme in the country, including Tamil Nadu;

(f) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with its response and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Government to include and promote rural areas, especially in the manufacturing sector under this programme; and

(h) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/to be taken by the Government to implement the same in the country under the programme so far?

Global Investors in Manufacturing Sector

1453. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether global investors have been invited to invest in the manufacturing and other sectors in India;

(b) if so, whether this will boost the manufacturing and other sectors in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cooperation with Britain on Terrorism

†1454. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR
MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain has shown willingness to cooperate with India to combat global terrorism keeping in view the increasing threat and challenges of maritime security; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which maritime challenges and terrorism is likely to be checked as a result thereof, particularly in the Indian Ocean?

Gram Suraksha Yojna

†1455. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to improve the policy of Gram Suraksha Yojana under Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the features of the said policy and the targets fixed by the Government thereunder;

(d) whether several villages have been benefited by the said policy and if so, the details thereof along with the results of survey conducted, if any, by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of the villages where more than 90 per cent of its population have been benefited, State/UT-wise including in Rajasthan?

National Rail and Transport University

1456. SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Ministry to achieve the vision of Prime Minister to make the National Rail and Transport University (NRTU) as an institution of national importance and to virtually bring it as one of the top 500 institutions;

(b) whether the Railways has sent the proposal before the Empowered Expert Committee of the UGC for giving it a tag of an institution of national importance;

(c) if so, the recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee in this regard;

(d) whether there are any plans to set up a centre of NRTU in Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked the Railways to set up a Railway University in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Retention of Lien of Post

1457. SHRI RAJA
AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set rules regarding retention of lien of post in a Government Office (GO) after joining another GO by Government Employee (GE) through tendering of technical resignation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) maximum period allowed for retention of lien of GE;

(d) whether previous GO is bound to retain the lien of a GE for lifetime if his/her employment in another GO is not confirmed and if so, the details thereof including the cases of lien retention beyond 5 years;

(e) whether GO can terminate lien after receiving written undertaking from GE once formal lien of 2 years is over and if so, the rule position in this regard; and

(f) whether Government is aware that retention of lien for long period, may hamper the promotion prospects of other incumbent employees in previous cadre/

service and if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

District Action Plan for Wayanad District

1458. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the empowered Committee chaired by the CEO, NITI Aayog has initiated any measures to ensure the convergence of schemes and address issues brought up by the Central Prabhari Officer in Wayanad district under the aspirational districts programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one of the stated strategies is to work on the strength of each district and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the key strengths identified in the District Action Plan for Wayanad district; and

(e) the measures taken to foster collaboration between citizens, Central and State Governments?

Train from Balaghat

†1459. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the train running from Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) via Gondia to Itwari, Nagpur has been stopped since last August;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government would consider to start a new train in public interest from Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) to Itwari Nagpur to Balaghat in the evening to provide railway facility to the public; and

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

Usage of Digital Technology

1460. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJA

AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched various schemes to boost the usage of digital technology among common man in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by the Government to make more impact-full usage of Information Technology in the country;

(d) whether the Government has taken special efforts to improve accessibility of Information Technology to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof especially with regard to State of West Bengal; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government for pervasion of digital technology application across the country?

Redevelopment of Stations

†1461. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to develop 400 railway stations of Indian Railways to provide facilities at par with airports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Indian Railways has laid out any norms on the basis of which the aforesaid 400 railway stations are going to be developed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of developers who have shown interest in redevelopment of railway stations;

(d) the names of railway stations in district Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan which are likely to be included under the said plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Stoppage at Yeola Station

†1462. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to provide stoppage of Pune-Jammu Tawi Jhelum Express and any other train at Yeola railway station;

(b) if so, the date on which the survey was conducted; and

(c) the outcome of the survey?

Scheme for Government Employees

†1463. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR: SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to fulfil the medical and education related necessities of Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Project for Promotion of e-Governance

†1464. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of ongoing projects implemented by the Government to promote e-Governance in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) the details of such projects implemented by the Union Government to promote e-Governance in Rajasthan?

Surveillance of Calls

1465. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to monitor and put surveillance in all calls from landline and mobile service and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether such surveillances will protect the users from spyware and or third party hackers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect telecom users from spyware and hackers?

Complaints regarding Postal Services

†1466. SHRI SHANKAR
LALWANI:
DR. BHARATIBEN
DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that postmen are not delivering posts on time particularly in the rural areas of the country due to which people are less interested in availing the services of Indian postal department and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch a National Helpline Number for redressal of grievances regarding postal services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding postal services during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of complaints resolved by the Government during this period; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen the delivery

system of postal department, so that the interest of the people in availing the services of the department could be increased?

FTA with ASEAN

1467. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV
RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether, considering the India's economic interest and regional priorities, India has opted to stay away from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on the Indian domestic market;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Japan, South Korea and ASEAN countries;

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

(e) whether India is exploring the trade agreement possibilities with America and European Union; and

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

Data Protection Law

1468. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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 prevent the falling of super-sensitive and personal data into the hands of unscrupulous elements and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Justice Srikrishna Committee on data protection has submitted its report and if so, the details and the major recommendation thereof;

(c) whether the committee has identified thirteen categories of sensitive and personal data and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the same; and

(e) the reasons for delay in enacting law pertaining to data protection?

Promotion of Atomic Energy based Power Plants

1469. SHRI P.
RAVEENDRANATH
KUMAR:
SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH
MAHATO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to promote atomic energy based power plants in order to overcome the power crisis in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether power generation through Atomic Energy is economical as compared to traditional sources like coal based thermal power;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase atomic power generation across the country, in the upcoming four years; and

(d) whether any policy/guidelines have been framed for allocation of power generated from atomic power plant and if so, the details thereof, as on date?

CCTV Cameras

1470. SHRI
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR
.SU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Southern Railway for the fitting, installation and commissioning of CCTV cameras in various railway stations in the Tamil Nadu during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether all railway stations in Tamil Nadu are under CCTV camera surveillance; and

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

Telecom Facility in Marathwada Region

†1471. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecommunication system in Marathwada region in Maharashtra is operating smoothly and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the decrease in the number of BSNL customers in the aforesaid region during the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is shortage of telecommunication towers across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Railway Lines/Railway Projects

†1472. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the railway lines/railway projects which have already been surveyed but are yet to be sanctioned;

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

(c) the details thereof?

Height of Platforms

1473. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of commitment, the platforms of major stations have not been raised at par with the train gate levels;

(b) if so, whether the level differences are one of the causes of accidents;

(c) if so, the number of accidents that have occurred on the railway platforms during the last five years; and

(d) the action plan proposed to raise the platform level at par with coach gate for the safety of passengers including children and older passengers?

New Rail Lines in Rajasthan

†1474. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lay new railway lines in several parts of the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether proposals of various States regarding new railway lines are under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

Joint Manufacturing Defence Platforms

1475. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI PRATAPRAO

JADHAV:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign defence industries who jointly manufacture defence platforms with Indian defence industries;

(b) whether the Government proposes to jointly manufacture defence platforms and equipment with the Russian defence industry to give boost to the two nations export to third countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has urged the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) to partner with Indian entities making the use of Make-in-India initiative and if so, the details thereof and the response of OEM in this regard;

(d) whether India has set up defence corridors in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and offered attractive terms for investment in the defence sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the manufacturing under the agreement in India would lead to reduction in cost, reduction in timelines of the supplies and progressive indigenisation of spares and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether India has also signed an Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) with Russia on mutual cooperation in joint manufacturing of spares, components, aggregates and other materials related to Russian origin arms and defence equipments and if so, the details thereof?

Fast Track Courts

1476. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR H.:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives envisaged under the scheme of Fast Track Courts along with its present status;

(b) the criteria fixed for setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) in the country along with the number of FTCs constituted and the achievement made by these courts including number of cases transferred and disposed of during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the specific facilities being provided in these courts;

(d) the total funds allocated for such courts during the said period, State-wise;

(e) whether the funds being provided to FTCs are not adequate to meet the recurring and non-recurring expenditure being incurred by such courts and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) whether some States have been providing support to FTCs from their own resources ever since the central support was discontinued and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Train from Bhavnagar to Haridwar

†1477. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a train from Bhavnagar in Gujarat to Haridwar so as to connect the whole of Saurashtra to the religious place;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any suggestion/proposal from any people's representative or other quarters in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken on the suggestions received along with the details thereof?

India BPO Promotion Scheme

1478. SHRI SHANTANU
THAKUR:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA
GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) and funds allocated by the Government since its commencement, year and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the scheme has adequately created the employment opportunities for the youth, since its inception; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of employment generated thereunder during the same period, State/UT-wise?

Railway Projects in Jharkhand

†1479. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA
DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway projects approved by the Government in Jharkhand during the last three years along with the details of those projects;

(b) the details of the projects out of above on which work has already been started; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated/ utilized for the projects on which work has started during each of the last three years?

Environmental Damage from Mobile Towers

†1480. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
PINTU:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the damage caused to the environment by mobile towers;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ECHS Facilities

1481. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
DR. SUJAY
RADHAKRISHNA
VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amount spent by the Government over the past three years in Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) initiative for reimbursement of medicines and consumables in respect of ECHS beneficiaries;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have availed the assistance through ECHS over the past three years and the amount spent by the Department of Ex-Servicemen in this regard;

(c) the new initiatives, if any, that have been planned by the Ministry of Defence for furthering these initiatives in the coming three years; and

(d) the details of the hospitals empanelled under ECHS in Maharashtra, district-wise?

Cyber Security Audit KKNPP

1482. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cyber security audit has been conducted recently at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) after a futile attempt to hack the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)'s isolated network was made;

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

(c) the steps taken by the NPCIL to make all plants hack proof?

Fire Accidents in Coal Mines

1483. DR. DNV
SENTHILKUMAR S.:

SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention is drawn to repeated fire accidents in various coal mines;

(b) if so, the number of fire accidents that occurred in various coal mines in the country particularly Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand along with the loss of life and property caused during each of the last five years and the current year, company and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for repeated fire accidents;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons, company-wise till date;

(e) the funds allocated and spent for ensuring the safety and security of workers in these coal mines during the said period, company-wise along with the funds released to compensate the victim of accidents during the last three years, company-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such accidents in future?

BTS in Gujarat

†1484. SHRI JASWANT SINGH
BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install new Base Transceiver Station (BTS) in Gujarat to improve the mobile connectivity;

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

(c) the number of operational BTS in Gujarat, location-wise and district-wise; and

(d) whether the number of present BTS in Gujarat are enough for present requirement and if so, the details thereof?

Flood around Loktak Lake

1485. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to address the plight of the farmers who have continued to suffer due to their several thousand hectares of agricultural land around the Loktak Lake (Manipur) getting flooded due to Ithai Barrage;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the upkeep of the ecological integrity of the Keibul Lamjao National Park situated in Loktak Lake in Manipur, which is the world's only floating wildlife sanctuary; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to conserve Sangai - the State animal of Manipur, whose habitat the phumdis are fast disappearing due to the Ithai Barrage Hydro project?

Pending Railway Projects

†1486. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not been able to execute the pending railway projects expeditiously in Madhya Pradesh due to shortage of funds and other technical reasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, project-wise;

(c) whether the Government has not provided sufficient funds to execute the pending railway projects; and

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

DTTI Initiative

1487. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government recently to operationalize the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) under the Indo-US Bilateral Defence initiative;

(b) the details of the specific areas of cooperation being developed under the initiative;

(c) whether these measures would counter the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government; and

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

New Mechanism on Trade and Investment

1488. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR H.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether investors from other countries have agreed to setup industries with a new mechanism relating to trade and investment;

(b) if so, the details of the summit and the steps being taken by the Government to execute the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Accessibility of Information Technology

†1489. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and features of the projects implemented/being implemented by the Government across the country to make Information Technology (IT) more accessible;

(b) whether the Government has made any efforts to make IT accessible to the people living in rural, hilly and far flung areas and if so, the details thereof especially with regard to the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether Government proposes to take any step for the decentralization of the IT in the country and if so, the details thereof?

VIP Coach in Trains

†1490. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to add a reserved coach in all VIP trains running in the country;

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

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

Allocation of Funds

1491. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated the funds earmarked for the Southern Railway during the year 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of funds allocated and released in this regard during the last two years, division-wise for Kerala?

Security of Stations

†1492. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vulnerable railway stations in the country as on date;

(b) whether the Government has received many complaints regarding inadequate security arrangement for the passengers at such railway stations during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has installed advanced integrated security equipments at such railway stations to provide adequate security to the passengers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Aadhaar Card

1493. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued Aadhaar card to every citizen of the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to modify Aadhaar card; and

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

Train-18

1494. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Train-18, the NextGen Shatabdi, proposed to be manufactured in Integral Coach Factory (ICF) and the number of trains on trial;

(b) the salient features and facilities of this train;

(c) whether these trains have undergone mandatory safety checks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the routes on which these trains would be deployed;

(e) whether the passenger fares proposed would be comparable with those of Shatabdi trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey of New Railway Line

†1495. SHRIMATI RANJEETA
KOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Bharatpur-Dung-Kama-Kosi new railway line under North and Central Railways has not yet been started even after its survey being completed many years ago which is likely to rise its cost;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard including the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to provide funds for the said railway line in this Rail Budget?

Functioning of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant

1496. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the second nuclear plant at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu has stopped operation and the date of unit's revival is unknown and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has affected the quantum of power generation in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has proposed action to provide a remedy in the current situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies created due to Retirement/ Resignation

†1497. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN
ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of vacancies created due to retirement, resignation etc. in various departments of the Central Government from May, 2014 to 1st July, 2019, year, department and category-wise;

(b) the details of number of vacant posts filled during the said period, year, department and category-wise;

(c) the details of vacant posts abolished from May, 2014 till date, department and category-wise;

(d) the details of number of posts lying vacant for more than two years, department and category-wise along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts?

Visa Free Access

1498. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of countries providing visa free access to Indian citizens;

(b) the total number of countries offering visa on arrival to Indian citizens;

(c) the total number of countries to which Indian Government offers visa free access for its citizens;

(d) whether the Government has made any provision to offer rebate for any country in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Slow Down in Coal Sector

1499. SHRI SAPTAGIRI
SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal sector saw growth slowing down to 1.9 per cent from 3.25 per cent in July to September, 2019;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the growth slowing further; and

(d) whether slow growth in the core sectors has been blamed especially due to less coal mining and faltered electricity generation and if so, the details thereof?

5G Spectrum Base Price

1500. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the industry concerns about high 5G spectrum base price;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the comparison of base price of 5G spectrum with other countries;

(c) the value of unsold spectrum since 2010;

(d) whether the Government is planning to reduce the base-price for 5G spectrum;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of spectrum available for auction in the country as well as its comparison with other developed economies; and

(f) whether the telecom industry has expressed concerns regarding the quantum of spectrum and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

New Rajdhani for North-Eastern Region

1501. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways would consider to give the fourth Rajdhani Express for the region with eight States, to ease the pressure of travellers from North East;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assessment made by the Ministry on the number of passengers to North East;

(c) whether the Government is considering a new Rajdhani route from Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh to New Delhi along the northern bank of Brahmaputra with stoppage at Patsala; and

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

Under Bridge at Keshod

†1502. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken till date to construct an under-bridge at Keshod, Gujarat between Railway 137/14 and 137/15 Kms. as the common man has to face serious problems of traffic on daily basis;

(b) the steps taken to ensure diversion of vehicles like cars and bikes beside the crossing no. 61 on the Navagadh-Jaitalser railway line under the Porbandar Parliamentary Constituency; and

(c) the steps taken to construct a railway overbridge near Vishal Vatika on the road from Sardar Chauk, Junagarh Road to NH Tatkal Chaukari?

Trade in Kashmir

1503. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has suffered loss to the tune of Rs.10,000 crore in three months as trade was abandoned after the Central Government stripped off its special status under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps/proposes to take any step to avoid further loss; and

(c) whether, as per reports, traders of the valley are unable to export their products like apple etc. in the present situation and if so, the details of steps being taken to ensure trade-friendly environment in the valley?

New Trains in Karnataka

1504. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains that are proposed to be introduced by the Government and also those which have been introduced in the State of Karnataka during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons likely to be benefited therefrom;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce any new train between New Delhi to Bangalore *via* Bidar and Gulbarga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Uttam Rake

1505. DR. HEENA GAVIT: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI VINAYAK RAUT: SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways celebrated the 69th Foundation Day of Western Railway recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Uttam rakes built by Integral Coach Factory in the last three years;

(c) whether Indian Railways has introduced the State-of-the art "Uttam Rake" for the comfort of Mumbaikars and if so, the details thereof and the salient features of Uttam rake;

(d) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of Ladies Special local trains for the benefit of ladies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which a decision in the matter will be taken and the other steps taken by the Government to provide more facilities to train commuters in suburban trains of Indian Railways?

Akash Missile Project

†1506. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating seriously to approve the 'Akash Missile Project'; and

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

Pending Railway Projects in Telangana

1507. SHRI ANUMULA
REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are railway projects pending in the State of Telangana due to non release of funds by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the time by when the funds would be released for the same;

(c) whether there are railway projects pending in the State of Telangana due to non release of State Government share or matching funds and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any assurance from the State Government for early release of funds;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Spectrum Auction

1508. SHRI KOTHA
PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended auction of 700 MHz spectrum for the first time in the country at a pan-India reserve price of about Rs.11,500 crore per MHz and this is considered to be the most suitable for offering high speed broadband services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the telecom operators have asked for the spectrum sale to be held back till the device ecosystem is put in place and if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the 700 MHz band, which has been priced four times than that of 1800 MHz band, is considered important for the telecom industry which is looking to capitalise on the growing demand of data services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether scarcity of spectrum has been cited by telecom operators as one of the main reasons for call drops and poor data speeds and whether the auctions will put further pressure on the debt-laden telecom industry and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the ability of telecom operators to pay for spectrum will be constrained as realized rate for voice and data are declining for last few quarters and the balance sheets are already overstretched and there is not adequate appetite for equity in the market and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) whether the TRAI has mooted removing band-wise spectrum limit in its draft paper or sticks to the existing rules, if so, the details thereof?

Indians as Hostages

†1509. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents in which Indian citizens have been taken hostage on foreign lands during each of the last two years and which have come to the knowledge of the Government;

(b) the respective number of Indians rescued and brought back to India who had been stranded in conflict zones including that in South Sudan where Indians had been caught in the war between the Government and the rebels a few years back; and

(c) whether the Government has provided aid/relief to the people affected due to such incidents and if so, the details thereof including the cost incurred thereto?

Indian Global Trade Share

1510. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH
BITTU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is on track to raise its share in world trade from 2.52 per cent at present to 3.5 per cent by 2020;

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

(c) whether Indian goods are less competitive in the world market as logistics cost of exports is very high in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to form a separate logistics department to deal with the issues such as rising cost in the sector which impacts global competitiveness of exporters;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(f) whether the Government has taken steps to create trade zone in Kartarpur Sahib and if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for NER

†1511. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced any special package and schemes for Assam in North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the said package/schemes during the last three years;

(d) whether the above said State has fully utilized the said package; and

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

Renovation of ROB at Kumardhubi

†1512. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development work of Railway Over Bridge (ROB) in Kumardhubi district of Dhanbad under Asansol Railway Manager Office is going on at snail's pace as a result of which this bridge is unlikely to be completed in its scheduled time;

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

(c) the time by which the ROB is likely to be completed?

Disappearance of Aircraft

1513. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding search operations undertaken in the aftermath of disappearance of IAF's transport aircraft AN-32 in July 2016 and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether any study has been carried out to find out similar cases of disappearance of aircraft in any part of the world in the past and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to avert such happenings in future?

Abolition of Coal Linkage Committee

1514. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY: SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to abolish the coal linkage committees governing the distribution of coal to the companies;

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

(c) the details of the method being adopted by the ministry for allocation of coal in the absence of coal linkage committees?

H-1B Visa

1515. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America's restrictive immigration policies have led to massive increase in the rejection of petitions for H-1B visas with the highest denial rate among major Indian IT companies and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) whether in the first three quarters of fiscal 2019, US Citizenship and Immigration Services adjudicators denied 24 per cent of H-1B petitions for "initial" employment and 12 per cent of H-1B petitions for "continuing" employment and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government?

Sitapur-Lucknow Broad Gauge Railway Line

†1516. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for Sitapur-Lucknow broad gauge railway line has been conducted by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the time when this survey was conducted;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for construction of the above railway-line by the Government till date;

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

Long Term Agreement of CIL

1517. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the Long-term Agreements signed by the Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries from May 2010 to till date;

(b) whether any of these long term agreements has been dishonored by CIL or its subsidiaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the loss to exchequer caused due to cancellation of the contract?

Stoppage of Trains

1518. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations for allowing stoppage for Parasuram Express (16649/16650) and Maveli Express (16603/16604) trains at Chirayinkil and Kadakkavur railway stations in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the request has been examined and any decision has been taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government will consider this long pending demand

favourably and if so, the details in this regard?

Modernisation of DRDO

†1519. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modernize the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);

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

(c) whether Vijay Kelkar Committee in its report has proposed to adopt state-of-the-art technology for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details and the implementation status thereof?

High Speed Rail to Chennai

1520. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run high speed rail from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam to Chennai; and

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

Elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings

1521. SHRI B.N. BACHE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Unmanned Level Crossings (ULCs) in the country have been eliminated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other alternative smartways introduced *in lieu* of such closed unmanned level crossings?

Cyber Attacks

1522. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of cyber attacks have increased in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the incidents of cyber attacks reported during each of the last three years and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether foreign companies are behind any such cyber attacks, if so, the details thereof and the effective steps and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Renewal of Railway Tracks

†1523. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is working on renewal of railway tracks on war footing to reduce the number of incidents of derailment of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the railway routes selected for renewal in Bihar;

(d) the amount allocated and released for the said purpose so far; and

(e) the targets set in this regard?

Setting up of New Companies

†1524. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:
SHRI FEROEZ VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of new companies opened in India in the year 2018-19;

(b) the details of the difference in the total number of new companies when compared to the previous financial year;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to set up new industries in such places having abundant resources but no industries;

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

(e) if not, the steps being taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Maintenance of Data of Central Government Employees

1525. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry provide the complete data of all Central Government employees across all departments of Central Government;

(b) if so, the total number and total salary expenditure thereof during 2014-2019 and the department-wise break-up thereof; and

(c) the exact numbers of employment generation during 2014-2019 in all Central Government departments?

Rehabilitation of IDPs

1526. DR. T. SUMATHY (a)
THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 8 lakh Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Sri Lanka and they are predominantly Tamil speaking people;

(b) if so, the details thereof at present and the measures taken by the Government to rehabilitate them in their respective IDP camps;

(c) whether the Government has handed over 50,000 houses and 10,000 bicycles to IDPs in Sri Lanka;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent for this purpose and the time by which these houses would actually be constructed and handed over to the IDPs;

(e) the current status of progress of India's assistance in several projects in Northern and Eastern provinces in Sri Lanka; and

(f) the time by which these infrastructure facilities would be completed?

Colliery Schools

†1527. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether colliery schools are being run by Eastern Coalfield, Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Mahanadi Coal Fields and Central Coal Fields with the grants from Coal India Limited, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is increase in the salary of the teachers working in the colliery schools during the last decade;

(c) if so, whether this is equal to the minimum wages;

(d) whether Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel, and Committee on Petitions have made recommendation regarding salary of the teachers working in colliery schools; and

(e) if so, whether the said recommendation has been implemented?

Railway Tourist Circuit

1528. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the famous tourist spot Khumbhalgarh has been included in Railway Tourist Circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be included?

Retirement Age

1529. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRI UPENDRA SINGH
RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to decrease the retirement age of Central Government employees from 60 years to 58 years or under article 56(J) of compulsory retirement on attaining the age of 50 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rail Development Authority

1530. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted the Rail Development Authority for management and regulation of Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its structure and current constitution;

(c) whether the authority has powers of price fixation and regulation of non-fare revenue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cases Investigated by CBI

†1531. SHRI CHANDESHWAR
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of cases in Bihar in which inquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was initiated during the last ten years;

(b) the number of cases in which inquiry has been completed and those in which it is still going on; and

(c) the details in this regard?

4G Internet Speed

†1532. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SANGAM LAL
GUPTA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rank of the country in the world in terms of 4G speed;

(b) whether the private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) do not provide full 4G internet speed to their consumers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether speed of BSNL 4G services is lower than that of other TSPs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(d) the details of the authority responsible for monitoring and ensuring full speed internet services to the consumers?

Dispute in Coal Sector

1533. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of disputes in the coal sector and the manner in which Ministry is trying to resolve them;

(b) whether it is true that the Ministry has decided not to constitute any independent body to resolve the disputes; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

U.N. Sponsored Projects

1534. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects being sponsored by UN in India during the last three years; and

(b) the present status of all these projects sponsored by UN?

Extension of Trains

1535. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO
MENDHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend Train No. 12114/12113 Nagpur - Pune Garib Rath to Gondia;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

India's Nuclear Energy Target

1536. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is prepared to achieve India's nuclear energy target of 63,000 MW by 2032, as laid out under the 2008 Indo-US nuclear agreement;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure the successful achievement of the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Mobile Tower Technology

1537. SHRIMATI MANEKA
SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any research on mobile tower technology and its impact on human health;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Postal Stamps

†1538. SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI
SIDDESHWAR
SHIVACHRYA
MAHASWAMIJI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for releasing postal stamps in the name of four martyrs

of the Parliamentary Constituency Sholapur has been lying pending in the Ministry for last several years;

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

(c) the problems faced by the Ministry in releasing aforesaid postal stamps in the name of these martyrs; and

(d) the time by which the Ministry is likely to release these postal stamps?

OBC Employees

†1539. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the offices of Union Government in the country;

(b) the number of women employees out of them;

(c) the details of health and other facilities given to them;

(d) whether women employees are also given maternity leave by their employers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Red Carpet for Chinese Leadership

1540. SHRI COSME FRANCISCO
CAITANO SARDINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has spread the red carpet to Chinese leadership

despite their continued criticism and aggressive postures against us in Kashmir and their backing of Pakistan; and

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

FDI in Coal Mining Sector

†1541. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH *ALIAS* LALAN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign investment likely to take place by allowing 100 per cent FDI by the Government in the field of coal mining in the country;

(b) the number of cases relating to foreign investment pending with the Government for approval as of now and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the project-wise details of the investment made in the coal mining sector under the policy of liberalization of the Government during the last five years along with funds spent and projects started?

Nomenclature of Planning Commission as NITI Aayog

1542. SHRI SHYAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether previous Planning Commission has been rechristened as NITI Aayog and if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the ways the policy making body has improved after the new nomenclature; and

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to accord constitutional rights to its members and if so, the details thereof?

Telephone Services in Odisha

1543. SHRI ANUBHAV
MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 43,000 villages in the country including 9940 villages in the State of Odisha do not have access to telephone services and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the availability of these service at the earliest alongwith the time by which it is likely to be done?

Udaipur-Ahmedabad Gauge Conversion

†1544. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated for metre gauge to broad gauge conversion of Udaipur-Ahmedabad Section along with the amount so far spent out of this budget;

(b) the time by which the said conversion is likely to be completed;

(c) the total length of metre gauge to be converted into broad gauge along with the length of tract converted into broad gauge;

(d) the number of tunnels in the way of said gauge conversion along with the time by which the work of these tunnels are likely to be completed; and

(e) the number of railway stations upgraded in the said gauge conversion along with the details of the facilities likely to be made available?

Backlog of Vacancies

†1545. SHRIMATI SANGEETA
AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways provide maximum employment opportunities to the unemployed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are not being recruited in proportion to their reserved seats;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry is likely to fill up the backlog vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs;

(d) if so, the time by which the backlog vacancies will be filled; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rail Coach Factories

1546. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of rail coach factories in the country including Gujarat and Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch a pilot project to convert some of the said factories into modern coach factories;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Gujarat;

(d) the funds proposed to be spent on the said task;

(e) whether the Government has signed an agreement with IIT in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the targets set thereunder?

Investment in Electronics Manufacturing Sector

1547. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held any meeting with Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of nearly 50 firms to discuss industrial concern pertaining to boosting of investment in electronic manufacturing in the country and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any investment plans/commitment from these firms and if so, the details and the status thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has approved the National Electronics Policy 2019 aimed at achieving a turnover of \$400 billion for the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector by the year 2025 and if so, the details thereof and targets achieved in this regard so far?

Industrial Development in Border Areas

†1548. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the border areas of the country are still industrially backward despite possessing rich natural resources;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof including Rajasthan and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to boost industrial development in the border areas;

(d) if so, the State/UT-wise details of the funds sanctioned and the targets fixed in this regard; and

(e) the details of the other steps taken by the Government to boost industrial development in the border areas of the country?

North Eastern Council

1549. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned by the Government for the North Eastern Council;

(b) the number of such posts vacant in the past five years;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that these posts are filled at the earliest;

(d) the number of workers employed on contractual basis; and

(e) the plan of action to regularise the contractual staff?

Impact of Free Telecom Services on BSNL

1550. SHRI KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mode of 'No Cost Pricing' followed by a private Telecom Service Provider (TSP) is causing loss to the Government exchequer and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether free services offered by the said TSP is making the BSNL less competitive in the telecom market and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government has reportedly favoured the aforesaid TSP by reducing Interconnect Usage Charge (IUC) that was denied to other companies and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Facilities at Stations

†1551. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the current stations of most of the railway stations and railway colonies in the country is of grave concern and these are needed to be upgraded as per the passengers amenities and strength of railway employees;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to renovate the said stations and railway colonies;

(c) the nature of facilities provided by the Government in view of security of poor labourers, women, children and senior citizens at railway stations;

(d) whether the Government has also ensured that all such facilities have reached the right people in the proper manner; and

(e) if so, the details of such data available so far at all major over crowded stations including Delhi?

Achievement in Defence Production

1552. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA: SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made in terms of weapon systems and ancillaries during the last three years under Make in India;

(b) the level of indigenisation that has been achieved under Make in India;

(c) the initiatives that have been undertaken towards the same; and

(d) the response of the public and private defence industry to Make in India in defence?

Rail Projects in Madhya Pradesh

†1553. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rail projects implemented and pending in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised on the said project;

(c) the number of new rail lines laid or progressive related works done thereto in Madhya Pradesh during the last five years;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the completion of the said projects or conducted review thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rural and Urban Tele-density

†1554. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural tele-density is abysmally low in comparison to the urban tele-density in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the rural tele-density and the urban

tele-density separately during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the overall tele-density in the country is very low in comparison to the international level;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove the disparity between the rural and urban tele-density in the country?

New Railway Line in Jashpur

†1555. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to start rail services in Jashpur district;

(b) if so, the places between which the said survey has been conducted;

(c) whether the said railway line has been included in the Budget and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said railway line project is not likely to be started; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Indian Fishermen in Bangladesh Custody

1556. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Indian fishermen were in the custody of Bangladesh police for allegedly violating the Bangladesh laws pertaining to fishing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a BSF personnel was killed during the flag meeting and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of measures taken by the Ministry to educate the fishermen about the laws of the sea, boundary in the sea, etc. in view of the fact that many Indian fishermen unknowingly have become the victims of such ignorance?

Opting Out of RCEP

†1557. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has declined to sign the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreements taking the broader interests of indigenous industries and agriculture into consideration;

(b) if so, the sections of the RCEP agreement document which could have adversely affected the various constituents of the economy of our country;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to include the conditions of amendments in it in future so that India is not isolated from this big commercial group;

(d) if so, the conditions thereof and whether they address our local concerns; and

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

Cash Crunch in Railways

1558. SHRI N. REDDEPPA: SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has been hit by severe cash crunch to take up new projects and also to complete ongoing projects in each zone;

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

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

Download Speed

†1559. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has envisaged download speed of 50 megabyte per second (mbps) to every citizen of the country by 2020 under the National Telecom Policy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take help of State Governments in creating basic infrastructure to achieve the envisaged target and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for this and if so, the details thereof?

Stoppage at Kaithal

†1560. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received any request for providing stoppage of Chandigarh-Jaipur Intercity at Kaithal railway station; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Intercity Train

†1561. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been accorded approval to run intercity train from Junagarh to Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no stoppage of any express train at Nayapara Road and Rupra Road whereas Nayapara Road is the railway station of district headquarter;

(d) if so, whether any approval has been accorded to give stoppage of express trains at either of these stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Ticket Touts

†1562. SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the touts get the rail tickets booked in advanced especially in the Bihar bound and Eastern India bound trains;

(b) if so, the number of touts arrested for hacking the software relating to Tatkal booking system of railways during the last three years; and

(c) the measures taken by the Railways to streamline the reservation system and rationalize the fares during the last three years?

Bailout Package for BSNL and MTNL

1563. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rs. 70,000 crore bailout/revival package provided by the Government to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) whether the said bailout package includes the allotment of Rs. 20,000 crore worth of 4G spectrum at an administered price pegged at 2016 rates and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the aforesaid allotment of 4G spectrum at administered price will violate the apex court decision that auction be the preferred mode of spectrum allotment and discriminate against companies that have bought spectrum in auctions and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Underground Fires in Coal Mines

1564. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the coal mine in the country including in Jharkhand are facing underground fire for quite some time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated losses due to such underground fire of coal mines during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for such underground fire of coal mines and ways to prevent the same; and

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to stop/prevent underground fire in coal mines and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pay and Allowance to Personnel Posted in Field Areas

1565. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made for drawing of pay and allowances by armed forces personnel posted in field areas, high altitude area and in Jammu and Kashmir where banking facilities are not available;

(b) the arrangements made for providing benefit of pay and allowances to the families of armed forces personnel when the soldiers are posted in the field areas;

(c) whether the Government has received any grievances from personnel on this account; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures have been undertaken to overcome the same?

Construction of Railway Line in Naxal Affected Areas

†1566. SHRI CHIRAG KUMAR PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating a plan to connect Jamui, a naxal affected area of Bihar, with Railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the railway projects on which work is going on to connect Jamui region with railway;

(d) the budget and other details thereof;

(e) the time limit fixed to complete all these railway projects; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Profit/Loss Registered by BSNL and MTNL

1567. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the loss or profit registered by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during each of the last three years

and their liabilities along with the service infrastructure available with them in comparison to their private counterpart for mobile services;

(b) whether BSNL and MTNL have failed to attract customers as compared to their private counterparts despite having a large infrastructure, particularly in the urban areas and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for call drops and low connectivity by these Government companies?

Accidents/Deaths in Bengaluru Division

1568. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true as reported that deaths near Railway Stations in Bengaluru Division in 2019 (till September) add up to 1,246;

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

(c) the steps taken by Railways to stop/restrict 'trespassing' across railway tracks, apart from posting adequate staff by railway authorities or the RPF to stop people from crossing tracks;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken/would take any steps towards creating awareness among passengers on their safety, posting guards at accident-prone spots, installing commuter friendly lifts, improving foot over bridge design, etc.;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the steps taken by the Government to reduce foot board death cases?

DRDO Budget

1569. SHRI PATEL
HASMUKHBHAI
SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the budget of Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new activities undertaken by DRDO?

Dausa-Gangapur Railway Line

†1570. SHRIMATI JASKAUR
MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the construction of railway line between Dausa to Gangapur which was sanctioned 20 years ago and for which land has also been acquired is likely to be completed;

(b) whether the work is going on at a very slow pace due to paucity of funds;

(c) whether ample amount have been allocated for the purpose; and

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

Defence Manufacturing Hub

1571. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA
SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make Odisha a defence manufacturing hub and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make Kandhamal a defence manufacturing hub as it could be an ideal location for bolstering defence manufacturing and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has appointed or proposes to appoint a committee to examine this suggestion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Integration among Armed Services

1572. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to promoting integration among the three armed services; and

(b) the details including the rank, power, authority and mandate of Chief of Defence Staff position as announced by the Government?

Digi-Gaon Project

1573. DR. KALANIDHI
VEERASWAMY:
SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:
SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Digi-Gaon Project;

(b) the number of villages covered initially under the project across the country, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(c) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this project since its inception across the country, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the Government proposes to expand this project across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(e) whether the Government proposes to expand Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the aforesaid project and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu along with the funds likely to be sanctioned for the same; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to include entrepreneurship opportunities for the rural residents specially women under the said project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecom Facilities in Dadar and Nagar Haveli

†1574. SHRI MOHAN S. DELKAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tele communication facilities are available for people living in tribal and hilly regions of Dadra and Nagar Haveli;

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

(c) whether arrangements have been made for setting up of towers in hilly regions;

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

(e) the total number of telecom consumers in hilly regions during each of the last three years?

Exports from Rohtak and Jhajjar

1575. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) considering exports of nut-bolts, fasteners, shoes, agro-products and chemicals from districts Rohtak and Jhajjar and their strategic location in Delhi-NCR whether the Government proposes to open an Indian Container Depot (ICD) and some sort of export facilitation centre in districts Rohtak and Jhajjar and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is delay in the implementation and realization of full potential of DMIC (Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor) and whether domestic and foreign investors have not evinced much interest in its investment zones; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken/to be taken by the Government to resolve these problems and if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of Rubber Cup Lumps

1576. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the manufacturing industry seeking permission for the import of rubber cup lumps into the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted or plans to conduct a comprehensive study in order to understand the possible impact of import of rubber cup lumps on the domestic rubber plantation industry and the price of natural rubber in the country; and

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

Transgression in Indian Territory by China

1577. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the Chinese soldiers incursions and transgressions into the border areas of the country including Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the casualties have been reported in such incidents during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the matter of such incursions and transgressions has been discussed with the Chinese President during his visit to India in the recent past; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Broad Gauge Tracks in Mizoram

1578. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the laying of Broad Gauge (BG) tracks between Silchar to Sairang (Mizoram) has fallen much beyond the scheduled time; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the exact date of completion of this project?

Coal Distribution Policy

†1579. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to review and amend the Coal distribution policy in order to ensure supply of coal to the small and medium industrial units in view of re-allotment of coal blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Starting Jan Shatabdi Train

1580. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start Jan Shatabdi on the route Kishanganj-Patna-Kishanganj;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sensitive Posts

†1581. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts kept under sensitive category in Railways along with the time-limit of transfer pertaining to sensitive posts according to the transfer policy during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of such railway officials who have not been transferred even after the completion of their tenure; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

Electronics Hardware Park in West Bengal

1582. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any electronics hardware park/manufacturing centre or units in West Bengal;

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

(c) whether the Government has set up any Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) units in the State; and

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

Alternatives to RCEP

1583. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:
SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to opt-cut of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any gain being forgone by not being a part of this free trade block;

(c) whether there is any provision for India to join this group at a later stage;

(d) if so, whether any step is being taken/to be taken to enhance the preparedness of the economy for the same;

(e) whether there is any plan to initiate any other form of a free trade agreement with any other group of countries or a single country in the future including the United States and the European Union;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the measures being taken by the Government to reduce trade deficit?

Indian Domestic Helps Abroad

1584. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether apps are being used to sell domestic helps in Kuwait and it is nothing but a modern day slave trade and if so, the plans devised by our Government to protect our women who are working in Gulf countries from such abuse;

(b) whether the Government has any data of our women working as domestic servants in Gulf countries including Kuwait; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing MPLAD Fund

1585. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that major hurdles of procedural delays are met while trying to get the projects cleared for execution under the MPLAD funds;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry had conducted any study to understand the delay in execution of the recommended

projects, timely intimation of status, etc. which unnecessarily lead to negative publicity;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also aware that most of the MPs have at least seven assembly constituencies under a parliamentary constituency and that each MLA is eligible to spend 6 crore per annum under his/her legislative assembly constituency;

(e) if so, whether the Government is aware that the funds under MPLAD cannot match the funds available under MLA-LAD; and

(f) if so, whether the Government considers increasing the MPLAD funds at least to match the number of legislative constituencies including tripling the existing funds and if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps for Promoting Exports

1586. SHRI UNMESH
BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to assist the States in promotion of exports, especially agricultural products and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total funds allocated to various States for export promotion, sector and State-wise during each of the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken by the Government to engage the States in export promotion;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to improve the agricultural

products and logistic constraints to achieve the export target of the country;

(d) whether the Government has also made provisions for tax rebate for promotion of exports and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the value of rebate provided during each of the last three years along with the role of the said rebate in increasing the exports and the monitoring system in place to ensure proper utilization of the said rebate?

BharatNet Project

1587. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY
RADHAKRISHNA
VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds disbursed under BharatNet Project during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the target set and achieved thereunder with regard to providing internet connection to gram panchayats during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for not achieving the aforesaid envisaged target;

(d) the number of gram panchayats where physical infrastructure for commercial broadband connection has been installed, State/UT-wise along with the number of gram panchayats which have operational commercial broadband connections, State/UT-wise;

(e) the broadband speed in each such gram panchayat, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the average data usage rate per connection per day in each such gram panchayat?

Subsidy to Coal Industry

1588. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has increased the subsidy it provides for coal industry in the past two years; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has devised a plan of action on phasing out these subsidies gradually and decreasing India's dependence on coal fired electricity and the details thereof?

Effect of Climate Change on Coal Industry

†1589. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to conduct or conducted any survey regarding the effect of climate change agreements on coal industry in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to maintain a balance between the commitments regarding climate change and the interests of the coal industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Contracts for Coking Coal Imports

1590. DR. PRITAM
GOPINATHRAO
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal ministry is planning to get contracts for coking coal import at competitive prices instead of its earlier plan to go for outright purchase of coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of coal imported during the last three years, variant-wise; and

(d) whether the percentage of demand of coal, variant-wise is met by domestic supply, if so, the details thereof?

New Cantonment Boards

1591. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new cantonment boards in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of all cantonment boards currently in the country;

(c) the details of the composition and key functions of the Cantonment Boards;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the development of many cantonment boards is held up due to Floor Space Index (FSI) norms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to resolve the issue?

Assets of Indian Railways

1592. SHRIMATI PRATIMA
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been leased out some of the assets of Indian Railways taking into consideration all the assets;

(b) if so, the reasons behind such action and the revenue earned through it; and

(c) if not, whether there are any future plans of doing so?

Gram Nyayalayas

1593. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Gram Nyayalayas across the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand and the present status thereof;

(b) whether the villages are facing difficulties in getting justice from Subordinate/High Courts as they are far away from their places of residence and if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up Gram Nyayalayas in villages;

(c) whether the cases pending in lower courts would be considered in these Nyayalayas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of funds allocated and released to the States for setting up of Gram Nyayalayas in the country; and

(e) the other steps being taken to provide speedy justice in rural areas?

Agreement with French Railways Agency

†1594. SHRI SANGAM LAL
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether trilateral agreement has been signed with French National Railways (SNCF) and French agency AFD;

(b) if so, the complete draft of the agreement along with the details thereof; and

(c) the maximum grant agreed upon by the French agency-AFD to provide assistance to IRSDC in the development of railway stations in India through French National Railways (SNFC) as the technical partner?

Cost Overrun of Infra Projects

1595. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA
RAO:
SHRI GIRISH
BHALCHANDRA
BAPAT:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH
BITTU:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Express dated 21st October, 2019 has reported that 360 infra projects show cost overruns of Rs. 3.88 lakh crore and if so, the comments of the Ministry in this regard;

(b) the details of major central sector infrastructure schemes/projects being implemented in Telangana and Punjab, especially in Ludhiana during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether a large number of infra projects are stalled/running behind schedule and if so, the details thereof including reasons therefor and consequential cost overrun, incurring cost overrun during the last two years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to abandon several projects particularly in Punjab and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the action plan chalked out by the Government to expedite/complete the ongoing projects without any further delay?

Chinese President's Visit to India

1596. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of China has visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held during the said visit along with the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the matter like Chinese soldiers' incursions and transgressions into the border areas and the role of Pakistan in terrorism globally have also been discussed during the said visit;

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

(e) whether leaders of both the countries have agreed to add new content and substance to their bilateral relationship;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Coal Production from Underground Mines

1597. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between targets fixed and achievements made by Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries in producing raw coal from the underground mines during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, mine-wise;

(b) the contribution of underground mines of CIL and its subsidiaries in coal production of the country during the said period, mine-wise and steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap of targets and achievements of coal production;

(c) the number of workers of CIL who died/got injured in the process of extracting of deep seated coal deposits in the country, mine-wise; and

(d) the details of all mines/projects wherein CIL is a part of or is working on in

Assam, mine-wise and the expected production capacity and expenditures involved therein?

Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre

1598. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up 'Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre' for the period 2018-2020, to combat cyber crime in the country and if so, the details and the components thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to spread awareness on cyber crime to prevent the same and expedite investigation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Tribunal for Direct and Indirect Cases

†1599. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain tribunals constituted to dispose the cases of direct and indirect cases are taking excessive time in disposing the pending cases;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending before each of such tribunal till date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the quick disposal of pending cases?

Pending Court Cases

1600. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that are being taken to counter the huge pendency of cases in the judicial system;

(b) whether any form of digitization or internet is being used to hasten the process of filing of cases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Alternate Dispute Resolution methods are being promoted to increase out of court settlements to decrease the workload of the court, if any, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to fill the vacancies at various levels of the judicial system to boost the judicial strength of the country and if so, the details thereof?

4G Services by BSNL and MTNL

†1601. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch 4G services in BSNL and MTNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in launching of 4G services in BSNL and MTNL; and

(d) whether the Government has discriminated against the public sector telecom companies in order to promote their private counterpart?

Chinese Submarine

†1602. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chinese submarine run on atomic energy stationed at Colombo International Container Terminal is a security threat for India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has raised its concern to Sri Lankan Government regarding presence of increasing Chinese forces in the area;

(d) if so, the reaction of Sri Lankan Government in this regard; and

(e) the corrective measures adopted/proposed by the Government immediately in this regard?

De-Reserved Coaches

1603. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government for providing journey facilities to the daily short distance commuters using season tickets in sleeper coaches of long distance trains from the starting point and to the terminal stations;

(b) the action taken by the Government to implement the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister to provide de-reserved compartments in 13 trains in Kerala;

(c) the action taken by various regional Railways on the recommendation given by Southern Railway for providing de-reserved compartments in 13 trains;

(d) whether it comes to the notice of the Government that Divisional Railway Thiruvananthapuram is not providing the de-reserved facility in train no. 16346 by reducing the number of coaches; and

(e) if so, the action taken for providing sufficient number of coaches so as to use the sanctioned de-reserved facility?

Expanding Supreme Court Bench

1604. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice suggested for expanding the Supreme Court bench or separate bench in Chennai on trial basis; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government is considering to open a separate bench of Supreme Court at Chennai or Visakhapatnam or Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh or in any southern parts of the country?

Railway Line between Dehri on Sone to Banjari

†1605. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to construct railway line from Dehri on Sone to Banjari in East Central Railways;

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

(c) whether all the formalities have been completed by the Government to construct this 36.04 Km. long railway line that was proposed and sanctioned in the Budget 2008-09;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government contemplates to expedite the construction of this railway line for transportation of the people of this region and passengers of far flung areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Train Accidents due to Non-Availability of LHBs

†1606. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more train accidents are taking place due to non-availability of LHB coaches in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind the scarcity of LHB coaches;

(c) the details of the trains passing through West Central Railway and Satna Railway Station in Central Railway and the number of trains out of them which has not been provided with LHB coaches; and

(d) the time by when Mahakaushal Express and Howrah-Mumbai Mail would be fitted with LHB coaches?

Rise in Cyber Crimes

1607. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp rise of 77 per cent in incidents of cyber crimes from 2016 to 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb the cyber crimes and rising cases of cyber-stalking of women?

Revenue Generation through Advertisement

†1608. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to use/book trains for advertisement with a view to generate additional revenue;

(b) if so, the additional revenue likely to be generated through this new scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revival of Sirkali Power Project

1609. SHRI
THIRUMAAVALAVAN
THOL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NLC India Ltd. which conceived a 4000 MW coal based power project at Sirkali in Nagappattinam district of Tamil Nadu in 2010 has dropped the same in 2017 and started new project in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether dropping of power project at Sirkali has deprived jobs and development to the region;

(c) if so, whether the Government has received request for revival of the Sirkali Power project; and

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(d) whether the Government is considering to revive the project, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities for 5G Network

1610. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate facilities to operate 5G network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

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