

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Wednesday, March 17, 2021/Phalguna 26, 1942 (Saka)

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 230

Leakage of Official Secrets

3451. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers the WhatsApp chat between Republic TV Editor-in-Chief and former BARC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), which was leaked in public domain, a violation of official secrets and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has conducted/propose to conduct any inquiry into the said leakage of top secrets pertaining to national interest/security; and

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

Bailing out Telecom Companies

†3452. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to bail out telecom companies which are under financial loss and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of days for which the companies have been exempted by the Government from paying Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR);

(c) whether the Government will ensure compliance with the decision of the Supreme Court on AGR and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of BSNL officials who have availed Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) during the last year; and

(e) whether the Government will allocate 5G spectrum to BSNL and if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of Internet Shutdowns

3453. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

whether the Government has any plan to frame a legislation to regulate internet shutdown in the country and if so, the details thereof?

4G Services of BSNL

3454. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to go ahead with the rollout of 4G services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government will allow BSNL to upgrade equipment from China which is already being used for 2G and 3G services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Government has prepared a timeline in which BSNL will be able to undertake a full-fledged rollout of 4G services and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the outsourcing of maintenance work by BSNL has led to many delays in the repairing of faults and procurement of new equipment in Kerala?

Shortage of BSNL's Mobile Towers

3455. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the lack of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) towers and

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network in remote areas of the country especially in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

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

(c) whether BSNL has erected or plans to erect mobile towers in eastern region of Vidarbha; and

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

Cultural Exchange

3456. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Government has plans to promote cultural exchanges between the Indian students and students of East Asian countries like China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Backward Blocks

3457. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the most backward blocks in the country;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of blocks in the State of Odisha have still not made any progress; and

(d) if so, the details of the specific action plan drawn up to develop those blocks on par with properly developed blocks?

Export Promotion Forums

3458. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Export Promotion Forums as on date;

(b) the amount of fruits and vegetables produced and exported as a percentage of the GDP for the last five years; and

(c) the percentage of fruits and vegetables produced and exported by Jharkhand as a percentage of total production and exports by India?

Setting up a Bench of High Court

†3459. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a High Court bench in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the said bench is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, whether any such proposal is under consideration of the Government for future?

Increase in Market Share

3460. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways proposes to increase market share and has advised its 12.54 lakh workforce to convert their Debit/ATM cards to RuPay powered cards, to give boost under 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' and Digital India initiatives; and

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

Look East and Act East Policy

†3461. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed by the Government for Hon. Prime Minister's ambitious look East and Act East Policy have been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any time frame has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

De-reservation of Reserved Vacancies

3462. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BAAIYA):
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is a general ban on de-reservation of reserved vacancies in case of direct recruitment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is no SC/ST/OBC quota in Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) for recruiting senior faculty posts;

(c) if so, whether the IITs are allowed to de-reserve entry level posts after one year of not finding suitable SC/ST/OBC candidates and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government appointed committee tasked to look into "effective implementation of reservation" in student admissions and faculty positions at IITs has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the committee had suggested to exempt the 23 IITs from reservations altogether under the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act 2019 and if so, the DOPT's reaction thereto; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard including the comments from other Government ministries?

New Trains in Gujarat

3463. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI
SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the operation of new trains during the last three years in the country including Gujarat;

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

Chairmanship of BRICS

3464. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has supported for India's Chairmanship in the five member BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) for the year 2021 and promised to work with India to strengthen the bloc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India will host the BRICS summit and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the agenda for the ensuing BRICS summit;

(e) whether India-China border dispute will impact BRICS; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing/Pending Rail Projects in Chhattisgarh

†3465. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of various ongoing and pending rail projects in Chhattisgarh along with its present status;

(b) the number of rail projects running behind the stipulated time-period along with the details thereof;

(c) the names of such approved/ongoing projects in the said State which are likely to be completed or started during the year 2020-21;

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to expedite completion of these projects; and

(e) whether the Government has approved Raipur-Sarangarh-Jharsuguda rail projects and if so, the details thereof?

Negative List Under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat

3466. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's announcement of embargoed defence items "negative list" was infact a "positive list" under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Programme to increase our manufacturing capacities, generate new employments, reduce dependence on imports and manufacture products to be consumed in India;

(b) the details of the opportunities the Government has created for the private sector by bifurcating the capital procurement budget into separate domestic and foreign procurement routes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status?

National Cadet Corps

3467. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of units of National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of NCC units in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expand the Corps' presence in naxal affected areas as well as coastal and border areas and simultaneously encourage youth of such areas to join the mainstream as NCC cadets?

Government Functionaries on Social Media

3468. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:
SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:
DR. AMAR SINGH:
DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of Government functionaries including Ministries, Departments and Government officers who have signed up for the social media platform Koo in their official capacity;

(b) whether the Government had issued any directive requiring the aforementioned Government functionaries to sign up on the said app and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the level of involvement and the nature of support given by the Government to such apps and other indigenously developed apps; and

(d) whether any incentives over and above the cash awards are provided by the Government to these apps and if so, the details thereof?

Information about Credentials

3469. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is initiating steps in the Ministry of External Affairs for speedy and proper disposal of requests seeking information about credentials of foreign companies/corporations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the steps that are to be taken on receiving requests for seeking credentials of foreign companies from State and on receiving request to despatch of reply;

(c) whether the Government is aware of a communication from Kerala seeking credentials of EMCC, a US-based company which expressed its intention for deep sea fishing and if so, the details thereof of the communication so received;

(d) whether the Government is aware of an allegation that no reply from Ministry of External Affairs has been received by the concerned authority of the State Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to declare cut off dates for embassies regarding replies to be prepared in response to requests connected with the applications for credentials and if so, the details thereof?

Supercritical Projects in Andhra Pradesh

3470. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assets, broadly, that the Ministry is planning to monetize for investing in newer railway projects;

(b) the details of assets that Railways have in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of supercritical projects that are going to be completed by March, 2022 and the projects in Andhra Pradesh that are included in the above category?

Chinnasalem to Kallakurichi Railway Line

3471. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Chinnasalem to Kallakurichi railway line project;

(b) the total cost and length of the railway line project along with the amount sanctioned and utilized till date;

(c) whether the project has been delayed due to land acquisition issues;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken up the matter with State Government of Tamil Nadu to make available land for this railway project and if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Government thereto; and

(e) the time by which the work on Chinnasalem to Kallakurichi is likely to be started and completed?

Guidelines for BPOs and ITes

3472. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has eased the guidelines for Business Process Outsourcing and IT Enabled Service players in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the likely benefits to be rendered to the BPO Sector and working professionals by the simplification of these guidelines;

(c) whether the Government has devised suitable safeguards to ensure that relaxations given to the BPOs is exercised in a responsible manner by the industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indigenous Aircraft and Submarines

†3473. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain naval projects such as manufacturing of indigenous aircraft and submarines relating to the security of the country are lagging behind the scheduled time;

(b) if so, the number of such projects along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the reasons for shortage of submarine fleet of navy along with the time by which the said shortage is likely to be met?

Passport Renewal

3474. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian citizens whose passports are to be renewed by Indian Missions abroad face lots of problems and delays when they apply for renewal in India when they are back in the country;

(b) if so, whether the respective Regional Passport offices seek comments of Indian Missions where these passports have been renewed earlier and these Missions take years to respond;

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

(d) whether the MEA is likely to fix any timeline for Indian Missions to respond so that people do not face problems/harassment and they get their passports in time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

PSK in Rajasthan

†3475. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Passport Seva Kendra (PSKs) operational in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government has announced to set up some more PSKs in Rajasthan in phase-III along with the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof including Sri Ganganagar;

(d) whether the Government has sanctioned any amount to Rajasthan in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of targets fixed and the achievements made so far?

Space Facilities

3476. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has opened up its Space facilities for the Private Sector within the country;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware that this will reduce the role of ISRO within the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Niti Aayog Council

3477. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governing Council Meeting of Niti Aayog was held recently in New Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Chief Ministers of States or their representatives who attended the meeting and the number of Chief Ministers who skip the meeting and reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of Chief Ministers did not attend the meeting and if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

(d) the details of issues discussed, consensus arrived at and future plan chalked out in the meeting; and

(e) whether it was emphasised in the meeting that Centre and States including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh should work towards reducing compliance burden for citizen to ensure ease of living and to promote ease of doing business, stressing the importance of better coordination between the Centre and the States for the development of the country and if so, the details thereof?

National Industrial Corridor Programme

3478. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) the list of industrial corridor projects being developed under National Industrial Corridor Programme in the country along with the status of these industrial corridors;

(b) whether any industrial corridor has been planned for the state of Haryana;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the list of Multi Model Logistic Hub proposed/ under construction on these industrial corridors?

'Digital India' Scheme in Bihar

3479. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the districts in Bihar particularly in Jehanabad, Gaya and Arwal districts where Digital India Scheme is implemented;

(b) the number of persons in Bihar benefited through this scheme, district-wise;

(c) the amount of funds allocated/released/utilised by the Government in Bihar under the aforesaid scheme, district-wise; and

(d) the reasons as to why the full utilisation of the funds allocated in Bihar under the scheme was not done?

Voluntary Retirement of BSNL Employees in Kerala

3480. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the employees of BSNL were given an option for voluntary retirement during the financial year 2019-2021 in Kerala;

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

(c) whether the Government has identified the causes frequent call drops of BSNL mobile service in the country;

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

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to privatise the BSNL; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Interview at Lower Level Jobs

†3481. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken decision to discontinue interview at lower level jobs in Government and proposed to make recruitment on the basis of eligibility examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Private Startups

3482. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO is collaborating with Private Startups for its Human Space Programme and if so, the details of the companies that have shown interest in collaborating with ISRO;

(b) whether ISRO is providing any financial and technical help for these Startups and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the programmes under the Human Space Initiative and the details of the programmes in which these companies are allowed to participate;

(d) the current status of Human Space Programme Gaganyaan and its details thereof;

(e) whether the Government can achieve the proposed target of sending man to Space by 75th Independence day and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether ISRO has begun preliminary work to send man to the moon, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

National e-Vidhan Application Project

3483. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made under the National e-Vidhan Application project;

(b) the details of the progress made with respect to "Meghraj cloud" project under the same;

(c) whether the Government intends to introduce more such measures for e-Governance; and

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

Retirement under 56-J

3484. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Government officers have been retired under Rule 56-J during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the numbers thereof?

Expenditure Limit of Candidates Contesting Elections

3485. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure limit of candidates contesting in elections vary from State to State and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is a demand for increase in expenditure of candidates contesting elections due to the increase in the size of electorate and increasing inflation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Election Commission has now constituted a committee to examine the expenditure limit of candidates contesting in Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the committee;

(e) the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report to the Government; and

(f) whether the Government is also taking steps to check criminals from contesting elections and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

BPO Promotion Scheme

3486. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS);

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

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned/utilized under the said scheme during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(d) the number of jobs created under the said scheme; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase employment rate in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

Railway projects in Tamil Nadu

3487. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:
DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of the pending works related to new railway lines, doublings, conversion of railway lines as well as electrification in Tamil Nadu including Madurai during the last five years;

(b) the details of funds allocated/sanctioned/spent on the above projects so far in Tamil Nadu including Madurai, during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned any new routes within Tamil Nadu including Madurai and beyond and introduction of bullet train; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has fixed any targets for completion of the above projects?

Empowerment through PMGDISHA

†3488. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of the country especially SC, ST people living Below Poverty Line(BPL) and women are likely to be empowered through this campaign to handle the digital instruments; and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to make the people of rural areas of Gujarat more digitally empowered?

Lok Adalats

†3489. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Lok Adalats organised in rural areas during the last three years to date, State-wise and place-wise;

(b) the details of total number of cases settled in these Lok Adalats, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Government contemplates to make these Lok Adalats more effective and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise total number of Lok Adalats proposed to be organised during the current year?

Misinformation regarding Train Schedule

3490. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry acknowledges the consequences of misinformation/inadequate information released regarding train schedules during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/ proposed by the Ministry to control misinformation and to ensure the dissemination of valid information thereon?

Railway Facilities

†3491. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many areas of Gujarat are not connected with Railways due to which residents of these areas are deprived of railway facilities thereby hampering the development of these areas;

(b) if so, the details of such areas; and

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to launch railway projects in these areas?

Performance of Railway zones

3492. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Railway Zones have achieved the objectives for which they have been established;

(b) whether every new Railway Zone created has fulfilled the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern, operational and administrative requirements and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) the details of gross income of each division since its creation, division and zone-wise;

(d) whether the Southern Railway has reported low income compared to other Railway Zones;

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

(f) whether the Government proposes to sanction more Railway Zones considering the demands of various States and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Railway Board has conducted rating of its zones, if so, the details and the outcome thereof

and the steps taken by the Government to improve overall performance of all the Railway Zones so as to improve profitability of the Railways?

National Packaging Initiative

3493. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a National Packaging Initiative as part of the National Logistics Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this policy will help to reduce logistics cost, ensure product safety and promote sustainability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cases Against Officers

†3494. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered for serious offences against Central Government officers, State-wise;

(b) whether the administrative activities have been affected due to the posts lying vacant on account of absconding officers against whom the cases have been registered; and

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

IPPB in Bihar

†3495. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) set up in Supaul, Bihar; and

(b) whether Gramin Dak Sewaks do not have biometric devices and smart phones as required in their job which is causing problems in service delivery and if

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so, the details thereof and remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Import of Essential Commodities

3496. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

(a) the percentage increase in imports of essential commodities for the year 2020;

(b) the percentage decline in exports from India for the months of March-December, 2020; and

(c) the percentage increase in overall imports for the months of March-December, 2020?

IIPI

3497. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

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

(a) whether International Intellectual Property Index (IIPI) has been released by the Global Innovation Policy Centre recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the criteria fixed for determining the rankings in IIPI;

(c) whether India's ranking has slipped in IIPI and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has made any effort to support investments in innovation and creativity through increasingly robust Intellectual Property protection and enforcement and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of Intellectual Property Rights awareness workshops/seminars conducted by the Government during the last three years and the current year so far; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the ranking in IIPI?

Railway Projects in Bihar

3498. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

(a) the current status of railway projects in Bihar, district/project-wise including Jehanabad, Gaya and Arwal districts for which survey has been conducted and approval has been accorded but they have not been started as yet;

(b) the sanctioned budgetary allocation for the same; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to speed up the work of approved railway projects in Bihar?

Chinese Investment in Indigenously Developed Application

3499. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:
DR. AMAR SINGH:
DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

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

(a) whether the Government was aware of the Chinese investment in the parent firm of the social media 'Koo' app at the time of its appraisal and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government took note of the Chinese investment while evaluating the proposal on the said social media app and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government; thereto;

(c) the date on which the Government became aware of the Chinese investment in the said app;

(d) whether there are any criteria to be followed by the app developer with respect to indigeneity of the mobile apps and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mechanism instituted by the Government to monitor the foreign investment in the indigenously developed software application?

Exploration of New Regional Coal Blocks

3500. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

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

(a) the total number of new regional coal blocks explored during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the total length of drilling to explore new coal blocks during the last one year;

(c) the total quantity of new resources added during the last one year, State-wise; and

(d) the total length of non-Coal India limited (CIL) blocks explored and the total drilling of the same during the last two years?

Grievance Redressal Cell

3501. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal pending for setting up of an institutional mechanism to address the issues of exporters and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up Grievance Redressal Cell to monitor specific complaints from exporters for quick redressal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the complaints received and disposed off during each of the last three years by the GRC indicating the nature of the grievances lodged by the exporters;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the long waiting period experienced by exporters in the country in getting their commodities out of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost exports by supporting exporters through various schemes?

Salt Pan Lands

3502. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop salt pan lands in the Country specially in Thane, Mumbai city and Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) to support the Central Government's mission of 'Housing for All by 2022'.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultant has been appointed to prepare the master plan for development of the salt pan land for 'Housing for All' initiative;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Mumbai and MMR Region has approx 5,379 acres of salt pan lands and the major part is encroached; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of Bogus Voters

†3503. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
विधि और न्याय मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any concrete plan to identify bogus voters and also check bogus voting in General Elections held in the country; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

Problem of Call Drop

†3504. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing problem of call drop;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the concrete steps taken by the Government to address the problem;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that telecom companies offer their plans for 27-28 days a month instead of 30-31 days; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government to stop this unfair trade practice?

Trains to Tourist Places

†3505. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:

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

(a) whether there is any scheme to connect all the major historical cities/tourist places of the country with the Railways;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to directly connect Shrawasti Parliamentary Constituency which is a famous Buddhist site with the major cities of the country; and

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

Coal Royalty

3506. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which rate of royalty on coal was revised by the Government;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any guidelines for revision of rate of royalty on coal in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Study Group constituted by the Government to consider revision of rate of royalty on coal has submitted their report;

(d) if so, the action so far taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the coal rich states have been penalized for not achieving stiff RPO targets and also delay in revision of royalty on coal; and

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

(g) the corrective steps taken by the Government for protection of coal rich states?

Pending cases in Supreme Court

3507. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending with the Supreme Court of India along with the measures taken to effectively dispose off the cases;

(b) the existing ratio of judges in comparison to cases and whether the Government is taking any measures to increase the number of judges in Supreme Court; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Cases of Cyber Frauds

†3508. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY
BHATT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of cyber frauds have increased during the recent period and if so, the details thereof including the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Delhi; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal exploration

3509. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of coal extraction and exploration projects that are currently underway in Maharashtra especially in Chandrapur district; and

(b) the total number of existing mining projects that have been taken by private entities?

Coffee Production

3510. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total coffee produced state-wise from FY 2017-18 to 2019-20 along with total quantity of coffee exported for the last three years;

(b) the details of the development activities, being carried out by Coffee Board to enhance the productivity of coffee in the country, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu, during the last three years;

(c) the status of implementation of the scheme 'Integrated Coffee Development Project', especially for promotion of organic coffee production in the country, State-wise;

E-Surveillance of Coal Fields

3511. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL), a subsidiary of Coal India has started e-surveillance to check coal operations in their plant?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is having any proposal to extend or initiate e-surveillance of all coal fields in India to monitor the operations of all coal fields?

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

(e) whether the e-surveillance can track illegal coal mining and transportation of coal by unauthorized persons and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of coronavirus on Supply Chain

3512. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is disruption in the supply of raw materials from China due to corona virus and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to deal with its impact on several Indian industries, especially in Pharma Sector, wherein imbalance in demand and supply has resulted in price rise of items across the industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the precautionary measures taken by the Government to bridge the demand and supply gap and contain the rise in prices of items across the country?

Export of Fruits

3513. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of fruits and its products exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year, fruit-wise;

(b) whether the Government is taking any effective steps to increase the export of fruits from the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is considering any scheme for effective logistics of perishable agriculture produce from villages to the end users and if so, the details thereof?

Scheme to Incubate Technology Start-Ups

3514. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of the Government to incubate technology Start-ups, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number and the details of technology incubators that are being supported by the Ministry in Government Universities;

(c) the number and the details of central and state universities that do not have technology/Start-up incubators and the reasons for the same;

(d) the details of the funding provided by the Ministry for these Start-up incubators and the details of central schemes under which such funding is available;

(e) the details of the quantum of funds that are yet to be disbursed under these schemes, State/UT-wise and the reasons for delay, if any, in disbursement of the same;

(f) the total funds released to Start-up incubators during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(g) the details of any proposals to set up technology Startup hubs in Institutes of national importance, State/UT-wise?

Railway line between Dornakal and Miryalaguda

3515. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Railway Line between Dornakal and Miryalaguda, connecting Mudigonda, Nelakondapalli, Kodad, Huzurnagar and Neraducharla;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned for this line till date; and

(c) the time by which the work on the said Railway Line is likely to be completed?

Non-Utilized MPLAD Fund

3516. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the nodal district-wise details of availability of non-utilization of MPLAD funds by sitting as well as former MPs;

(b) whether a huge difference between the amount according to the Central Government and the amount available in different districts has come to light particularly in Jharkhand and Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Wi-Fi by Railtel

3517. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RailTel Corporation of India Ltd saw an uptrend in user interest for Wi-Fi services at railway stations,

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) the details of number of stations which are likely to get public Wi-Fi and network infrastructure installed;

(d) whether the RailTel is exploring the option of charging passengers for using public Wi-Fi services at railway stations, if so the details thereof;

(e) the amount of revenue generated by RailTel during the last three years including the current year; and

(f) the other facilities proposed by the RailTel to the passengers to improve overall passenger experience and increase the non-fare revenue through multiple monetization models?

Regulation of Digital Platforms of Social Media Companies

3518. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to regulate digital platforms of tech giants such as Facebook, Twitter etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the unrelenting debate on the relationship between these tech platforms and news publishers and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to lay down any policy with regard to these digital platforms in view of the aforesaid debates and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any talk was held between the Indian Prime Minister and the Australian Prime Minister with regard to regulation of these digital platforms in the backdrop of the Australian law on regulating relations between news media and digital platform and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Indian copyright Act has provisions governing the freshly evolving relationship between tech platforms and news publishers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Passenger Amenities

3519. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has announced many passenger amenities and facilities in railway station projects for the State of Tamil Nadu recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Railways is planning to install state-of-the-art video surveillance systems across the State of Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the Railways is considering to convert many railway stations in the State of Tamil Nadu to the standards of airport; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Data Retention by Intermediaries

3520. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 provide for mandatory data retention by intermediaries for 180 days, even if an account has been deleted and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government acknowledges that the said provision poses a serious threat in the absence of data protection laws in India and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government plans to provide any safeguards for protection of such data and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

e-District Scheme

3521. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement e-District project in the country;

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

(c) the total number of districts already covered under the said project, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Vacant Posts Under Reserved Categories

3522. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether posts, reserved for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in different categories under various Departments/PSUs are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the year-wise and category-wise details of appointments made during the last three years and the current year?

Import of Gunny Bags

3523. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the import of gunny bags from Bangladesh and Nepal whereas the Indian jute industry is facing problem in getting orders, if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is having any report from the Jute Commissioner that the statutory packing order has been violated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the revival of the jute industry and to prevent import of jute bags from other countries?

GI Tag

3524. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

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

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for recognition of geographical indication (GI) tag and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of GI tag products of Karnataka and their export potential; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for promotion of export of GI tag Products?

New Bench of Bombay High Court

3525. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE विधि और न्याय मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish any new bench of Bombay High Court apart from the existing ones at Mumbai, Nagpur and Aurangabad in Maharashtra to enable common people to save their travelling and staying costs during litigation; and

(b) if so, the locations for which such proposals have been received and the details of the status of these proposals?

Development of Infrastructural Facilities

†3526. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE विधि और न्याय मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the centrally sponsored scheme for the development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total fund allocated/released to Bihar by the Government under the development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary during the last three years; and

(d) the extent to which judiciary infrastructure has been improved so far in Jharkhand along with the details thereof?

PLI Scheme for IT Hardware Products

3527. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to expected promotion in the production of Information Technology (IT) Hardware products by the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof;

(b) whether the PLI scheme will increase the value addition in the IT Hardware products and their exports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme will enhance the development of electronics ecosystem in the country and make the country a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) on account of integration with global value chains, and become destination for IT Hardware exports and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the investments and employment opportunities likely to be increased in the country after the implementation of PLI Scheme in IT Hardware sector in the country; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production of IT Hardware sector in the country?

ITIR in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

3528. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and the progress made in the Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has received any fresh representation from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra for the release of necessary funds to the aforesaid ITIRs and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

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(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the project?

**Demand of Indian products
in International Market**

†3529. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the credibility and demand of Indian products are increasing in the world market and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide world market for industries and farmers including the schemes being considered;

(c) whether the efforts made by the Government to increase exports during last three years have been successful and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to facilitate the provision of world market for domestic industries and agriculture and if so, the details thereof?

**Rural Internet Subscribers
in Andhra Pradesh**

3530. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

(a) the details of the total number of rural internet subscribers in the country State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government is taking any steps to increase internet subscribers in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to distribute any device to increase rural internet subscribers especially in backward districts of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Industrial Nodes

3531. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI D.K.SURESH:

SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

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

(a) whether the Government has identified any places for development as industrial nodes or cities in various States including Karnataka under different Industrial Corridors;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposed industrial nodes;

(c) whether the Government has made adequate provisions for investment and generation of employment opportunities in the country;

(d) if so, the present status of various Industrial Corridors and their planned implementation schedule, if any?

Developmental Assistance

3532. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

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

(a) whether the Government is providing any developmental assistance to any of our neighbouring countries at present;

(b) if so, the names of the countries, the project/projects, along with the financial assistance being provided along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend any economic assistance to our neighbouring countries, in order to facilitate their economic recovery, in the light of COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has identified any imminent cross-border ecological challenge/challenges that demands urgent regional cooperation; and

(e) if so, the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address these issues along with the details thereof?

EPCs

3533. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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

(a) the details and number of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) that have been created by the Ministry so far?

(b) the details and the nature of work that has been done by these EPCs during the last five years? and

(c) whether there has ever been any audit of their performance and if so, the details thereof?

Removal of Stoppages on Resumption of Trains

†3534. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

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

(a) the number of various categories of trains including passenger trains, express, mail trains, super fast trains, MEMU trains were running before lockdown in the country and the zone-wise and Division-wise, details thereof;

(b) the zone-wise and division-wise details of the number of special trains that are being run at present post lockdown;

(c) whether unreserved general boggies are being attached to these trains;

(d) if so, the time by which the rest of the trains are likely to be operated like before;

(e) whether the stoppages of these trains at several stations have been discontinued after reintroduction of trains; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor along with the division-wise details thereof?

E-filing in Courts

3535. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian courts have adopted the method of e-filing;

(b) if so, the details of the courts where e-filing is compulsory; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce paper wastage and to eliminate the burden of court cases in Indian judiciary?

Development of Industrial Corridors

†3536. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAD):
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI
PATEL:

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

(a) whether the Government is developing industrial corridors across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed developmental activities;

(c) the roles of the Union Government and the State Governments in the development of the industrial corridors; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized for the development of the industrial corridors as on date?

Leakage of Uranium effluent

3537. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there was a leakage of Uranium effluent from a storage tank in

remote village of Meghalaya and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the leakage from Uranium Corporation of India is dangerous to the people and if so, the details of the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Hair Export

3538. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed any irregularities in declaring value of raw, semi, fully processed hair per tonne for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government on the companies exporting hair using under pricing;

(d) whether the Government has plans on export of semi processed hair (HS 6703) to minimum export pricing per kilo based on sizes to stop using under invoicing; and

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

e-Courts

3539. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of e-Courts that have been set up both at the district level as well as in High Courts in 2020 under the e-Courts Integrated Mission Mode Project; and

(b) the names of districts where the e-Courts mission has been implemented and the names of States where High Courts have e-Court chambers in the year 2020?

Railway Electrification Work

3540. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Railway electrification work on various sections of Miraj-Kurduwadi-Latur railway line;

(b) the target date for completion of electrification work on this line; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways for timely completion of electrification of the said railway line?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Passenger Facilities in Rajasthan

‡3541. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided in the budget of the year 2020-2021 for construction works related to train passenger facilities in the State of Rajasthan including the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds sanctioned in the budget 2021-2022 for works related to new railway line, doubling of lines and gauge conversion in Rajasthan including Jalor Sirohi district;

(c) the names of places for which work orders regarding the said works have been issued along with the amount involved in this regard and the status of the remaining works thereof;

(d) the total number of ROB and RUBs constructed in Rajasthan during the last three years including the status of their construction work along with the reasons for delay in starting the work;

(e) whether it is planned to construct foot-over-bridge outside the Swaroopganj railway station; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and whether any time limit has been fixed for the same?

Accidents at Unmanned Level Crossings

‡3542. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the number of accidents of both humans and animals due to unmanned Railways Crossings in all districts of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Railways to minimise the risk for local population?

Demands for Various Facilities

‡3543. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government keeps on receiving proposals in respect of necessary demands by the public like starting of new trains, increasing rail stoppages and extension of rail routes;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the proposals received, pending and sanctioned in this regard in the country including Uttarakhand during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government contemplates to make requisite parameters more flexible viewing the demand as

necessary and strategically important for public despite being not economically viable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Human Rights Violation

3544. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of physical and virtual meetings that the Minister held with his Sri Lankan counterpart regarding the human rights violation against the Tamil population since 2020;

(b) the details of physical or virtual meetings that the Prime Minister had with the Sri Lankan Counterpart during this period; and

(c) whether any agreement has been reached upon and if so, the details thereof?

Mining of Gemstones

‡3545. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where the precious/semi-precious gemstones are available, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme to improve mining and exploitation of deposits of the said stones in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof as on date;

(d) the State-wise quantum of gemstones in the said deposits in the country;

(e) the year-wise quantum of gemstones extracted during the last three years till date along with the value thereof and the extent to which these have been utilised in local markets?

Lack of BSNL's Network Infrastructure

‡3546. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a serious connectivity problem in various parts of the country due to lack of adequate network infrastructure of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the said problem of network connectivity is more severe in Churu and Hanumangarh districts of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost telephone, mobile phone and internet services in the country especially in Rajasthan?

Projects by NEC

3547. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up by NEC over the last three financial years in the districts of Barpeta, Nalbari, Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Baska and Chirang in Assam;

(b) the projects under consideration for being taken up in these six districts; and

(c) the number of project proposals received by NEC so far?

Market Share of TSPs

3548. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the market share of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in the country in terms of landline, mobile and FTH services, TSP-wise;

(b) whether BSNL has taken any steps to increase its market share and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the staff strength of BSNL when compared with other private TSPs?

Promotion of Local manufacturing

3549. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tariff protection to promote local manufacturing in India will come with inbuilt sunset clauses, if so, the details worked out/implemented so far;

(b) whether recommendations have been given by NITI Aayog, asserting that the country's self-reliance mission must not be equated to it becoming a 'protectionist' and closed economy and the Government propose to extend the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing pharmaceuticals, medical devices and electronics announced under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat package to six more sectors and want to give our domestic entrepreneurs the best situations to attract more FDI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

Laying of Railway Tracks by Private Companies

3550. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private companies who have been entrusted by Railways to supply railway tracks during each of the last three years;

(b) the reasons for engaging private companies along with the volume of work and the terms and conditions laid down for the said work;

(c) the length of rail tracks laid daily during the last three years and at present;

(d) the efforts made by the Government to complete laying of rail tracks on time and the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to float a global tender to procure rail tracks; and

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

Export Promotion

3551. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to assist the States in promotion of exports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total funds allocated to Chandigarh for export promotion, sector State-wise during each of the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken by the Government to engage the States/UTs in export promotion;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to improve the logistic constraints to achieve the export target of UT of Chandigarh;

(d) whether the Government has also made provisions for tax rebate for promotion of exports and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the value of rebate provided during the last three years along with the role of the said rebate in increasing the exports and the monitoring system in place to ensure proper utilisation of the said rebate?

Nuclear 123-Agreement

3552. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps and move ahead with the Indo-US Nuclear 123-Agreement, which is a long pending agreement with United States; and

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

Scheme for promotion of MSMEs

3553. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of events and initiatives under the Scheme For Promotion of MSMEs in Defence sector in the last two years;

(b) the details of procurement from MSMEs by the Ministry in the last two years;

(c) the details of measures taken by the Ministry to train and upgrade skills of MSME workers during COVID 19 pandemic;

(d) the total procurement from MSMEs done after the embargo on 101 items have been introduced last year; and

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

RICEP

3554. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) was held as planned;

(b) if so, the details of decision taken in the Beijing meet;

(c) whether the representatives of Indian Industry were consulted before the meeting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Domestic Manufacturing of Electronics Components

3555. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to increase the domestic manufacturing of electronic components in view of competition from other countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of revenue generated by the IT sector during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the revenue from the IT sector?

Leasing of Railways Stations

3556. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to lease out some Railway Stations for development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of pending proposals so far, State-wise, especially in Delhi/NCR?

Complaints Related to Postal Services

3557. MS CHANDRANI MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received separately for non-delivery and late delivery of registered letters, parcels and articles, received from different post offices in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of complaints resolved out of them along with the details of complaints still pending with the Government, State/UT-wise and the reasons for the said pendency;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the complaints and the action taken by the Government against the postal employees responsible for the same; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to rectify the loopholes and meet the shortage of employees in this department?

Restoring Train Services

3558. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any time frame to restore the train services in the country to pre COVID-19 level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether the Government is considering to resume all the train services including unreserved passenger trains patronized by large number of daily commuters at the earliest;

(c) whether the Government is likely to consider issuing un-reserved tickets and season tickets for daily commuters to board express trains which have resumed services in Kerala;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to withdraw the festival special status given to expresses like 06526 SBC-CAPE Express and 06315 MYS-KCVL Express resulting in sleeper charges collected at exorbitant rates for short distance journeys; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Monetization of Assets

3559. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all bodies including autonomous and statutory bodies under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details, locations, total area of all land assets owned by the Railways;

(c) the monetary value of each such land asset;

(d) whether the Railways has undertaken any exercise for monetization of assets;

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

(f) the year-wise details of all assets and monetized by anybody under the administrative control of the Ministry during the last ten years?

Sale of Financial Instruments by India Post

3560. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earned by India posts through the sale of financial instruments during each of the last two years;

(b) which out of the financial instrument services or Postal Services have been the more profitable business for the India Posts during the same period the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has prepared any vision document for the India Post to enable it to stay relevant in the current era of internet-enabled communication and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of General Seat to Reserved Category

†3561. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seat of General category is allocated to reserved category candidate when the latter get equal or more marks than the General category candidate for appointment in Government and PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken in this regard?

Army's Land Monetisation Policy

3562. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army's land monetisation policy has been put on hold due to drop in prices of land in light of the pandemic;

(b) if so, the expected time by which it will be resumed;

(c) whether the difference in value of revenue from land monetisation in pre-pandemic times to the value of expected revenue under current circumstances has been estimated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of difference in INR and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of Spectrum

3563. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) regarding insufficient spectrum being the reason for poor telecom service in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the existing 4G spectrum to 5G in coming days and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure sufficient spectrum availability for improved network conditions in the rural areas?

Hindi in UNO

3564. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BAAIYA):
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently made an attempt for the recognition of Hindi as an official language at United Nations;

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

(c) the details of attempts made in United Nations General Assembly towards recognition of Hindi as an official language at the United Nations;

(d) the details of criteria for giving status of official language to Hindi in the United Nations Organisation (UNO);

(e) whether the Government has chalked out any action plan towards recognition of Hindi as an official language of United Nations and to propagate it throughout the world; and

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

Right of Way Permission

3565. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to ease the right of way permissions which are needed for overhead and underground telecom infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this would facilitate the introduction of 5G technology in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality of Communication Services of MTNL/BSNL

- †3566. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide state-of-art communication services of BSNL/MTNL including 5G services, on the lines of private telecom service providers to customers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the efforts and expenditure made by the Government for technical and institutional upgradation of BSNL/MTNL during the last five years;

(c) the number of new customers of BSNL/MTNL during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the number of customers who have surrendered services of BSNL/MTNL during the same period, State/UT-wise including the district of Bundelkhand; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to increase the number of consumers of BSNL/MTNL?

ICANN Research

3567. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been achieved on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Research and Multi-stakeholder Engagement Assistance Programme since its inception and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government will extend the deadline of the said projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the representations made to these projects by the Government?

Reservation in appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges

3568. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government proposes to bring constitutional amendment for reservation in appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges;

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

(c) whether the representation made by the Government to collegium for proportional representation in appointment of Supreme and High Court judges have not been successful; and

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

Land and Border Crossing Agreement

- †3569. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries that have signed the land and border crossing agreement with India;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the other subjects on which agreement have been signed in order to promote financial and social connect; and

(c) the details thereof?

Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services

3570. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of formation of review committees under rule 2(5) of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017 across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any review/inspection to see if the review committees met within 5 working days of a suspension order to examine its validity, as required under rule 2(6) of the abovementioned rules and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any review/inspection to see if the review committees subsequently met every 7 days to examine whether the continuation of the suspension is still warranted, as directed by the Supreme Court in the Anuradha Bhasin judgement and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the country has registered the world's highest number of internet shutdowns and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Government agrees with the general consensus among the citizens that a suspension of internet is an attack on free speech and if so, the details thereof?

APEDA

3571. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheduled products which are facilitated for exports by the Agricultural and Processed food products Export Development Authority(APEDA);

(b) whether the Government has made any fresh endeavours to promote export of Agri products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to explore virtual medium for Agri product export market promotion in collaboration with the Indian missions abroad?

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratisthan Scheme

3572. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set-up any infrastructure under Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Sanchar Kaushal Vikash Pratisthan Schemes during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the beneficiaries of the said scheme during the same period; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to implement the said scheme in West-Bengal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Telephone Services in West Bengal

‡3573. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out the work of providing telephone service in all the districts of West Bengal;

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

(c) if not, the time by which the said work is likely to be completed in all the areas?

Innovative Policy for Railway Safety

‡3574. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any innovative policy to make the railway system more profitable and also to make the rail journey more safe and comfortable for passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Indian Railways is also planning to implement token or card purchase/recharge system as prevalent in metro trains operating successfully in metropolitan cities of the country so that a practical solution to the problem of huge crowd of travellers/platform ticket takers at the station is possible;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Current Status of BharatNet Project

3575. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 2,55,000 Gram Panchayats are proposed to be provided with broadband connectivity under BharatNet project and if so, the details thereof and the reason for pendency of the work for providing 1,10,000 Gram Panchayats with satellite tele-communication facility as on 31st March, 2020;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats provided with net connectivity as on March, 2021 out of those panchayats connected under BharatNet project, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and

(c) the investment plan made by the Government under the said project along with the amount invested as on March, 2021?

Seafood Export

†3576. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the position of sea food products exported from India during the last three years;

(b) whether USA is the primary destination for such exports;

(c) if so, whether USA has imposed certain conditions on the import of sea food products from India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government provided any subsidy in such exports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the plan of action to promote such exports for improving the economic condition of the people living in coastal areas of the country?

Import of Lithium

3577. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries from which India has been importing lithium during each of the last ten years, country and quantity-wise;

(b) whether it is true that India has entered into an agreement with Argentina to explore and exploit lithium from Argentina;

(c) if so, the details of the agreement;

(d) the manner in which this agreement helps in the light of Tesla announcing entering into Indian market;

(e) whether it is true that the Ministry is also exploring its options in countries like Chile and Bolivia; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Ayodhya Railway Station as World Class Station

†3578. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects pertaining to electrification of railway lines, making world class railway stations, laying of new railway lines, etc. that are pending in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make Ayodhya railway station a world class railway station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Manufacturing Sector

3579. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that within manufacturing, the share of labour-intensive industries like textiles and leather has actually shrunk over the past few decades, though the Government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission aims to increase the number of jobs in manufacturing, which accounts for a tenth of total employment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the said issue?

Guidelines for Social and Digital Media

3580. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced any guidelines for social media including OTT platforms and digital media, bringing them under purview of specific regulations for the first time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether social media platforms are mandated to identify source of objectionable content within 72 hours of being asked by investigating/cyber security agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the other conditions imposed on social media under the said guidelines; and

(d) whether these rules violates fundamental rights of expression of citizens and if so, the details thereof?

Registered Migrant Workers

3581. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian migrant workers who registered to work in the Gulf countries;

(b) whether the Government has reduced the minimum referral wages for employment in the Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will consider revising this reduction given the general economic distress caused due to COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of labour complaints received by embassies in Gulf countries in the last three years?

Atal Innovation Mission

3582. MS. DIYA KUMARI:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools selected in Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh under Atal Innovation Mission;

(b) the number of schools that received grants for setting up Atal Tinkering Labs under the said Mission;

(c) the details of procedure of selection and the timeframe of the grant made available to the selected schools;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring Rajsamand (Rajasthan) and Anantpur (Andhra Pradesh) district under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Fare

3583. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger train fare has been increased to reduce the unnecessary travel by passengers in view of the increasing COVID-19 cases;

(b) if so, whether the Government has set up a timeline of three to four months by when the fare is likely to be restored to the original one;

(c) if so, the time frame decided in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor

3584. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of the Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor at present;

(b) whether due to non-payment of bills, the contractors are not coming forward to continue their works;

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

(d) the amount of funds earmarked for this project in the current year's budget?

Railway Projects in Karnataka

3585. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for railway projects in Karnataka in the Budget 2021-22, falling fully/partly in the State;

(b) the funds allocated for doubling and laying new lines, project-wise

(c) whether the Government has identified projects in Karnataka to be completed by 31st March, 2022 with a view to boost rail infrastructure in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the Budgetary allocation for railways in Karnataka for the period 2014-19 as against the average allocation between the year 2009-2014;

(e) the details of the number of rail projects, total length of kilometres and total cost, already being undertaken in the State in the year 2020-21;

(f) the present status of Electrification of Chikkabanavara to Hubli, Chikjajur to Bellary, Gadag to Hotgi, Hospete to Vasco and Miraj to Londa railway lines?

Digital Literacy Under PMGDISHA

3586. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals trained and certified as digitally literate under Pradhan Mantri Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the target fixed by the Government with regard to making people digitally literate under the said Abhiyan;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target set under the programme;

(d) whether the implementation of the scheme has been slow in Odisha and Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the number of awareness workshops held in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan till date under the PMGDISHA; and

(f) whether the Government expects the PMGDISHA to increase the reliance on digital transactions and if so, the details thereof?

High Speed Locomotives

3587. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has indigenously designed and manufactured a high-speed locomotive capable of achieving a top speed of 180 kmph;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent on the project; and

(c) the details of funds released under Mission Raftaar since the last two years?

MoU between RLDA and DRP

†3588. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) and Dharavi Redevelopment Project (DRP/SRA) to transfer 45 acres of Railway Land for Dharavi Redevelopment Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether DRP/SRA has provided any amount to RLDA according to MoU and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the latest position of the said proposal and the time by which it is likely to be approved;

(d) whether the operational land can be transferred within 30 days of signing of MoU and the reasons for 45 acres of land not being transferred to DRP/SRA despite above payment and the subsequent action thereon; and

(e) the time by which the open land and operational land will be given to DRP/SRA?

Redressal of Public Grievances

†3589. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Government officials redress public grievances in reportedly an eyewash manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any mechanism available to re-examine the public grievances disposed of by the officers and if so, the details thereof?

India's Import

3590. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of top five countries from where India imported goods in last one year including the amount of imports; and

(b) the reasons of import from China including the trade value of import from China in the last one year?

Special Trains for Kumbh Mela

3591. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to run special trains from Karnataka to Uttarakhand to enable devotees and travellers to visit Haridwar/Rishikesh for the Kumbh Mela;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such trains originating from Karnataka and the details thereof?

Ticket Counter in Jabalpur

†3592. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that people commute in large numbers daily as the High Court of Madhya Pradesh is in Jabalpur and people face problems while taking ticket due to long queues on main railway station and the train often gets missed; and

(b) if so, whether the Government contemplates to open railway ticket counter in District Court Complex in view of the problems of these passengers?

LPSC

3593. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the expansion of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) ISRO, Valiamala, Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the inordinate delay in land acquisition is causing difficulties to the land owners in the earmarked land for expansion purpose;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Department of Space will take necessary steps for completing the acquisition process without further delay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Stealing of Video Surveillance Data
by Chinese CCTV Companies**

3594. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on the number of CCTV cameras sold by Chinese companies in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Chinese owned CCTV camera companies are sharing Indian video-surveillance footage with the Chinese Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to restore sovereignty of the country over its video surveillance data; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to restrict the operations of Chinese owned CCTV camera manufacturing companies in the Indian market?

Pantry Cars in Trains

†3595. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide pantry car facility in the train running from Anand Vihar terminal to Jogbani and back (Seemanchal Express train No.12488 and 12487 respectively) and train running from Jogbani to Kolkata and Kolkata to Jogbani rom and (Chitpur Express train No.13160 and 13159 respectively); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ROBs/RUBs in Jharkhand

3596. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) that are under construction in Jharkhand;

(b) the details of the proposals sent by the State Government of Jharkhand for construction of Over Bridges/ Under Bridges at railway crossings; and

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

**Importance of Technology in
Digital India Campaign**

3597. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that technology is absolutely crucial for accelerating and deepening the Digital India Campaign in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is initiating the process to introduce 5G technology in the country and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the decision in this regard is likely to be taken by the Government;

(c) whether the United States has intimated the Government to address the concerns over data theft and national security implications while deciding vendors for the introduction of the 5G technology and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect integrity of data of Indian citizens and national security during implementation of 5G technology in the country?

ITIHAS System

3598. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched IT enabled Integrated Hotspot Analysis System (ITIHAS) system for COIVD-19 surveillance and if so, the details thereof including the names of States where the said system has been launched along with the dates when this was launched;

(b) the details of personal data collected by the ITIHAS system; and

(c) the data sharing and access protocol of ITIHAS system?

Deaths in Shramik Special Trains

†3599. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether almost 40 trains lost their route during the lockdown due to which the labourers took several

days to reach their destination resulting in the labourers facing the problems of food and other difficulties;

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

(c) whether several cases of deaths of labourers in the Shramik Special trains have come to notice during the lockdown;

(d) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to the families of these labourers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export of Organic Products

†3600. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special action plan has been chalked out by the Government for export of organic products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the quantity of organic products exported during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government is implementing any specific programme to increase the export of organic products in all the States including Chhattisgarh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Nyaya Mitra

†3601. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objective of Nyaya Mitra yojana;

(b) whether assistance is also provided to the poor communities through Nyaya Mitra for redressal of disputes;

(c) if so, the details of measures being taken to provide immediate assistance to the people of tribal areas in Gujarat;

(d) the details of Nyaya Mitras proposed to be engaged in district courts of Maharashtra;

(e) whether about 100 Nyaya Mitras have been engaged in various District Courts of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof particularly Maharashtra?

Train Between Kishanganj and Patna

3602. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct train between Kishanganj and Patna which takes less than fourteen hours.

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to start Jan Shatabadi train between Kishanganj and Patna so as to reduce the traveling time for the people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Auction of Mines

3603. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is targeting huge revenue of 75,000 crore rupees from auction of mines in Odisha recently;

(b) if so, the details of the auction and the estimated revenue likely to be generated by them; and

(c) whether the Government has achieved its targets in the auction process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of Railway Lines

†3604. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway lines across the country;

(b) the length of railway lines, out of the total length, pending for electrification along with the zone-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for electrification of railway lines in a time-bound manner and, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the status of ongoing projects of electrification of railway lines along with the zone-wise details thereof;

(e) the zone-wise details of the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the current year; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the electrification works of railway lines on priority basis across the country including Rajasthan?

SEZs

†3605. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

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

(a) the main features and objectives of Special Economic Zones(SEZs) set up in the country;

(b) the details and the number of SEZs in the country;

(c) whether the agriculture and food processing sector of the country are getting the benefits of SEZs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ATMs at Post Offices

3606. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install ATMs at all Post Offices for the benefit of people from rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the said installation is likely to be completed?

Fog Pass Devices

3607. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced fog pass devices in trains passing through foggy routes in Northern and North Eastern Region of the country ;

(b) if so, the details of trains fitted with this device till date ;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to extend this device to other trains that runs in climatic conditions like excessive rains, wind, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Lateral Entry

3608. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to induct Joint Secretary rank officers and Director level officers through lateral entry into various Ministries of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the number of such officers to be inducted in various Ministries of the Government of India; and

(c) the number of such officers who have been inducted during the last two years, Ministry and Department-wise?

2G Mobile Communication System

3609. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to do away with the 2G mobile communications system in the country in the wake of increasing digital technology and introduction of 5G technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has received any suggestion from telecom companies in this regards and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon?

Reservation Benefits to Mentally ill Persons

3610. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UPSC is not providing reservation benefits to persons suffering from intellectual disability and mental illness as provided under Rights to Persons with Disability Act, 2016;

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

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

Privatisation of Railway Production Units

3611. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to privatise the railway production units;

(b) if so, whether stakeholders like workers' unions were consulted before taking the aforementioned decision;

(c) if so, the details of the consultation process including objections raised and responses to these objections; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government during the past five years to upgrade the existing production units?

ITIR in Telangana

3612. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) when the Government proposes to set up Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) in Telangana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Telangana had asked the Government in June, 2014 to set up the ITIR in the State and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a detailed memorandum in this regard was submitted by the Industry Ministry of the State to the Government in September, 2014 and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether a Detailed Project Report for the said ITIR was submitted to the Government in June, 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of reminders sent by the Government of Telangana to the Government in this regard after, 2016;

(f) whether the Industry Minister of the State has asked the Government for fund for the said ITIR in January, 2021 and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(g) the present status of the ITIR in the State and the reasons for delay in setting up of the same?

Coal Pilferage

†3613. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of coal pilferage every year along with value thereof;

(b) the manner in which incidents of pilferage of coal are controlled by the Government in the background of untraced cases and the extent to which such pilferage is likely to be curbed?

Bullet Train Between Bihar and Delhi

†3614. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to run high speed train or bullet train in between the capital of Bihar, Patna and New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the target for connecting Patna to New Delhi through high speed trains is like to be completed?

Adarsh Station Scheme

3615. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI
SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Adarsh Station Scheme;

(b) the number and the details of railway stations identified to be upgraded/renovated under this scheme in the country including Assam, Maharashtra, Bihar and Rajasthan;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme during the last three years, State and year-wise;

(d) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with the results thereof;

(e) the details of the number of stations pending to be upgraded/renovated; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be upgraded?

Trade Policy

3616. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current trade policy is going to expire in March, 2021;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has formulated a new Trade Policy and if so, the present status of the same;

(c) the details of consultations that have been held with various stakeholders and details of suggestions given and accepted by the Ministry?

Plantation Crops

3617. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many plantation crops like rubber, tea, coffee, spices etc. are currently passing through an unusually difficult phase, with low prices combined with high cost of production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal with regard to re-classifying of plantation crops as agriculture commodities from the ensuing census and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the farmers are heading towards a heavy debt trap and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of loan waiver given to the farmers of the country during the last three years?

Vacant Posts in BSNL

†3618. SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in various categories in BSNL as on date, category-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to fill these vacant posts;

(c) the status regarding filling up of these vacant posts and the number of posts filled till now as a result of steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the stipulated time by which the remaining vacant posts are likely to be filled?

IT Parks in Rural Areas

†3619. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

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 IT-parks to promote information technology in rural areas of the country especially in those of Sitamarhi, Shivhar and Mujaffarpur districts in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

GramNet

†3620. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made by the Government to connect all the villages in the country under GramNet through wi-fi and if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which it will be done; and

(b) the details of the progress made by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise?

Compassionate Appointments in BSNL

†3621. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has imposed a ban on compassionate appointments for three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether in view of the ban imposed on compassionate appointments in BSNL the Government is exploring other options to support the family soon after the death of an employee while in service;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in CIC

3622. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of vacancies are remaining unfilled in CIC;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed by the Government to fill the vacancies?

Regulation of Non Personal Data

3623. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a separate regulator is required to specifically regulate non-personal data and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to institute safeguard with clear accountability and redressal mechanisms in the regulatory framework of non-personal data; and

(c) whether the Committee of Experts on Non-personal Data Governance Framework has addressed the areas of overlap with other regulatory frameworks and clarified the ambit of the proposed non-personal data framework and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Yelahanka to Penukonda Doubling Railway Line

3624. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to initiate steps for completion of Yelahanka to Penukonda doubling Railway line work as a special case by meeting the total expenditure to be incurred as the revenue position of the State to meet its contribution is critical; and

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

**Poor Network in Hilly
Areas of Uttarakhand**

†3625. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that students in the hilly areas of Uttarakhand have become deprived of their studies due to poor network problem during online studies, examination, etc. which has led to heavy resentment in these areas and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is formulating any plan for online studies/examinations due to corona pandemic in the hilly areas of Uttarakhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal Cigarette Trade

3626. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the illegal cigarette trade in India and if so, the details thereof, year-wise since 2011 till date;

(b) whether there are any estimates on the level of illegal cigarette trade in India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curb and stop the illegal cigarette trade in India along with the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to ban sale of loose cigarettes in India or has taken up this proposal with State Governments and if so, details thereof;

(e) the number and the details of States which have banned sale of loose cigarettes in the country;

(f) whether the Government has taken cognizance of pollution caused by used cigarette buds and if so, the steps taken by the Government to curb such pollution through cigarette buds?

Natural Rubber

3627. SHRI TOKHEHO YEPHOMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is importing natural rubber from other countries;

(b) if so, the details and quantity per annum from 2015-2016 to 2020-2021;

(c) whether excise duty is being exempted on import of natural rubber; and

(d) if so, the reason thereof?

Domestic Procurements

3628. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on domestic procurements and the new 'negative list' is expected to be issued and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether around 10 mid-sized projects are likely to be allotted to the private sector in future and the deal for Light Utility Helicopters/Light Combat Helicopters is likely to be signed soon and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government and private sector will be working with Start-ups under the Innovation for Defence Excellence(iDEX) initiative as a part of series of efforts to streamline defence procurement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and the steps being taken to bring down the delays in time-lines of capital acquisition?

Paperless Passport Service

3629. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Passport Seva Programme V2.0 to ensure paperless passport service;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the said programme;

(c) the details of benefits of advance technologies to be introduced to enhance passport services in the country;

(d) whether the Government will also provide e-Passport services to PIO card holders and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of targets achieved under Passport Seva Programme 1.0 since its inception in 2014?

**Misleading Information on
Government Policies and Programmes**

†3630. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI
PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several neighbouring countries and their media and social media are indulging in misleading and incorrect propaganda about the policies and actions of our Government and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide reliable information on such policies and actions; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent people from falling prey to the campaigns by several neighbouring countries under which misleading and false information is provided?

Cost overrun Projects

†3631. SHRI CHIRAG KUMAR PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in completing several under construction railway projects resulting in considerable cost overrun;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof along with the reasons for delay in completion;

(c) the details of the amount of funds spent on the said projects so far; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government for early completion of the said projects so as to check further cost overrun?

Blockade of Trains

3632. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind blockade of trains carrying essential supplies to Punjab since October, 2020; and

(b) the plans to compensate for blockade of essential supplies to Punjab that caused hindrance to everyday life of common people?

Tea Gardens

†3633. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number along with the total area of tea gardens in the country, the details and the names thereof;

(b) whether any subsidy is being given by the Government to tea companies and if so, the time by when the daily wages of the labourers are likely to be brought at par with the national parameters as

daily wage of the labourers working in tea gardens is Rs.167/-;

(c) whether minimum wages does not apply on labourers working in tea gardens and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the facilities provided by the company to labourers working in tea gardens;

(e) the details of the profit made by the various tea garden companies during the last three years and the details of the funds spent from CSR fund during the last five years?

Action Against WhatsApp

3634. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some social media companies are taking advantage in view of lack of legislation in the country dealing with data protection and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action against WhatsApp for compelling their users in India to accept their updated policy on sharing of data and if so, the details thereof?

Ease of Doing Business

3635. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve ease of doing business in pharma sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mobile Towers of BSNL in Uttar Pradesh

†3636. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has installed/proposes to install mobile towers in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh in order to improve communication service and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to strengthen the mobile network of BSNL in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the number of mobile towers of BSNL in Prayagraj district at present; and

(d) whether there is any plan to increase the number of towers and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Cancellation of License of
Centres Issuing Aadhaar Cards**

‡3637. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centres issuing/updating/
correcting Aadhaar Card whose license was cancelled
during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise and
the reasons therefor;

(b) the manner in which the problems related to
Aadhaar Cards are being redressed in areas after the
closure of these centres; and

(c) the details along with the number of such closed
centres in Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan?

Amending Contempt of Courts Act

3638. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to amend
Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 to curtail the contempt
power of the judiciary and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of contempt of court cases pending
for the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of contempt of court cases punished
in Supreme Court during the last five years?

H-1B Visa

3639. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the
suspension of H-1B visas for Indians by an executive
order passed by USA effective from June 24, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications submitted by indians
to obtain H-1B visa and granted since 2017 therefor;

(d) whether the Government has devised any
counter-measures and strategies to persuade the US
administration to re-consider this measure therein; and

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

**Impact of COVID-19
Pandemic on Railway Revenue**

3640. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a shortfall has been reported in revenue
earned vis-a-vis its target by the Railways from
passengers and freight during each of the last three
years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise and the
reasons therefor along with the impact of COVID-19
Pandemic on revenue of Railways;

(c) whether Railways have incurred huge losses on
account of under-utilisation of Railways Cargo Services
in the country during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise and the
reasons therefor along with contribution of each Zone
to the losses incurred/profit earned by the Railways
during the said period, Zone-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government
to improve the profitability of the Railways and mitigate
the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on revenue of
Railways?

New Railway Lines and ROBs

3641. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned amount for construction of
new railway lines and ROBs in the State of Bihar;

(b) the amount released and the progress made so
far in this regard;

(c) the details of agencies working on the
construction of new Railway lines and ROBs in Bihar,
project-wise; and

(d) the number of ROBs proposed for Chapra under
Railway Division Varanasi and Sonepur Railway Division?

Contract Licenses for Catering

‡3642. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for providing catering facility
in the trains running on various routes in the country
has been given to the private contractors;

(b) if so, the train-wise and private contractor-wise
details of the contracts given to the private contractors
in the trains running on various routes;

(c) whether the complaints regarding supply of sub
standard food materials and local drinking water to the
passengers during journey have been received by the
Government;

(d) whether the health of people is being
compromised with by supplying of sub standard food
by the contractors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the private contractors for not supplying pure and hygienic food to the passengers during journey?

Solar Energy Projects

†3643. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government contemplates to establish Solar-energy projects on its unused land;

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

(c) the details of any proposal received from any multinational company and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the time limit fixed by the Government for completion of this project?

Establishment of Court in Rajasthan

†3644. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of courts proposed to be set up by the Government in view of shortage of courts in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up courts also in Bansara-Dungarpur in Rajasthan;

(c) whether funds have been released by the Government for this purpose; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure timely justice to the people of the State?

Atal Tinkering Labs

3645. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Atal Tinkering Labs and the benefits it has on learning outcomes;

(b) the list of student achievers who have used ATL to make innovations, won awards or made interesting discoveries;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog is suggesting for making changes in school curriculum so that Atal Tinkering Labs can be used during the learning process and if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether there are any waivers for applicants' schools in establishment of ATL labs in Himalayan and Island States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the numbers of applications filed, accepted and rejected by schools to get ATL in the State of Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu?

Rubber Act

3646. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend/repeal the Rubber Act, 1947;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and the details of the proposed amendments;

(c) whether the Government has obtained the opinion of the Rubber Board, representatives of rubber planters, representatives of rubber Industries, and other interested parties on the proposed amendments to the Rubber Act and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering a reduction in budget allocation to the Rubber Board in the form of various subsidies such as new plantation, replantation, etc during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the rubber planters have great concern over the above mentioned factors and if so, the steps being taken by the Government for redressal of their grievances?

Production of Coal

†3647. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by the Coal India Limited (CIL) for the production of coal during the current year;

(b) whether the production of coal is sufficient to cater the needs of power sector; and

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

Investment in Network Infrastructure of Rural Areas

†3648. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the private telecom companies are reluctant to invest in network infrastructure of rural areas resulting in poor condition of broadband access;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure intensive digital access in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(d) the funds earmarked and spent by the Government to make available the internet broadband services separately in urban and rural areas during 12th five year plan?

Accident in Coal Mines

3649. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of accidents occurred in coal mines in the country is higher than the number of accidents occurred in the non-coal mines during the each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor, coal mine-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps that have been taken in this regard to ensure safety with latest technology to avoid such accidents/ghastly incidents;

(d) the details of the compensation paid to the victims, State-wise in the last five years and the current year;

(e) whether there is usage of eco-friendly surface mines for blast free mining and avoidance of accepted risks; and

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

Coastal Freight Railway Route

‡3650. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the distance, time and expenditure incurred on coastal freight railway routes;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed action plan related to coastal freight railway route from Mumbai to Kolkata;

(c) whether the said railway route has international links from Paradeep, Gopalpur, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any decision has been taken by the Government regarding estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(e) if not, the reasons for not taking any action so far in this regard?

Export of Organic Agri-Products

3651. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy regarding the export of organic agri-products in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the organic agri-products exported from the country including various districts of UP; and

(c) the new concessions likely to be given to the farmers by the Government for the export of organic agri-products at present?

Construction of Nuclear Power plant in Odisha

3652. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans for construction of a nuclear power plant in the State of Odisha?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal e-Ticketing

‡3653. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of cases in respect of illegal business of e-tickets in Railways that have come to the notice of the Government during 2019-2020;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any effective steps to check this illegal business of e-tickets; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken to make IRCTC website more safe and secure?

Delay in Payment from MTNL to DDA

3654. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a delay in payments from the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in regards to sale of MTNL's land assets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds owed by MTNL to DDA and the reasons for the delay in payment to MTNL therefor?

EMF Radiations From Mobile Towers

3655. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of mobile towers has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether these towers have resulted in an increase in emissions therefrom and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the upper limit of Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) radiations from mobile towers fixed by the Government and various international organisations;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any surveys to see if the exposure level of EMF radiation need to be revised; and

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

Launch of Foreign Satellites

3656. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign satellites launched by ISRO during the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) the net revenue generated by launching of foreign satellites during this period, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the satellite(foreign) launch business of the country?

Changes in Examination Process

†3657. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students and the teachers across the country are in distress due to the recruitment examination policies of SSC and Indian Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any major changes in the process of examination for recruitment for Government jobs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

Integrated Logistics Plan

3658. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of logistics for India is about 14 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) and on the other hand, it is only 7-8 per cent in developed countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is preparing an integrated logistics plan to fast-track movement of goods and cut transactions cost of businesses and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the integrated logistics plan would integrate all sectors-rail, road, ship and air and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there were disruptions happening in the global supply chain due to the rising trade tensions between countries such as the US and China, creating huge opportunities for Indian logistics players; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to harness the opportunities?

Boosting Exports

3659. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being taken to boost export infrastructure along coastal India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the procedural aspects related to exporting goods is in line with global best practices and the amount of time taken globally;

(d) if not, whether there are any plans to reduce the time taken with respect to procedural aspects of exporting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

PMGDISHA in Rajasthan

†3660. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned and allocated to Rajasthan so far under the Pradhanmantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan;

(b) the details of areas covered under this campaign in Rajasthan including Sri Ganga Nagar and Dausa districts; and

(c) the details of target fixed and the achievements made by the Government under this scheme in Sri Ganga Nagar and Dausa districts of Rajasthan so far?

Nuclear Medicines

3661. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to share the technology of production of a variety of nuclear medicines;

(b) the measures taken by the Government for production of medical isotopes as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives for the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE); and

(c) the efforts made/to be made by the Government to make India self-reliant in key radio isotopes used in medical and industrial applications?

State Specific Products

†3662. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the specialties of all the States including Haryana, the Union Government proposes to implement any special promotion scheme for exporting the specific products produced by the respective States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Concessions to Passengers

3663. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to resume the concessions given to various categories of train passengers, especially the senior citizens and sports persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the special trains being run are allowed to take its full occupancy capacity of eight passengers in each bay of per sleeper class and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fare collected is at normal rate or at higher special rate and if so, the details and reasons therefor?

Line of Credit

3664. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries to which Line of Credit (LoC) will be committed from 2021 to 2024, year wise and country-wise;

(b) the details of the amount to be released, project-wise and country-wise.

(c) whether the Government is facing problems in executing LoCs due to lack of interest in the contractors to work in the LoC committed countries;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage contractors to participate in LoC tenders; and

(f) whether the Government of India (GOI) is thinking to give work to PSUs on nomination basis to encourage work of LOC committed countries; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Safety Curriculum and Online Harassment of Women

3665. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has provided any guidelines/inputs to the Ministry of Education on including digital safety curriculum in schools as well as colleges and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to social media intermediaries to counter online harassment of women and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any security trainings for women to deal with online threats during the pandemic and if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of plans by the Government, if any, to deal with the same?

Lithium Reserves in India

†3666. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts being made to discover lithium reserves in India in view of the battery run vehicles and its other uses;

(b) the names of the States where lithium is produced in India at present; and

(c) the names of the potential regions where lithium reserves may be discovered or the areas where its exploration is going on?

Construction of Railway Line to Sabarimala

3667. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is using latest technology to construct railway line to Sabarimala without eviction of people through land acquisition and without causing environmental damage;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the copy of the final project report in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways has prepared any final blue print to extent railway line from Kottayam to Erumeli on one side and from Punalur to Erumeli on the other side and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the current status of construction of railway line to Sabarimala?

Defence preparedness of the Armed Forces

3668. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the existing state of technology of defence preparedness of the country's Armed forces and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the steps the Government proposes to undertake to meet the unforeseen situation/contingencies across the border?

Coal Cess

3669. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to rename the Coal Cess as "Environment and Rehabilitation Cess" and earmarked 60 per cent of the cess to coal bearing States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Rajdhani Express from Bhagalpur

†3670. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to start Rajdhani Express Train from Bhagalpur station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Industries Parks

3671. SHRI A. NARAYANA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any industrial parks for mineral based industries are under consideration of the Government;

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

(c) whether any such industrial parks are also under consideration for Chitradurga and Tumkuru districts in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Kozhikode Railway Station

3672. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to develop any tourist circuit in Malabar region;

(b) if so, the details thereof including introducing vista dome compartments on the Shornaur-Nilambur line;

(c) whether Railways plans to connect Calicut Airport via Railways; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in the implementation of modernization project of Kozhikode Railway Station?

Security of Personal Data on Koo App

3673. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

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 Chinese investment in the parent company of the Koo App and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the sudden rise of Koo App has sparked privacy and security concerns over its collection of personal data in view of the Chinese investment in the company and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government has contemplated any action to prevent the increase in usage of the said app in view of the Chinese investment and if so, the details thereof?

Revenue Earned by India Post

†3674. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Post is progressively earning revenue from non-traditional sectors like e-commerce and payments bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the revenue earned by the postal department as a percentage from various value-added services/non-traditional sectors during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of future expansion plans proposed by the Government in the above sector/services in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) the post office-wise number of postal payment bank accounts in the said State?

Mining Policy

†3675. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make wide changes or has made changes in the mining policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has consulted the State Government before changing the mining policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-China Relation

†3676. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-China relations are being affected due to violation of negotiations made in the past by China and unfruitful efforts to cross the line of actual control again and again;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to increasing political and economic power of both the countries, the effect of Indo-China relations is likely to influence not only both the countries but also the whole world;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India will adopt any such scheme or policy so that China should respect the long term relations of both the countries by mutual respect and sensitivity including honouring the line of actual control; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Linking Aadhaar with Voter ID

3677. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status on the Election Commission's suggestions to link Aadhaar with Voter ID;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal on modifications of existing laws on the matter and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any instructions from the Supreme Court regarding the issue of linking Aadhaar with Voter ID and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to protect the data linked with Aadhaar and Voter ID from being misused; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to amend existing laws that will allow the Election Commission to access the Aadhaar database for verification processes and removal of duplication and if so, the details thereof?

EMCC

3678. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala executed an MOU with a foreign company EMCC and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has sought assistance of Union Government for ascertaining the whereabouts of EMCC and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government or Indian Embassy conduct enquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government or Indian Embassy has conveyed the details regarding EMCC to the Government of Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Union Government has ascertained that the EMCC is a trust worthy company for entering into an agreement with Government of Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Small Scale Industries in Ladakh

3679. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Ministry is Planning to launch support programme for small scale industries hit by the Covid-19 pandemic in UT of Ladakh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated to each focused industry;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extensively encourage and assist the Start-up ecosystem in the region and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken/being taken by the Ministry to develop entrepreneurial ventures in the remote mountain regions in Ladakh?

BIS Mandatory for Leather & Electrical Goods

3680. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

(a) whether the Government has made Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mandatory for leather and electrical equipments to curb cheaper imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to boost domestic manufacturing of these products under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission' and to reduce dependency on imports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General