

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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

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Visit to Gulf Countries

2531. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people of Gopalganj and neighbouring districts visited Gulf countries and earned huge amount of foreign revenue;

(b) if so, the total number of people of district Gopalganj of Bihar who frequently visited Gulf countries;

(c) the details of facilities made available to them by the Ministry; and

(d) the total number of persons of district Gopalganj of Bihar who are unable to return to their respective homes?

Corruption Percentage

2532. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has prepared any chart of corruption percentage of every State and Union Territories of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government has been successful in mitigating corruption from various sectors/departments of the Ministry, if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken initiative to launch any kind of programme/strategy to reduce the corruption in various sectors/departments and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the position of India in the list of corrupt countries of the world?

Delay in Delivery of Post

2533. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to resolve the issue of delay in the delivery of post and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

First Manned Mission

2534. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRI BHOLA SINGH: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ISRO has planned to launch the first manned mission under Gaganyaan by December, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ISRO has shortlisted certain number of Indian astronauts for Gaganyaan-India's manned mission to space and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ISRO has shortlisted some Indian astronauts for training in Russia under Gaganyaan Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the ISRO has developed GSLV Mk-III to carry and launch human lives much further into the space and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of other steps/initiatives taken by the ISRO for technological upgradation regarding the successful Gaganyaan Mission?

Post Office Building in Chhattisgarh

†2535. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices not having their own building in Chhattisgarh region;

(b) whether construction of new buildings for post offices in Rajnandgaon and Kabirdham district of Rajnandgaon Parliamentary Constituency has been sanctioned;

(c) if so, the number and location of such new buildings along with the progress made in this regard; and

(d) the number of sanctioned buildings where no progress has been made and the reasons therefor?

Social Media Monitoring Hub

2536. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to setup social media monitoring hub for mass surveillance of citizens of the country;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the privacy of the citizens?

Poor Financial Condition of BSNL

†2537. SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI
SIDDESHWAR
SHIVACHRYA
MAHASWAMIJI
SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:
SHRI A.
GANESHAMURTHI:
DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the benefits of merger of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) with regard to the employees of these organisations;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to give Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) option to the employees of BSNL and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any application for VRS from the employees of these organisations and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such applications received by the Government, Telecom Company-wise; and

(d) the number of employees who took voluntary retirement during the current financial year, Telecom company-wise?

Katchatheevu Island

2538. SHRI S.
JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ceding of the Katchatheevu Island to Sri Lanka was with a proper Constitutional amendment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the fishermen of India fishing around that island from the atrocities meted out by Sri Lankan Navy?

Data on Unemployment

2539. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR
H.:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) has released the data about India's unemployment rate having risen to a three year high;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has the data of unemployment rate for the last three years, sector-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GDP Growth

2540. SHRI KUMBAKUDI
SUDHAKARAN:

SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR
ULAKA:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quarterly rate of growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the 2004-2005 fiscal year till September 2019 quarter as per the methodology used for GDP calculation prior to the changes introduced in 2015; and

(b) the quarterly rate of GDP growth from 2004-2005 till September 2019 based on the new methodology introduced by the Government in 2015?

Growth of FMCG Companies

2541. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR
ULAKA:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI
SUDHAKARAN:
SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies has registered a decline during last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a decline in demand for FMCG products in rural India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to increase FMCG sales in India; and

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

Aluminium Park in Odisha

2542. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to set up an Aluminium Park in Odisha has been pending since 2014-15 financial year; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the said proposal?

Export/Import from Telangana

2543. SHRI ANUMULA
REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total export and import separately of goods and services respectively in each of the last five years from/to the State of Telangana; and

(b) the steps taken in each of the last five years to improve the export of goods and services respectively from the State of Telangana?

Appointment of Government Counsel for Legal Assistance

†2544. SHRI BALAK NATH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure laid down by the Government for appointing Government counsel for providing legal assistance to the people;

(b) the number of Government counsels in the country at present;

(c) whether the posts of Government counsels are vacant or there is a need to appoint more Government counsels and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a centre to solve cases with mutual consent along with providing free of cost legal assistance in every district or tehsil for dispensation of justice to all; and

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

Review of BSNL

2545. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the present ailing financial condition of BSNL and if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has also reviewed the reasons for non-allotment of

3G/4G spectrum to BSNL and if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the stiff competition faced by BSNL from a private telecom service provider which is reportedly being patronised by the Government and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

RCEP Agreement on Milk Products

2546. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:
SHRI SHANMUGA
SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had any agreement during negotiations at Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) comprising ASEAN, China, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea regarding the import of milk and milk products from New Zealand;

(b) if so, the details of such an agreement under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the proposal therein;

(c) whether the domestic dairy producers including co-operative milk producers union have reacted to the Free Trade Agreement(FTA);

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposal of the Government to sustain domestic productivity, employment and milk producers in the competition thereof;

(e) the total quantum of milk and milk products in India for the current year and for each of the past three years; and

(f) whether the Government is having any proposal to reduce import duty on milk products?

Justice System in India

2547. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.
UDASI:
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the justice system in India is inadequate and law and order has been a major concern, especially in the two big States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) whether almost 80 per cent of India's 1.25 billion population is eligible for free legal aid but only 15 million people have availed it since 1995 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the India Justice Report 2019 commissioned by Tata Trusts and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Import of Edible Oil

2548. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK
(DEV):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise details of crude edible oil import during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a sharp increase in the import of crude edible oil recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Cases in Punjab and Haryana High Court

†2549. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases at present in Punjab and Haryana High Court along with the number of those cases which are pending for the last 15 years;

(b) whether the pendency of legal cases has deprived the people of Haryana of getting justice;

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

(d) the number of serving judges in Haryana during each of the last three years;

(e) whether a need has been felt to increase the number of courts; and

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

Integrated Cyber Defence

2550. SHRI SANJAY
SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present a dozen agencies are engaged in protecting India's cyber infrastructure and these agencies have their individual control and reporting systems;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up a single authority or agency which will be responsible for the entire spectrum of defence cyber operations in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives and the likely composition of the said authority or agency and the time by which it is likely to be set up;

(d) whether the Government has also recently launched Cycord (Cyber Coordination Centre) under the aegis of Intelligence Bureau to focus on hacking and online investigations and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has also devised a National Cyber Security Policy, 2020 in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Demand of IT Professionals

†2551. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

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

(a) whether there has been a decline in the demand of Information Technology (IT) professionals in the country and in international market;

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

(c) whether computer software and service industry of any other country

including United Kingdom have offered partnership to Indian software industry in e-commerce banking, medicine and telecommunication sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the IT professionals of the country will get employment in the said countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for preparation of such an environment so that demand arises in the said sector and suitable employment is given in IT industry?

Whistleblowers Protection Law

2552. SHRI SHANMUGA
SUNDARAM K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the whistleblowers protection law which was passed by the Parliament in February 2014 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has the details of murder of RTI activists in the country and the action taken by the Government to implement the whistleblowers protection scheme by various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the murders reported by Tamil Nadu Government during the last three years and the current year?

Industrially Backward Districts

†2553. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of industrially backward districts in the country including the State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme for the development of industrially backward districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Data Protection Bill

2554. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS
REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the proposed Data Protection Bill drafted by the Government;

(b) the details of the recommendations of B. N. Srikrishna Committee on protection of personal data along with these accepted by the Government;

(c) the details of recommendations of the said committee not accepted by the Government and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the aforesaid Bill is different from the US and European data privacy law and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Second Seating General Coaches

2555. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for allocation of 'Second Seating General Coaches' to Mail/Express and Super-fast trains;

(b) whether any passenger load factor survey/analysis has ever been done regarding 'Second Seating General Coaches' allocation to Mail/Express and Super-fast trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken for enhancement of 'Second Seating General Coaches' in Mail/Express and Super-fast trains?

Internet Facility in Gram Panchayats

2556. SHRI GIRISH
BHACHANDRA
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided internet facility in Gram Panchayats to extend the benefits of communication and information technology to the people living in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of fund released and utilised in this respect during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the total number of people who were benefited through the facility during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Export Subsidy

†2557. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Trade Organisation (WTO), on appeal by America, has directed India to stop export subsidy within the prescribed limit;

(b) if so, whether the Government has looked into the said order; and

(c) the details of view of the Government in this regard?

Introduction of 5G Services

2558. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce 5G services to improve the Government run programme Digital India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has also fixed any condition for the auction of 5G spectrum and if so, the details thereof?

Applications under RTI

2559. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of applications under the Right to Information Act (RTI) are pending across the country;

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

(c) whether Government has made any assessment of the reasons for delay in the disposal of pending cases;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken therefor;

(e) whether online applications could also be made under the RTI Act; and

(f) if so, the details of procedures in this regard and the assistance provided to the States and UTs for the purpose?

New Coaches in Trains

2560. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has been considering to provide new coaches instead of old collapsed coaches in Trivandrum and Palakkad division in Southern Railway;

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

(c) whether the Railways has allotted new coaches to Trivandrum, Madurai and Palakkad divisions in Southern Railway;

(d) if so, the division-wise details thereof during the last five years;

(e) whether the railways has received any complaint from State Government of Kerala or daily commuters, who are

travelling in outdated coaches at Palakkad, Trivandrum and Madurai division of Southern Railway; and

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

Expansion of Railway Network

†2561. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion of railway tracks to handle the increasing pressure of population and the lack of funds is a big challenge for the department;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to fix any time limit for the expansion of rail network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exports of Agricultural and Allied Products

2562. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the value in rupees and quantity of agricultural, processed and aquaculture exports from India, State, year and product-wise since 2004;

(b) the value in rupees and quantity of agricultural imports to India, State, year and product-wise;

(c) whether agriculture exports have come down from US\$42,800 million in 2013-14 to US\$38,000 million in 2017-18;

(d) if so, the reasons for decline in exports and the countries for which the exports have come down;

(e) the extent to which the recently approved Agriculture Export Policy by the Cabinet helps in increasing agriculture exports along with the incentives being given thereunder;

(f) the details of the strategic and operational initiatives that have been taken/proposed to be taken to increase agricultural and processed food export from States, including Maharashtra, during each of the last three years; and

(g) whether such initiatives have benefited small and marginal farmers including farmers in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

Project under Make in India

2563. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether no defence projects have been taken up under the "Make in India" framework during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such delays render India strategically vulnerable and also disadvantaged in being dependent on large military hardware imports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any Defence Production Policy

to herald a new era in providing domestically manufactured Military Hardware for the Indian Armed Forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue in Railways

2564. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue generated/ loss incurred by the Railways during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise;

(b) whether the Railways has assessed the key areas/sectors, incurring losses and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed by the Railways to increase its revenue and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to formulate various business models, including the Public-Private Partnership(PPP) Mode to meet revenue gap and if so, the details thereof?

Training for NCC Cadets

2565. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken to improve the institutional training imparted to the National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets in schools and colleges;

(b) whether the number of institutions covered by NCC has increased to meet the increase in sanctioned strength;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) phase and wing-wise details of the new raisings since 2010 to meet the increase in sanctioned strength; and

(e) the State and wing-wise strength of National Cadet Corps during the last five years?

Steel Grade Coal

2566. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of steel grade coal produced and sold (separate figures) by Coal India Limited and all its subsidiaries (separately) from the year 2011 to 2019;

(b) the year-wise revenue generated by Coal India Limited and all its subsidiaries (separately) from the year 2011 to 2019 from the sale of steel grade coal;

(c) the quantity of steel grade coal sold to SAIL by Coal India Limited and all its subsidiaries (separately) from the year 2011 to 2019;

(d) whether the ministry is aware that according to CAG Report 11 of 2018, a loss of 95.09 crores was incurred between 2013-16 as BCCL mixed steel grade coal with inferior washery grade coal, instead of supplying steel grade coal directly to its customers; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the ministry against the management of BCCL?

Stoppage of Trains

2567. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that lakhs of pilgrims visit Tiruvannamalai for Darshan of Arunachaleswar Temple and Circumambulation of the Holy Hill (Girivallam);

(b) whether the nearest stoppage for Tiruvannamalai is Kathpadi and Villupuram which are 80 kilometers away from the city;

(c) if so, the reasons for not halting Pudduchery-Howrah Express at Tiruvannamalai Station; and

(d) the time by when instructions will be issued to stop Pudduchery-Howrah Express at Tiruvannamalai for the benefit of pilgrims coming to Tiruvannamalai?

Corporatisation of Coach Factories

2568. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to corporatize Coach Factories like Rae Bareli, Modern Rail Coach Factory, RCF units in Kapurthala and ICF in Chennai;

(b) if so, whether all the stakeholders like contractors, employees, State Government etc. have been consulted;

(c) the rationale behind corporatization of these coach factories;

(d) whether the interests of workers, both direct and indirect, including contract

workers would be taken care of and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure that the career prospects and terms and conditions of workers are not altered to their detriment, with details in this regard?

Pilferage of Coal

2569. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. DNV

SENTHILKUMAR S.:

DR. AMOL RAMSING

KOLHE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI

SHARMA:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention is drawn to huge increase in pilferage and theft of coal in the Coal India and its subsidiaries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the problem faced by the Government in controlling theft of coal during transportation;

(c) the quantum of loss of exchequer due to pilferage and theft of coal;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has advised coal companies to work in close coordination with the State/local administration to prevent theft/pilferage of coal and if so, the details thereof and the achievement made;

(f) whether the Government of India has launched mobile App namely 'Khanan Prahri' and web App 'Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS)' for monitoring and reporting unauthorised coal mining activities and enable the Law & Order Authority to take suitable action in time; and

(g) if so, the number of cases reported and the action taken against persons who indulge in theft and pilferage?

Implementation of BharatNet Project in Andhra Pradesh

2570. SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought funds from the Government for the implementation of Phase I and II of BharatNet Project in the State particularly in Amravati and other cities/towns post bifurcation of the State and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon;

(b) the funds released and works undertaken by the Government so far for the proposed seven unified tribal areas development with provision of network in 2318 villages under the Phase II of BharatNet Project and for setting up of 1082 mobile towers in the State;

(c) the funds to be released to complete the BharatNet Project in the State and the deadline fixed and the target achieved so far by the Government in this regard;

(d) the target set by the Government to lay additional optical fibre to complete the aforesaid project;

(e) whether the Government proposes to link BharatNet Project with AP Fibre Grid Project, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the funds released to AP Fibre Grid Project; and

(f) whether the Union Government objected to low quality of cables used from China local market and refused to fund the AP Fibre Grid Power Project, if so, the details and the present status thereof along with MoU signed in this regard?

Use of Satellite Technology

†2571. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for using satellite technology to check illegal mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Illegal Encroachment on Vacant Defence Land

2572. DR. SUJAY
RADHAKRISHNA
VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system in place whereby Ministry of Defence continue to get information on illegal encroachment on vacant defence land in various cities of the country which has earlier been in the occupation or control of the Ministry of Defence or Army;

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

(c) the State-wise details of unutilized land with the Ministry of defence across the country; and

(d) whether the Government is taking any steps to utilise such vacant land and if so, the details thereof?

Pod Hotels on Railway Stations

†2573. SHRI RAMCHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has plans to prepare Pod Hotel or Capsule Hotel for providing stay facility for passengers on Railway stations;

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

(c) whether Jaipur Junction is also included in this scheme;

(d) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be made available; and

(e) if not, the time by which the Government proposes to provide this facility at Jaipur Junction?

New Trains between Delhi-Asansol

†2574. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start train service between Delhi to Asansol *via* Dhanbad and Gaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Linking of Courts through Video Conferencing

2575. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of prisons and courts that have been linked *via* video-conferencing across the country;

(b) whether any amendment has been made to permit the use of video conferencing during trial hearings;

(c) if so, the details of implementation of this amendment;

(d) the number of prisoners being produced *via* video conferencing for remand hearing and trial hearings across the country; and

(e) the details of the nodal agency in charge of monitoring and documenting the use of video-conferencing at the district/State/national level?

Extent of WhatsApp Privacy Breach

2576. SHRI DAYANIDHI
MARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the extent of privacy breaches in the recent WhatsApp snooping using the Israel-based NSO Group's Pegasus spyware and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the spyware was used for surveillance purposes and/or theft of private data and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the current regulations and measures put in place by the Ministry to protect financial data of users?

Land Utilization of SEZ

†2577. SHRI MITESH
RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any step to acquire back the land that had been allotted as special economic zones (SEZ) but is not being utilized for the said purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to curb the misuse of the land allotted as special economic zones?

Digital Payment

†2578. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been significant increase in the number of digital payments after its promotion in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of digital payments reported in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has conducted any comparative study on digital payment in the country and other nations of the world and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken adequate steps for safety and security of various platforms of digital transaction operating in the country at present; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

High Fare in Railways

†2579. DR. RAM SHANKAR
KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints/information wherein railway fare is higher than that of airfare;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to allow railway officials to travel by air instead of trains;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Railways has suffered losses in revenue as passengers are preferring air services than paying the higher fare of Railways?

Regulation of e-Commerce Companies

†2580. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no uniformity in tax regimes of Indian and foreign e-commerce companies;

(b) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is also contemplating the review of various business models of e-commerce companies;

(d) whether the Government is taking measures to give impetus to the Indian e-commerce companies and startups; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Transfer of MES Employee

2581. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
SHRI PASUNOORI
DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines and rules with policy decisions under which civilian employees of Military Engineering Service (MES) whose spouses are in civilian jobs are being governed;

(b) the number of employees transferred to other stations whose spouse is in Government job during the last three years, rank-wise;

(c) the number of employees who approached CAT in connection with their posting to the same place where his or her spouse is working; and

(d) whether despite CAT orders, some employees are not being transferred and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with corrective steps being taken in this regard to follow the existing guidelines?

Digital India

†2582. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and projects being implemented in the country under Digital India initiative, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quarterly performance under the said schemes and projects during each of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for speeding up the implementation of e-governance, development of network for speedy transmission, digitization and promoting public-private partnership in this regard in the rural areas of the country, State/UT-wise?

Auction of 5G Spectrum

2583. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA
DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to auction 5G spectrum very soon and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any assessment has been made by the Government as to how much 5G spectrum is required and is available and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be released by the Government from the said auction;

(d) the efforts made by the Government to transparently auction the said spectrum;

(e) the reserve price fixed by the Government for the said spectrum sale; and

(f) whether the telecom companies which are reportedly under severe financial stress will be able to buy the 5G spectrum and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Ban on Sand Mining

2584. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to regularize ban sand mining activities in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof specially in Tripura;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of plan outlay and implementation procedure for any such proposal in near future?

Steps for Promoting Exports

2585. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all schemes/ interventions and steps taken by the Government for the promotion of Indian exports in the global trade;

(b) the details of reforms undertaken in the industrial policy for improving business environment and bringing foreign investments in India; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen India's manufacturing sector *vis-a-vis* other nations with regard to better performance in Free Trade Agreements?

Loading/Unloading Facility for Containers

2586. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation for providing loading and unloading facility for containers between lines 2 and 3 at Vavaniya and Lavanpur railway stations in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to accord it priority considering the loading and unloading facility for containers at the stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time frame fixed for it to be made operational?

Start up India

†2587. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme called startup is being run by the Government in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the salient features of this scheme and the details with regard to the rules and eligibility conditions for availing the benefits of this scheme;

(c) the number of beneficiaries under this scheme in the country including the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) the number of startups registered so far and the number of startups, out of the total startups that proved successful along with the positive results achieved under this scheme and the details thereof?

All India Judicial Services

2588. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA: SHRI HANS RAJ HANS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made progress in consultative process among States and Chief Justice of High Courts on constitution of All India Judicial Service (AIJS) so far to make recruitment process through efficient, uniform and regular and also to address shortage of Judges in lower Judiciary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made on the subject; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite creation of AIJS?

Telecom Connectivity in Telangana

2589. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to accelerate telecom connectivity in rural and remote areas across the country;

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

(c) whether any such areas have been identified by the Government in the State of Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any time-frame has been chalked out by the Government for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

New Atomic Reactors

2590. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to construct 21 new atomic reactors across the country and complete the same by the year 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has entered into agreement with other countries to construct atomic power plants by bilateral collaboration ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expected financial implication estimated by the Government for this purpose?

Visit of Chinese President

2591. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major agreements signed during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India during October 2019;

(b) whether there was a high-level economic and trade dialogue mechanism developed between Finance Ministers to boost import and export volumes, bridge the huge trade deficit and increase mutual investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has signed any deal on border road and a controversial extradition treaty with China;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the major achievements of the Chinese President's India trip?

BharatNet Project in Odisha

2592. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Gram Panchayats in the State of Odisha were connected with broadband services under the BharatNet project by the end of August, 2019 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the target fixed by the Government for providing broadband services to the remaining Gram Panchayats in the State?

PSU Status of BEML

2593. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to change the status of Bharat Earth Movers Limited's from Defence PSU;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any representation/request regarding the maintaining of BEML's PSU status and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Decline in Gold Demand

2594. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold demand in the second half of 2019-20 Financial Year (FY) has crashed over 38 percent in the country;

(b) whether economic slowdown is the main reason behind the sales drop of over 35 percent over the second half of FY 2018-19; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/ to be taken by the Government to revive the gold demand and sales?

Health ATMs

2595. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has installed Health ATMs at various railway stations through the Public-Private-Partnership Mode and if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;

(b) the number of trained staff engaged to assist the passengers to use the facility along with the details of the checkups which are included in these ATMs;

(c) the amount of funds allocated by the Government for the purpose;

(d) the details of the number of travellers using the said ATMs since its inception;

(e) whether the ATMs will help the commuters to check their health conditions at a low cost and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Railways has decided to extend the primary health check-up facility to other stations especially in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Schools

†2596. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway schools located in the country including Chhattisgarh at present;

(b) whether the said schools have acute shortage of teachers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which these vacant posts are likely to be filled up; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to improve quality of education in these schools?

Applications Received in POPSK

2597. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received at Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) in the State of Bihar since 2017 and at the Chapra Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in particular;

(b) the number of passports issued out of them against these application requests so received;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open new Passport Seva Kendras/Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in the State of Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Grape Farmers

†2598. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide any assistance to grape farmers in the country, particularly in the Nashik district, in order to export their products to other countries directly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare of Civilians in Cantonment Areas

2599. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people in the cantonment areas are facing many problems;

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

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance for

the welfare of civilians residing in cantonment areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a high level committee to take note and solve the problems of the civic population residing in these areas; and

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

Aadhaar Authentication Services

2600. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

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

(a) the list of micro-ATM providers currently using eKYC services to withdraw Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) amount;

(b) the list of private firms who issued board resolutions for continuation of Aadhaar authentication services post supreme court judgement on the Aadhaar issue;

(c) the number of eKYC transactions in the country during each of the last three years, month-wise;

(d) the revenue earned by UIDAI for charging eKYC authentication services during the same period, month-wise; and

(e) the revenue earned by UIDAI for charging Aadhaar authentication services, month-wise?

Rules for Government Employees to Contest Elections

†2601. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the rules and regulations for Central Government Employees to contest elections for Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabhas, Sabhasads and Nigam Parshad like teaching profession so that they could return back in their services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken/propose to be taken by the Government to overcome this discrimination between teachers and the Central Government Employees?

Privacy Violation and Data Protection

2602. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING

KOLHE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO

BHAMRE:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY

TATKARE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI

SHARMA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of the personal data protection law;

(b) whether all the submission made regarding the personal data protection law will be disclosed as a measure to ensure transparency and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the procedure for individuals to complain on privacy violations until the personal data protection law is enacted;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government on privacy violations in each of the last three years;

(e) whether the Government has formed a committee on Non Personal Data Governance Framework and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether public consultation will be held for framing policies on non personal data and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government plans to sell non-personal data belonging to various Government department and if so, the details thereof?

Visit by German Chancellor

2603. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the German Chancellor has visited India recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether both the countries have reviewed their bilateral relations and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the German Chancellor has shown concern about Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in Coal Mining

2604. SHRIMATI NUSRAT
JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed 100 per cent FDI in coal mining for all commercial purposes along with 100 per cent FDI in contract manufacturing all through automatic route;

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

(c) whether Government has received any memorandum against this decision from various Coal Unions in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this move will be a severe blow to the Coal India Limited the national coal mines and if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Mining

†2605. SHRIMATI RANJEETA
KOLI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining and digging in mountains is taking place in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has not been taken regarding these illegal activities during the last three years; and

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

Leasing of Unused Land

†2606. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to provide unused land of Railways on lease and to sell it for enhancing facilities in Railways and expansion of new railway lines;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is not in the interest of Railways as well as in the citizens of the country to consider the aforesaid plan prior to privatising the railways?

Supply of Defence Equipments

†2607. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme to ensure supply of defence equipments in view of the country's defence requirements;

(b) if so, the extent to which the country's defence requirements are likely to be met after the implementation of this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Supreme Court Ruling on Revenues of Telecom Operators

2608. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of companies with telecom licenses, apart from major telecom operators, such as Internet Service Providers (ISPs), cable operators, etc. which will be impacted by the Supreme Courts' ruling on dues to be paid by Telecom operators, State/UT-wise especially in the city of Bengaluru;

(b) the number of companies among these which are classified as MSMEs;

(c) the impact of the said Supreme Courts' ruling on the profits of the companies; and

(d) the steps the Government is willing to take to ensure the survival of these companies?

Maintenance of Tracks

2609. SHRI THOMAS
CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether across zones, large portion of railway lines are running at 100% or above capacity on high density railway network routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether over-utilization is leaving little time for field safety inspections and essential maintenance of tracks which has led to numerous incidents of train derailments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government towards reducing the congestion and augment the capacity of tracks?

PSKs in the Country

2610. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER

KAUSHIK:

SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

SHRI JANARDAN

MISHRA:

DR. RAM SHANKAR

KATHERIA:

SHRI CHANDRA

PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras' PSK in the country, district, State/UT- wise including Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and North-Eastern States;

(b) the facilities that are available for the citizens of the country at Passport Seva Kendras' PSK and the number of passports made at each place per year including the average days taken to make passport in all these places;

(c) whether the Ministry plans to establish Passport Seva Kendras' PSK in each district of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to facilitate the efficient, hassle-free and transparent process for delivery of passport and related services?

Whistleblowers Protection Act

2611. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:

SHRIMATI PRATIMA

MONDAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2014 has not been implemented so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government of India is planning to re-introduce the Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2014;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Representations from MPs

2612. DR. SUKANTA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA
KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAJA
AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether VIP references for release of Head Office (HO) quota to the Ministry of Railways/Railway zones are not accorded priority in recent times;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including number of references received and quota released during the last two years, zone-wise;
- (c) whether complaints/representations from VIPs/Members of Parliament (MPs) have been regularly received against officials of MR Cell for deliberate and biased treatment of VIP references and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether IRCTC has developed dedicated portal for online railway reservation for MPs and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce the feature of online submission of VIP references for HO quota through IRCTC Portal and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) other related steps and initiatives being taken by the Government?

Deepfake Technology

2613. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent development in “deepfake” technology and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the measures taken by the Government to prevent its misuse; and
- (b) the salient features of the proposed National Programme on Artificial Intelligence, especially with regard to tackling fake news?

Flooding in Coal Mines

†2614. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether on 29th September, 2019 Dipka coal mine of SECL was submerged in water due to the flood in Lilagar river in Kobra district of Chhattisgarh and as a result the water could not be pumped out of the mines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the production of coal has been affected due to the flooding and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the power generation was halted in NTPC, Sipat for about a week due to non-supply of coal as a result of which the target set for annual coal production is likely to be affected;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents along with the details of the enquiry conducted in this regard and the action taken against the responsible persons?

Contract Workers

2615. SHRI RATANSINH
MAGANSINH
RATHOD:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM
PATIL:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited and its subsidiary company employ contract workers and if so, the total number of workers engaged by the contractors in each of the ancillary coal mine of the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries;
- (b) whether any agreement is signed between the contractor and the management regarding the working condition and wages of such workers;

(c) if so, the total remuneration fixed for payment to various categories of workers engaged by the contractors;

(d) whether some contractors are not paying wages to the workers as per the agreement;

(e) if so, the action taken against such contractors; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government for the welfare of contract workers?

Rules for Higher Officials

†2616. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA
DEVI:
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether higher officials of Ministry of Communications, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are working in private telecom companies post retirement and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (b) the details of rules and regulations, if any, for higher officials to work in any other company post retirement?

Functional Coal Mines

2617. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal extracted from the functional coal mines, State-wise, including Tamil Nadu, during the last six years and the details of revenue earned by the Government from these mines;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revive the non-functional mines and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) banned the process of vertical extraction of coal across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Services and Efficiency of BSNL and MTNL

2618. SHRI KOTHA
PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI PASUNOORI
DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the telecom services being provided by BSNL and MTNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the service and efficiency of BSNL/MTNL in each State in future;

(c) whether the Government is satisfied with the services being provided by BSNL/MTNL through 4G and 5G network; and

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

Crime in Trains

2619. SHRI PASUNOORI
DAYAKAR:
SHRI KOTHA
PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI VENKATESH NEHA
BORLAKUNTA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thefts and crime particularly related to women passengers reported in trains;

(b) the number of cases solved so far, zone-wise during the last five years; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent such instances in future along with the compensation awarded to such victims and parameters adopted so far?

Puttur-Attipattu New Railway Line

2620. SHRI BALLI DURGA
PRASAD RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to sanction New Railway line from Puttur-Attipattu *via* Nagalapuram, Pitchatur of Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal or any request in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Engineering Clusters under MIUS

†2621. SHRI JASWANT SINGH
BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any engineering cluster has been set up under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS) in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the district, location and date-wise clusters set up and the funds sanctioned/allocated for this purpose; and

(c) the names of the clusters that have started functioning and their objectives thereof?

Defence Startups

2622. DR. PRITAM
GOPINATHRAO
MUNDE:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR
SAHU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of startups in Defence sector in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government is planning 250 defence startups over the next five years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has identified the projects to be taken up under startup scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a need to strengthen research and development in defence manufacturing and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to expand the innovations for Defence Excellence Initiative and earmark at least Rs.500 crore for this initiative and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to bring together innovators with public and private sector industry and to make India exporter of defence technologies?

North East Rural Livelihood Project

2623. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made under North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP), State-wise;

(b) the total number of people skilled under the above mentioned project with State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to introduce more such projects for the development of North East region of the country; and

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

Charges for Wi-fi Services

2624. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI B.B.PATIL:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Wi-Fi services inside the trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time frame by when Wi-Fi service inside trains will be started;

(c) whether the passengers will be charged for the Wi-Fi services inside the train and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of railway stations having free Wi-Fi services;

(e) whether there is a delay in providing Wi-Fi services in the remaining railway stations; and

(f) the routes and trains in which the said facility is planned to be provided?

Religious Freedom

2625. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States have called upon India to uphold the universal rights to religious freedom and protect vulnerable individuals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

Expert Group for Evaluation of Poverty

†2626. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog/erstwhile Planning Commission had constituted a expert group in June, 2012 to review the process of evaluation of poverty under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this group has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the salient features of the said report; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not presenting the report?

Internet Speed and Quality

2627. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average internet speed in the country is poor and the country ranked 105th in the world in terms of internet connectivity speed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of internet users in the country is expected to reach about 500 million by the year end and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government will launch next generation communication satellites to provide high quality internet and phone service in the country and if so, the details thereof and the time by which these satellites are likely to be launched; and

(d) the increase in internet speed that is expected after the launch and operationalisation of these satellites?

PSLV Mission

2628. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the next three PSLV missions will carry 14 small foreign satellites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ISRO has bagged orders from four international customers in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Abida Express

†2629. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take any steps to resume the operations of Abida Express which used to run between Kanpur-Balaman-Neemsar via Shahjahanpur to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation Paid to Land Owners

†2630. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land was acquired by Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), Singrauli in Medhauli in 2011;

(b) if so, the land owner-wise and area-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the proper compensation was paid to land owners for their acquired land;

(d) if so, the details of rate fixed for calculating the compensation and the beneficiary land lords; and

(e) the names of the land owners whose land were acquired but compensation was not paid along with the reasons therefor and their names?

POs in the Country

†2631. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA
GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Passport Offices (POs) in the country, particularly in Bihar and Gujarat, as on date and whether the Government proposes to set up passport offices at some new locations;

(b) the average number of applications processed every month by the said offices;

(c) whether there is any delay in issuing passport and if so, the details in this regard along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any proposal for setting up POs is under consideration; and

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

State Cadre Officers on Deputation

2632. SHRI ANNASAHEB
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of officers of State cadre, *i.e.*, Officers selected by the State Public Commission deputed in Government of India services; and

(b) the rules for deputation of State level officers selected by the respective State Public Service Commission (non-IAS) for deputation at Government of India offices or Ministries or as personal staff of Ministers?

Online Frauds and Scams

2633. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that fraudsters leverage technology to mask identity and create fake e-mails and websites and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints over online fraud and online scams in the country and if so, the details thereof and the number of such complaints received by the Government during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any mechanism to regulate the websites and resolve aforesaid complaints and if so, the details thereof?

Trade with BRICS Nations

2634. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
DUBEY:

SHRI DHANUSH M.

KUMAR:

SHRI SELVAM G.:

SHRI SOYAM BAPU RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has participated in the 11th Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) Summit recently, if so the details thereof along with the theme of the event;

(b) whether India is facing trade barriers/non-tariff barriers in other BRICS nations and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to remove these barriers;

(c) whether the trade among the BRICS Nations is quite low as compared to their respective total global trade and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the country-wise details of India's trade with BRICS Nations during each of the last three years and the current year, while also indicating the share of India's intra BRICS trade to global trade;

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to developing countries in general and to India in particular in the field of finance and trade as a result of these summits;

(f) whether the Government has discussed with the BRICS Nations to increase trade and if so, the details thereof and the response of the BRICS Nations thereon; and

(g) the details of other steps being taken or to be taken by the Government to boost trade with the BRICS Nations?

Pending Coal Projects

2635. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of pending coal projects with Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and NLC India Ltd., State-wise, since 2015;

(b) the total cost of the pending coal projects across the country since 2014 till October, 2019;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the pending projects; and

(d) the quantum of coal that has been imported *vis-a-vis* the coal mined in the country since 2014 and the cost of the coal purchased, per tonne, every year, since 2014?

Operation of IAF Aircraft from Civilian Airports

2636. SHRI A.
GANESHAMURTHI:
DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force (IAF) has permitted to operate Sukhoi-30 fighters from four civilian airports in case of hostilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the IAF has any proposal to operate these fighters from some civilian airports in southern parts of the country; and

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

Railway Development in Kerala

2637. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern Railway General Manager recently held a meeting with the Members of Parliament in connection with the railway development in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of issues raised and the action taken by the Railways;

(c) the present status of the pending issues;

(d) the reasons for not allowing any sewa train for Kerala; and

(e) whether the Railways will consider allowing sewa train for Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Problem of Infrastructure in BSNL

†2638. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is reportedly facing the problem with regard to non-availability of state-of-the-art infrastructure and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the non-availability of these infrastructure is affecting the performance of BSNL and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Export of Herbal Medicines

2639. SHRI SUDHAKAR
TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any policy for the export of herbs and herbal medicines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India's share in total global export of herbal medicines is very low;

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

(d) the country and value-wise details of the total export of herbal medicines during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to promote export of herbal medicines and to create export avenues for the farmers opting for the cultivation of herbs and medicinal plants across the country?

Right of Passage through Cantonment

2640. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed by the Ministry of Defence to address the grievances of people whose thoroughfare have been cut-off by Army, even though their villages have existed much before Army was allocated the land in decades post-Independence;

(b) whether the Government has taken measures or proposes to take measures to provide "Right of Passage" for villagers from Painakumari near Sukna, Darjeeling whose access to the Highway has been cut off after Army fenced-off the road; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Passport Process

†2641. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced two major changes to accelerate the passport procurement process for first time applicants and further facilitate the appointment time in the regional passport Seva Kendra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether submission of three documents along with a general category application would facilitate the procurement of fresh passport within a week;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government proposes to set up new passport Seva Kendra at other places of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Wi-Fi in Trains

2642. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wi-Fi speed at railway stations is too slow resulting in passengers losing interest to use Wi-Fi as they are not able to connect it in time;

(b) the basis on which RailTel is claiming that it is providing 2Mbps download speed, but in reality passengers are getting only 100-600 Kbps and private players are providing speed at 40-60 Mbps and through fibre net it goes up to 150 Mbps;

(c) whether the maximum speed available is only for 30 minutes; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to increase the download speed at stations and also duration of Wi-Fi availability?

Allocation of Power from KKNPP

2643. DR. T. SUMATHY (a)
THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received request from State Government of Tamil Nadu to allocate the entire power generated from the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) I & II;

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

(c) whether the Union Government has expedited the process of establishment of the KKNPP unit 3 & 4 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proactive measures taken by the Union Government in this regard along with the total funds allocated for the said projects?

Foreign Investment in India

2644. SHRI SRIDHAR
KOTAGIRI:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR
BELLANA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state the number of foreign investors who have invested in India during each of the last three years?

Flexi Fare

2645. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while flexi fare has helped Railways to generate more income, it also led to reduction in number of passengers because of higher fare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to review the scheme of flexi fare; and

(d) if so, how far the passengers would get benefited by the initiative?

Private Participation in Defence Manufacturing

2646. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to promote Indian private defence industry and to ensure that there is level playing field between private industry and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) in large Defence Procurements;

(b) the quantum of investment by the private sector in defence manufacture during the last five years;

(c) whether the Indian private defence industry matured to be at par with DPSUs and if so, the criteria/procedure and security protocol adopted while awarding tenders/projects to private firms; and

(d) whether the tenders are still being awarded on nomination to DPSUs, if so, the reasons therefor and the total value of such tenders awarded over the last five years?

Research Lab at Tiruchirappalli

2647. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to establish Research Lab or allied Offices of ISRO at Tiruchirappalli or around it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to create research institutions involved in Space Programme and satellite technology with collaboration with NIT, Tiruchirappalli and other institutes in Tamil Nadu?

Rail Accidents

2648. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering any plan to scrap railway passenger subsidy of Indian Railways;

(b) the steps taken by the ministry of railways to minimize rail accidents; and

(c) the financial compensation schemes to rail accident victims and amount of compensation paid to victims during 2014-19 and the details thereof?

Enforcing of Tariffs

2649. SHRI HANS RAJ HANS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of enforcing tariffs for unsolicited data package along with voice service in the name of free service only to be charged later from consumers has come to the notice of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by TRAI thereon;

(b) whether the TRAI is aware that Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are

rampantly changing consumer's tariff plan at the back end without their consent thereby charging high bills and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of TRAI thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by TRAI to monitor and curb such practices of TSPs?

FOBs at Thane

†2650. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) at Thane Railway Station;

(b) the number of passengers who use the said FOBs at the Thane railway station on daily basis;

(c) whether the said FOBs are not sufficient for passengers at the said station; and

(d) if so, the reasons due to which work has not started regarding closed FOBs at the said station?

Extension of Delhi-Bahadurgarh Rail Line

2651. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) having taken into account the economic potential of district Jhajjar in Haryana because of its location adjacent to Delhi, whether railways is working or considering on any plan to extend the Delhi-

Bahadurgarh railway line and Gurugram-Farrukhnagar railway line to Jhajjar district and also to connect district Jhajjar to district Panipat through railway line; and

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

Sustainable Development Goals

2652. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the significance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are meant to guide global development efforts for 15 years from 2015 to 2030, in the Indian and global context;

(b) the salient features of SDG India Index;

(c) whether SDG India Index is effective in promoting competitive and cooperative Federalism among States and UTs; and

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

Software Technology Park in Jammu and Kashmir

†2653. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up a software technology park in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Suicide/Killing in Army

2654. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of suicides and killing of colleagues in the Armed Forces from 2010 to 2019;

(b) whether the Government has been able to assess the reasons for such incidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has a mental health policy for armed personnel to prevent such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the support given to families of armed personnel who are victims of such incidents?

Trains from Dhubri to Golapara

2655. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that Dhubri and Golapara districts of Assam have very poor train service as only few trains are available for people of these districts;

(b) whether the Government has received any demand/proposal for starting some new trains to connect with State headquarters;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry will consider to fulfill the demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lunar Trophy Hunt

2656. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up a new lunar trophy hunt;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed lunar trophy hunt will look for minerals, ice deposits, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kirana Stores

2657. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains any data on the number of Kirana stores operating in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the impact of e-commerce on India's Kirana stores; and

(d) if so, the highlights of the said study thereof?

Shifting of High Court

2658. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR
SINGARI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a popular demand from the public of Kurnool city of Andhra Pradesh for setting up a High Court and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to shift High Court from Vijayawada to Kurnool and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the criteria for selection of place of High Court?

Complaints from Emigrants

2659. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints from emigrants about fraud agencies have increased in recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken for identifying fake emigration agencies;

(c) the action taken to rescue about 50 emigrants including 6 people from Srikakulam reported to be in distress in Democratic Republic of Congo;

(d) whether the Government provides rehabilitation support to emigrants who face physical and mental abuse while working abroad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Law Colleges

†2660. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA
GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of proposals received from various States/UTs including Gujarat for setting up law colleges; and

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

Setting up of NIMZ

2661. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the proposal to set up the National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZ) was initiated by the Ministry;

(b) the present status of NIMZ in Telangana;

(c) whether the Chief Minister (CM) of Telangana has submitted a Memorandum to the Prime Minister (PM) in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of actions the Ministry has taken upon the issue mentioned in the Memorandum concerning his Ministry; and

(e) the details of funds sought to be released by the CM of Telangana and the steps taken by the Ministry to release the same?

Import of Pepper

2662. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI MAGUNTA
SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic black pepper market is witnessing lower prices and subdued demand as compared to last year and illegal imports is the reason behind it and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) the details of the total production of black pepper in the country;

(c) whether the import of pepper has increased during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details of quantum and value of pepper imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(e) whether the Government has imposed a Minimum Import Price (MIP) for pepper to protect the interests of domestic pepper growers and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether pepper is smuggled into India from Vietnam, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka in the backdrop of country's exchequer loss on import duty;

(g) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken to stop unscrupulous and unchecked imports of low priced black pepper in the country; and

(h) whether the Government is bound by ASEAN agreement to import pepper from member countries at cheaper rate?

Over Bridge at Aya

†2663. SHRI RAMESHBHAI
LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government in coordination with the State Government of Gujarat to construct an overbridge at Aya railway level crossing near Swami Narayan temple at Dhoraji-Junagarh road in the Parliamentary Constituency of Porbandar as the people are facing problems due to heavy traffic at this crossing; and

(b) the steps taken to provide stoppage to train number 59297/59298 and 59212/59211 at Rana Bordi in district Porbandar?

Protection of Data Privacy

2664. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to protect and secure the citizen's data and ensure its privacy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to restrict the cross border data flow by the global technological companies along with the guidelines laid

down by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the action taken and the status of compliance by these companies in this regard?

High Court Bench in Rajasthan

†2665. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of benches which are working in the High Court of Rajasthan;

(b) whether any proposal of the State Government for commencement of a bench of Rajasthan High Court at Udaipur is pending before the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise details of the average number of cases settled in Rajasthan; and

(d) the number of cases pending for more than twenty years in Rajasthan and the reasons for not settling them?

Pending Court Cases

†2666. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending at Bihar (Patna) High Court at present and the number of cases that are 15 years old;

(b) whether the people are denied time bound justice due to the pending cases in Bihar;

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

(d) the year-wise details of the judges working at Bihar (Patna) High Court during the last three years;

(e) the action taken by the Government so far to overcome the inadequate number of courts; and

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

Consumer Expenditure Survey

2667. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the latest consumer expenditure survey report by the National Statistical Office (NSO) indicating that consumer spending in rural areas in the country has slumped in more than four decades in 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided not to release the 2017-18 consumer expenditure survey report; and

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

PMGDISHA

2668. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
DR. SUJAY
RADHAKRISHNA
VIKHE PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural villages which have registered under the “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan” (PMGDISHA) to usher in digital literacy in rural areas, State/UT-wise along with the details thereof;

(b) the basic definition of “Digital Literacy” under this programme;

(c) the target population of this Abhiyan;

(d) whether the Government has allocated any fund under the said programme to improve the basic computer infrastructure in villages and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the manner in which Government plans to accomplish the digital literacy mission through PMGDISHA when a significant number of people in the country are illiterate, as per the last Census?

Law Degree

2669. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an upward trend in the percentage of students choosing to pursue a law degree in the past five years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering introducing a fixed stipend to

new law graduates and regulate stipend to legal interns in private offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

GI Tag to Kalamkari of Machilipatnam

2670. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Machilipatnam’s Kalamkari has got GI tag;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts the Government is making to promote and export these products to other countries in order to help craftsmen earn better for themselves;

(c) whether there is any scheme under which the production of products with GI tags can be increased; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

BRICS Summit

2671. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. DNV

SENTHILKUMAR S.:

DR. AMOL RAMSING

KOLHE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI

SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has participated in the 11th BRICS Summit and if so, the details thereof and the details of the theme of the event;

(b) the details of issues discussed therein along with the outcome thereof;

(c) whether this Summit has given developing countries sufficient scope in the international fora with regard to finance and trade and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the benefits likely to accrue to developing countries in general and to India in particular in the field of finance and trade as a result of these Summits; and

(e) the mechanism put in place to safeguard the common interests of all the countries involved in BRICS particularly India?

Train Accidents

2672. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would provide the details of the train accidents that occurred in the last one year in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the types of safety measures that are being taken by the Railways at present; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to increase rail safety in the country and avoid future train accidents along with the details thereof?

Modernisation of Railway Stations

2673. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned, released and expenditure incurred for modernisation of railway stations in the country during the current and last two years, zone and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is planning to install bio-toilets in all trains in the country; and

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

Wagon Workshop in Warangal

2674. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Telangana requesting for establishment of Wagon Workshop in Warangal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any decision in this matter and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the obstructions being faced by the Government in this regard and the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

Aadhaar Sewa Kendra

†2675. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to open Aadhaar Sewa Kendras in various cities of the country and if so, the details thereof including number and the names of the cities and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to open Aadhaar Sewa Kendra in Gujarat as well and if so, the details thereof?

Export of Buffalo Meat

2676. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of buffalo meat exported by India since 2009, year-wise;

(b) the value of Indian buffalo meat exports since 2009, year-wise;

(c) the details of the top ten buffalo meat exporters from India;

(d) whether any report on cow meat export has come forth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Redressal of Complaints

†2677. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rules and the time limit fixed by the Ministry for redressal of complaints received from any Member of Parliament/Member of Legislative Assembly/Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry writes a letter to any State Government/Officer for redressal of complaint/problem; and

(c) if so, the details of time limit and rules fixed for complying with the same?

Increasing Non-Fare Revenues

2678. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a move to increase non-fare revenues, the Railways is in talks with e-Commerce companies for on-board sales of their merchandise in reserved compartments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this move is to help with curbing the presence and movement of unauthorised and illegal vendors/hawkers on board and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is also keen to invite bids from cab aggregators like Uber, Ola, etc. to tap the rail passenger market and use space outside the railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Study by Chandrayaan

2679. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandrayaan-2 has begun spectroscopic studies of lunar surface;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of aims of the Imaging Infrared Spectrometer (IIRS) on-board Chandrayaan-2 and the details of this devices, contribution?

Common Service Centres

†2680. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI: SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH: SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand common service centres to Gram Panchayats under Digital India Programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of Gram Panchayats connected with common service centres in Bihar under Digital India Programme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any time-limit has been prescribed for connecting all the Gram Panchayats with the said service in the country including Bihar and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of services available at these centres along with the details thereof?

NRI Investment in Andhra Pradesh

2681. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non-Resident Indian (NRI) investments in the State of Andhra Pradesh have come down from 2016-17 which reported at Rs. 43 crore to Rs. 6.2 crore in 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details of the reasons behind this downward trend by the NRIs in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken to convince the NRIs to invest in the country in general and in Andhra Pradesh in particular; and

(d) whether any incentives/additional benefits, etc. are being given/proposed to be given to the NRIs for their investment?

Power Allocation from Atomic Plants

†2682. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated/directions have been laid down for the allocation of electricity produced by the atomic energy plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status;

(c) the comparative cost of electricity generated by atomic energy *vis-a-vis* other sources of energy;

(d) whether the Government is planning to boost up power generation by atomic energy in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

MoU with Bhutan

2683. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bhutan inked MoUs recently;

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

(c) the benefits to our country from such MoUs so far in different fields?

Extension of Chandpara-Bongaon Rail Line

2684. SHRI SHANTANU
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chandpara-Bongaon with extension to Chandabazar and new MM for Bongaon-Poramaheshstala and Chandabazar-Bagdah project has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

GST Rebate for Digital Payments

2685. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide rebate in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on payments made through digital mode in order to speed up digital payments;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the rebate likely to be benefited to consumers, retailers and wholesalers indicating the span of percentage of such rebate at lower end; and

(c) the details of other measures being taken by the Government to promote payment through digital mode?

Kashmir Cells

2686. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR
BELLANA:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN
REDDY:
SHRI SRIDHAR
KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has opened 'Kashmir Cells' in its Embassies and High Commissions across the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these Kashmir Cells incites the local population to act against India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India has urged the respective countries to take action against these cells; and

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

Cost Sharing System

†2687. SHRI CHANDESHWAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has proposed to all the State Governments including Bihar that they should come forward to adopt cost sharing system to ensure time-bound completion of long pending Railway schemes in their State;

(b) if so, whether the above said system has been adopted by the Government of Bihar giving its consent on cost sharing for its schemes in the ratio of 50:50;

(c) if so, the names of the other States also who have agreed for the said cost sharing proposal; and

(d) if so, the time by when the above said schemes are likely to be implemented by the Railways?

Delay in Completion of BharatNet Project

2688. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times deadlines for BharatNet Project have been extended along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the phase II of the project was to be completed by 31st December,

2018 and if so, the details thereof and the projected cost-overruns due to delay, if any, in the completion of the said phase;

(c) whether the Government has asked the Chief Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) about the reason for the reported non-functionality of connectivity in 80 to 90 per cent of Gram Panchayat across the country and if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government thereon;

(d) whether there is a correlation between internet usage and GDP per capita and if so, the details thereof, and the total economic loss suffered by the country due to delay in operationalisation of BharatNet projects, alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether some officials of Department of Telecommunication (DoT) were transferred between 01.11.2018 and 14.11.2018 because of poor operations of BharatNet infrastructure and if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken against erring officials; and

(f) whether there are discrepancies found by the Government in procurement of faulty hardware installed by BSNL and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Reduction in Fare of Shatabdi

†2689. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the fare of Shatabdi and other trains;

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

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

JWG on Fisheries

2690. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Sri Lanka have reached an agreement on establishing a Joint Working Group (JWG) on fisheries to resolve the disputes between fishermen of both the countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the interval between two meetings of the working groups; and

(d) the details of the decisions of the last JWG?

Common Service Centre

2691. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide telemedicine services from Common Service Centres (CSCs) in rural areas in collaboration with Ministry of AYUSH and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this scheme is going to be launched in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this scheme will be implemented in the CSC of Ramnathpuram constituency and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Telemedicine Services from Common Service Centre

2692. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's proposition for Common Service Centres (CSCs) to provide telemedicine services is going to be launched in all the States and UTs of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any time has been fixed by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has devised any strategy to target rural areas first under the said programme and if so, the details thereof?

Relocation of Head Post Office

†2693. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for relocation and prelocation of several head offices of Department of Posts is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Head Post Office situated at Osmanabad for the last 47 years jointly for Osmanabad and Latur districts has been relocated at Latur temporarily/irregularly;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to take any action to prelocate the already established Head Post Office, which provides suitable and all facilities to the common people from Latur to Osmanabad and if so, the details thereof along with the time limit fixed therefor?

Subsidy to Pilgrims of Mansarovar Yatra

†2694. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI: SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide subsidy to the pilgrims for Mansarovar Yatra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the pilgrims who had performed Mansarovar Yatra in the year 2018-19 have availed the benefit under the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of the facilities likely to be provided to the pilgrims under the said scheme?

Colliery Schools

†2695. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of salaries of some teachers in Colliery Schools run in ECL, BCCL, CCL and MCL with the help of grants provided by Coal India Limited have been stopped to suppress their demand of rise in salary; and

(b) if so, the details and the justification thereof?

Anti-dumping Duty

2696. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government policy on anti-dumping of goods imported;

(b) the details of revenue raised through the imposition of anti-dumping duty on various goods; and

(c) the criterion adopted in imposing safeguard duty on various products?

NLCILtd.

2697. SHRI THIRUMAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of item-wise spending of CSR by Nayveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLCI) during 2014-18;

(b) whether NLCI an important PSU is spending most of the CSR amount in other than service area; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will instruct the management of NLCI Limited to follow the guidelines and carry out CSR activities and the details thereof?

Development of SEZ

2698. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy;

(b) the details of the SEZs identified and established under this policy in the country, State/UT and location-wise including Karnataka, particularly in the Hyderabad Karnataka Region and Tamil Nadu along with the details of goods for which these SEZs are functioning;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for development of SEZs under this policy during each of the last three years and the current year along with the percentage of share fixed for the Union and the States therein;

(d) the location-wise details on the productivity of the above-mentioned SEZs during each of the last three years; and

(e) the details of the targets set, actions taken and achievements made under the policy so far?

Industrial Production Index

2699. SHRI ADALA
PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is contracted on an year-on-year basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been a second consecutive month of the dip of industrial output; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to focus on informal sectors and rural income?

Fiscal Deficit of Department of Posts

2700. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the fiscal deficit of the Department of Posts;

(b) whether the Government proposes to appoint Member finance in the Department of Posts' postal board as it is done in Railway Board for the financial control and improvement of the Postal department;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

e-Marketplace

2701. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the salient features of the Government e-Marketplace(GeM);

(b) whether the GeM has signed MoU with Indian Bank and Canara Bank;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether, through this partnership, both the banks have offered an array of services including transfer of funds through GeM Pool Accounts (GPA), solicitation on Performance Bank Guarantees (e-PBG), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Payment Gateway to the registered users on the portal and if so, the details of registered users on the portal as on date along with outcome, State-wise including the district of Satna (MP); and

(e) whether the GeM provides tools for direct purchase, bidding and reverse auction for ensuring transparent and efficient procurement and if so, the details of direct purchase, bidding and reverse auction as on date along with outcome, State-wise including the district of Satna (MP)?

Import of Palm Oil

2702. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is taking any concrete action pertaining to palm oil imports from Malaysia in response to the statement by that country's Prime Minister; and

(b) whether the Government will curtail imports of refined palm oil in India in line with the 'Make In India' programme?

Setting up Industries in Budaun

†2703. DR. SANGHMITRA MAURYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to establish any industry or factory in Budaun in order to provide employment to the youth and to check the migration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation to OBC in Promotion

2704. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in promotion in the Government services; and

(b) if not, whether the Union Government proposes to provide 27 per cent reservation to OBCs in all groups of promotions also in the Government services?

Counterfeit Market

†2705. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic economy of the country is suffering from loss of revenue to the tune of over one lakh crore rupees every year due to counterfeit market in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has gone through the report of Authentication, Solution Providers' Association (ASPA) published recently highlighting surprising facts regarding counterfeit products;

(c) if so, whether the Government is taking any effective measure to check production and sale of counterfeit products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Free Transport of Mortal Remains

2706. SHRI HEMANT
TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a request that the dead bodies of NRIs would be sent to India free of cost; and

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

Setting up Defence PSU in Odisha

2707. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA
SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned an Ordnance Factory in Bolangir, Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to setup a major Defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) or unit of one of it in an under-developed area like Kandhamal; and

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

Railway Website

2708. SHRI P.K.

KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway website known as indianrail.gov.in is slow and does not give the desired result in requisite time;

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

(c) the steps being taken to make the site beneficial to the common man in real sense?

Mobile Network in Arunachal Pradesh

†2709. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to enhance the mobile networks

in the eastern most region of Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are reluctant to operate in these locations due to lack of economic viability and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide mobile network to villagers residing in the aforesaid region and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Coastal Rail Routes

†2710. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for reducing distance of freight coastal rail route and saving time and cost thereby;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan likely to be prepared with regard to coastal rail route from Mumbai to Kolkata;

(c) whether international ports like Paradip, Golapur, etc. are connected with the rail route and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard along with the estimated cost of the said route; and

(e) whether any action has been taken so far in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Isolation of Pakistan

†2711. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA
SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India gave a befitting reply to the provoking speech of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in the United Nations in September 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has become isolated in the world for spreading fake propaganda and fabricated falsehood against the country at international level and India has gained honour and respect in the world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of Anti-Collision Devices

†2712. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI CHHATAR SINGH
DARBAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding effectiveness of various technological devices including anti-collision devices installed for safety and to check accidents;

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

(c) the present status and current condition of these equipment?

Selling of Private Information of Social Media Users

†2713. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

(a) whether instances of selling of private information of users through social networking sites have come to the notice of the Government;

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

(c) whether the Government has made any rule to prevent the misuse of shared private information of users without their consent and if so, the details thereof?

Telecom Facilities in Rural Areas of Uttar Pradesh

†2714. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the details of the schemes to strengthen telecommunication facilities in rural areas of the country, especially in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether most of the mobile towers installed in rural areas of the country are

not functioning and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Mhow-Dhar-Jhabua-Dahod Rail Line

†2715. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of land acquisition work yet to be completed so far for Mhow, Pithampur, Dhar, Jhabua and Dahod railway lines that are under-construction and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed;

(b) the time by which the construction of the said railway lines is scheduled to be completed along with the time by which this is likely to be actually completed;

(c) the cost of the said project finalised at the time of its commencement along with the amount of funds spent thereon at present; and

(d) the estimated amount likely to be spent till the completion of the said project?

Voluntary Retirement Scheme

†2716. SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees and officers who applied for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) offered by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) as on date, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the category-wise details of the total employees who will be repatriated to the Department of Telecommunication under employee separation scheme of the BSNL?

Bullet Train Project

2717. MS. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Bullet Train Project;

(b) whether there has been any cost escalation in the project because of the delays and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of current impediments in the project?

Passport Offices in Seoni

†2718. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport offices to be opened by the Government at district level along with the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a proposal to open passport office in Seoni district under Balaghat (MP) Parliamentary Constituency;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for not opening the passport office so far; and

(e) the time by which the passport office is likely to be opened in Seoni by the Government?

New Trains

2719. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has any plans to start new trains in the year 2019-20; and

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to start new train direct from Bhuj to New Delhi?

Sewa Service Trains

2720. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:
SHRI A. RAJA:
SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Sewa Service Trains to ensure better last mile connectivity between smaller towns in short distance within the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified the smaller towns to be covered under this service across the country including Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the State-wise details of the routes on which these Sewa Services Trains are likely to be introduced along with the details of services proposed to be offered to the passengers including in North Chennai;

(d) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for this; and

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

BPO Promotion Scheme

2721. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the fund used out of Rs. 493 crores allocated for IBPS in the financial year 2018-19; and

(c) the number of jobs created in the said financial year, State/UT-wise?

Law Commission

2722. SHRI ARJUN SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has gone through the recommendations of the Law Commission in their 277th Report on

Wrongful Prosecution (Miscarriage of Justice)-Legal Remedies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations made by the Law Commission in the aforementioned Report; and

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

Theft of Personal Data by Mobile Application

2723. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints pertaining to theft of private/personal data by the Android/I-phone mobile applications in the country;

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

(c) other precautionary measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Decline in Number of Customers of BSNL and MTNL

2724. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the reported decline in the number of customers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to understand and rectify drawbacks, if any, prevailing in the aforesaid Telecom companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to close the operation of these companies and promote their private counterparts and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Pending Court Cases

2725. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in courts all over India, State/UT-wise along with the reasons for such pendency;

(b) whether the Government has taken/introduced any structural changes to reduce the pendency of cases;

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

(d) whether the Government has developed any fast-track mechanism for quick disposal of cases; and

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

Funds for North-Eastern States

2726. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that has been allotted for each of the State of North-East during the last five years;

(b) whether the Government is satisfied with the pace of the development; and

(c) whether some other States are also proposed to be given packages like North-Eastern States?

Eradication of Corruption

2727. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether major changes have been brought about in the last three years to empower people to fight graft and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any changes have been made in the last three years to improve probity and accountability in Government institutions to eradicate corruption;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts made by the Ministry to help people to ensure access to relevant information from the Government departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs)?

Pending Court Cases

†2728. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
PINTU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which reduction in the number of pending cases in various courts of the country, especially in Bihar has come down during the last three years; and

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken at present for disposal of all kinds of court cases within stipulated time?

Ongoing Railway Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2729. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various on-going railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh including those that are being taken up in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the project-wise details and their present status thereof;

(c) the number of railway projects lagging behind the schedule of completion and the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to augment the completion of the projects at an early date and the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

R&D Centre

2730. SHRI COSME FRANCISCO
CAITANO SARDINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has any plans to set up Research and Development (R&D) centres across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed centres, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government would consider setting up a R&D centre of ISRO in economically, educationally and technologically advanced State of Goa located centrally on western seaboard of India and having good infrastructure for space related R&D; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for exclusion of Goa from ISRO's plans?

Nodal Cyber Security Agency

2731. SHRI SELVAM G.:
SHRI DHANUSH M.
KUMAR:
SHRI SOYAM BAPU RAO:
SHRI MOHANBHAI
KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any nodal cyber security agency CERT-In in the country and if so, the details thereof and the activities undertaken by it since its inception;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the objective for which CERT-In was set up and if so, the details thereof along with the number of cyber crime cases reported and resolved since the inception of CERT-In;

(c) whether CERT-In takes the help of foreign cyber security in tackling cyber security issues and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether reporting of Cyber security incidents to CERT-In has been made mandatory by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the CERT-In against body corporate for not reporting cyber security incidents?

Appointment of Judges

†2732. SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Judges appointed in each and every High Court of the country is less than the sanctioned strength;

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

(c) the number of cases pending in the High Court of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years along with the court-wise details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken to dispose of/reduce the number of cases pending with the High Court of Uttar Pradesh;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to appoint Judges in the High Court of Uttar Pradesh to meet the sanctioned strength; and

(f) if so, the time by which the Judges are likely to be appointed?

Support for India

2733. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which have supported India's policies regarding Article 370 and 35A;

(b) the names of countries which have opposed India's policies regarding Article 370 and 35A; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government against the countries that have opposed the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A and the steps taken in this regard along with the details?

Amendment in Cantonment Act

†2734. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has amended the Cantonment Act, 1924 of British period;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the total number of rules amended in this regard including the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend rules of Cantonment Act, 2006 after going through them to solve the problems faced by the citizens/families living in Cantonment areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the direction given to Cantonment Board and defence officers to check and solve the problems faced by citizens/families living in Cantonment area?

Re-employment of Ex-servicemen

2735. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of Ex-servicemen in India, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any definitive plan/scheme to tap their skills and experience required during this years of service as they retire from the forces at comparatively early age and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conceived any program/scheme for their re-employment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any uniform reservation system for the Ex-servicemen in the Central and State services and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the percentage of the Ex-servicemen in Central and State Government services?

Improving FDI Policy

†2736. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to improve the existing FDI Policy to promote foreign investment in the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which foreign investment is likely to increase as a result thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Joint Custody of Children

2737. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps/framed legislation to facilitate the joint custody of children in a divorced family;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

Deportation of Indians

2738. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mexico has deported over 300 Indian nationals to India;

(b) if so, the reasons behind this issue;

(c) whether the Government has data about the Indian migrants illegally scattered across the world; and

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

Internet as a Fundamental Right

†2739. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make facility like internet a fundamental right and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by when it is likely to be done; and

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh that have been connected with optical fibre under the BharatNet Project?

Environmental Clearance for Railway Projects

†2740. SHRI RAVI KISHAN: SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ambitious projects of the Railways for capacity expansion by way of gauge conversion and doubling of railway lines has come to a standstill for non-receipt of environmental clearance;

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

(c) whether the revenue loss and the occurrence of delay has been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry of Environment has been urged by the Railways to speed up the process of granting approval in a time-bound manner on a fast-track mode;

(f) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(g) the other measures taken to obtain environmental clearance to the said projects?

Outreach of Fixed Lines

†2741. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA: SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the outreach of fixed line based on optical fibre in the country is quite less in comparison to developed countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has made any effort to extend the outreach of this facility and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has fixed any accountability to expedite this work and if so, the details thereof?

IT Hub in Hyderabad

2742. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up new Hubs for Information Technology (IT) in Hyderabad, Karnataka Region, which is accorded with special status under Article 371 of the Constitution, for the development of this region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of IT Hubs already existing in the State of Karnataka?

Cyber Security

2743. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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

(a) the initiatives taken by the Government to strengthen the cyber security in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to curtail the right to privacy on account of cyber security and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the incident of hacking of Central Government and other State Government's websites during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action against the people/organisations involved in aforementioned incidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to prevent the hacking of Government websites and individual datas?

Opening of New Training Centres

†2744. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open any new training centres of railways across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to open any new training centre of railways in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

Unauthorized/Illegal Software

2745. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

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

(a) whether the Government has developed or developing any mechanism to monitor/control the usage of unauthorized/illegal software under copy right act of India or any piracy act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private companies are outsourced/allowed to monitor/control the same independently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the guidelines laid down by the Government in this regard?

Status of Leather Industry

†2746. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of departments which will have access to the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR);

(b) whether private firms will have access to the CEIR and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has informed and obtained consent of the mobile phone owners to share their data with other departments, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare of People Affected by TAPS Project

†2749. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being implemented for socio-educational development and health of the people displaced and affected by Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) of Maharashtra;

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

(c) whether a proposal is under consideration of the Government for providing job to a member of project affected families whose land has been acquired for setting up of the stations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reserve 80 per cent seats for local people for appointment in TAPS; and

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

(a) whether the business turn-over of leather industry in the country is drastically declining and several leather industries are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote leather industry during the last three years?

Opening of Siachen Glacier for Tourism

2747. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to open the Siachen Glacier for tourism and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government factored in the strategic/tactical/security implications of allowing tourists into this highly sensitive Military area;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of tourists proposed to be permitted daily to access the Siachen Glacier and the extent to which they would be allowed to climb; and

(e) whether the Government factored its impact on the ecology and on local animal species in the region and if so, the details thereof?

Central Equipment Identity Register

2748. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

ROBs/RUBs in Tamil Nadu

2750. SHRI A. RAJA:
DR. KALANIDHI
VEERASWAMY:
SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of ROBs and RUBs sanctioned for construction within Tamil Nadu, district-wise during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for their construction during the above mentioned period;

(c) the details of the number of bridges that are sanctioned and are under construction in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(d) whether the Government has acquired and handed over the land for all sanctioned bridges within Tamil Nadu;

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

(f) the time by which these are likely to be acquired and handed over; and

(g) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for their construction, if so, the details thereof?

Advantages of Privatization

2751. SHRI SATYADEV
PACHAURI:
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatization of Indian Railways is of larger public importance and the details of extra advantages the

Government is having on running a private train between Delhi and Lucknow;

(b) whether such privatization process is due to the result of loss making along with the details of comparative advantages of running trains by private players in comparison to Indian Railways;

(c) whether the investments by the private players are commuter friendly;

(d) whether the employees already working has been assured with the security of tenure and job features;

(e) whether "Railway Recruitment Board" will play the human resources role in the emerging privatization; and

(f) whether any extra fund has been created to protect the travelling environment ranging from safety to sewage control?

Quality of Food in Trains

2752. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of food supplied by IRCTC is of sub-standard quality;

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

(c) the number and details of private partners providing food in trains and the mechanism of monitoring such private partners?

Amendment to Representation of People Act

2753. SHRI M.V.V.
SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission of India has recently sought opinion from the Government on proposed amendments to the Representation of the People Act, 1951, that will require citizens to link their Electoral Photo ID Card (EPIC) with the 12-digit Aadhaar Card and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also considering to bring suitable law/ amendments in the Representation of the people Act, 1951 for issuance of Single Card which contain Aadhaar Number, Voter Identity Card Number and PAN card number, to each citizen of India; and

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

Start-up Eco-system

2754. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's start-up eco-system has made it the world's third largest hub for start-ups and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a new report of NASSCOM titled: 'Indian Tech Start-up Eco-system' says that investments in start-ups were steady at \$ 4 billion in January-September 2019 across 450 start-ups at a 5 per cent year-on-year growth and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether according to the NASSCOM report, many of the incubators

and accelerators are active outside tier-1 cities, creating around 40,000 direct jobs during the last five years, with 2019 alone accounting for more than 60,000 jobs and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Moratorium on Payment of Dues by TSPs

2755. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) who have been ordered by the apex court to pay in long pending overdues of nearly 92,000 crore rupees have asked the Government for a moratorium of two years on the payment of the said dues; and

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

Surcharge on Booking of Tickets

†2756. SHRI RAVINDRA
KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed surcharge on online railway ticket booking once again;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any scheme to reduce the surcharge or to offer cashback like facility in order to promote online railway ticket booking among passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

e-Commerce Consignment

2757. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways wish to start e-Commerce consignment in non-peak hours;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the programme of action to extend it in different places?

Indigenous Production of Weapons

2758. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken to indigenise the production of critical weapons in India;

(b) whether any plan is in place to boost India's defence exports in the medium to long term;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to encourage the growth of start-ups in the defence eco-system?

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Refund for Tatkal Tickets

†2759. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether refund is not given to the passengers on cancellation of Tatkal and confirmed or waiting tickets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide refund for the above tickets or change the rules to provide the facility of refund to passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IT Park in Darbhanga

†2760. SHRI GOPAL JEE
THAKUR:

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 an Information Technology (IT) Park in the Parliamentary Constituency of Darbhanga (Bihar);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said IT Park is likely to be set-up?

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