

LOK SABHA

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

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

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GDP Growth Rate

1381. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:
DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether GDP growth rate of our country has been very poor and even lagging behind countries like Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the GDP growth rate of the country during the last five years;

(c) the year-wise details along with the current/latest GDP growth rate;

(d) the measures that have been taken by the Government to boost the GDP growth rate; and

(e) the time by when the country is likely to succeed in touching the target of \$5 trillion GDP?

Vulgarity on Social Media

†1382. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to check nudity obscenity and vulgarity spreading on social media as a prank and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard and the number of persons against whom the action has been taken; and

(c) whether the Government has any plan to take action against such people involved in aforesaid activities in future and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Corona on Tea Industry

†1383. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of the effects of Covid pandemic on tea industry in Assam?

Sub-Post Office

†1384. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of single handed Sub-Post-Offices functioning at present in Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to convert/upgrade all these single handed Sub-Post Offices functioning in Alwar Lok Sabha constituency into double handed Post Offices and if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be done; and

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to fill up the aforesaid vacant posts in various cadres at the earliest in Jaipur and Ajmer circle for smooth functioning of the postal department and if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prevention of Online Prostitution

1385. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint with regard to online prostitution carried out on a website named 'Locanto' and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to ban websites which facilitate online illicit and immoral activities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

PLI Scheme

†1386. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Departments, wherein the Government proposes to make overall changes in the manufacturing field with the introduction of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to promote manufacturing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide special concessions along with financial assistance to the companies on establishing their units in India under PLI scheme and doing export as well;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of companies which have established their units in collaboration with the Government of Haryana under the PLI scheme; and

(f) the district-wise details thereof?

Atal Innovation Mission

†1387. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Atal Innovation Mission being implemented in the country for fostering innovation;

(b) the details of the schools covered across the country under this mission till date;

(c) whether any criteria has been laid down for the participation under the said mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

FDI

1388. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in FDI inflow during the last six years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of FDI inflow in last six years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps that were taken by the Government to increase FDI flow in to the country?

FDI in Assam

1389. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information about FDI flow into Assam and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and current years, year-wise;

(b) the value of actual investment compared to the value of signed MoU, in respect of Assam;

(c) whether the FDI flow into Assam is comparable to other neighbouring States like West Bengal, Odisha, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the sectors where FDI is flowing into Assam and whether any study has been done by the Union Government on the issues relating to FDI climate in Assam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Factory Activities

1390. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that factory activities shrunk due to Covid-19 pandemic during the last 12 months and Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector dropped;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has undertaken any relief measures to overcome the present situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indian Startups

1391. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Startups have emerged as one of the largest in the world;

(b) if so, the details with valuation of Startups;

(c) the number of direct and indirect jobs that have been created by Startups in the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to promote Startups in the coming future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Export Promotion Forums

1392. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO
 NAIK NIMBALKAR:
 SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
 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 Rajasthan as a percentage of total production and exports by India?

Export of Marine products

1393. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

- (a) the view of the Government regarding the export of marine products from the country during Covid-19 Pandemic; and
- (b) the details of the impact of Covid-19 on marine exports from January,2020 to January,2021, month-wise?

Reservation in recruitment

1394. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
 प्रधान मंत्री
 be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted in the last seven years to monitor implementation of reservation in recruitments in Central PSUs and Central Government Departments and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted in the last seven years with regard to backlog vacancies pertaining to OBCs/SCs/STs in recruitment in above said institutions/Departments; and
- (c) if so, the details of the numbers thereof and the steps taken to fill up those vacancies?

Fake Aadhaar Cards

†1395. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the business of making fake Aadhaar cards is

being carried out extensively in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps to put a check on the said practice; and

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

Constitution of courts

†1396. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:
 SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
 SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to set up courts at the village level so as to develop accessible justice system for the rural people and strengthen gram panchayats through it and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of rural/village courts set up in the country during each of the last two years and the current year along with those which have started functioning especially in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand; and

(c) whether the Government has assessed the viability of these rural/village courts and if so, the details thereof?

Coal based Industries

†1397. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

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

(a) the number of coal based industries lying closed at present due to shortage of coal in Raigarh district of Chattisgarh;

(b) the amount of loss of revenue caused due to the said closure of industries;

(c) whether the said industries are proposed to be reopened; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Carbon Emission in mining operation

1398. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
 SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:
 SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU
 REDDY:

SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:
 SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
 DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
 SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
 DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total coal resulting in a production of production in India registered a marginal decline of 2.02 percent to 716.084 million tonnes during the 2020-21 fiscal year and if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Coal India Ltd (CIL) decided to replace the huge fleet of Heavy Earth Moving Machines equipment on diesel consumption with Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated financial savings to CIL through this move as well as the environmental impact on converting to LNG;

(d) whether the Government has entered into any contract with GAIL in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the CIL has also taken series of measures to offset carbon emission in mining operations in all its coal producing companies and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the CIL envisaged creating a carbon offset of around 2.5 lakh tonnes in the next five years and if so, the details thereof

(g) whether the CIL will be introducing around 1700 energy efficient motors for pumps in all its mining operations as a replacement of orthodox equipment; and

(h) whether the CIL planned to add around 1500 E-Vehicles in all its mining areas for the next five years and if so, the details thereof?

Redevelopment of CSMT Railway Station

1399. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has proposed to redevelop the iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) Railway Station in South Mumbai;

(b) if so, the present status of its redevelopment;

(c) the details of the proposed redevelopment plan; and

(d) the time schedule fixed for its redevelopment?

Visit by Dignitaries

1400. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY
VASANTH:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:
SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of visits made by foreign dignitaries to India during the last six months till date;

(b) the issues on which deliberations were held with them;

(c) whether any bilateral agreements were signed with them;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of visits undertaken by the Prime Minister as well as External Affairs Minister during the above period;

(f) the details of bilateral agreements/MoUs signed and discussions held and the outcome thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the relations with these countries?

Nuclear Energy

1401. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nuclear energy is the cheapest source of energy compared to other traditional sources of energy;

(b) if so, the number of nuclear power plants which are generating energy in the country and comparative power generated by each of them;

(c) whether any incident leading to risk to human lives has occurred during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether proper safeguards are in place in each of the power plants and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has planned to commission more nuclear power plants and if so, the details thereof?

Heritage Railway Stations in Rajasthan

†1402. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to give heritage look to railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the selected stations for heritage look;

(c) the details of the selected railway stations in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh along with the details of works to be carried out there; and

(d) the amount allocated to Chittorgarh station for this purpose along with the details of the work and the present status thereof?

Performance of CIL

1403. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and the quantum of coal produced by Coal India Ltd (CIL) and its subsidiaries during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Coal India Limited has earned substantial profit during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the contribution of CIL in the overall economic development of the country;

(d) the challenges faced by the Government in meeting the coal production in the country;

(e) whether the Government has assessed the performance and profitability of coal mines in the country and if so, the names of coal mines which are running in profit and those running in losses; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the production of coal by CIL?

Fake Agents

- †1404. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to save the youth aspiring for a job abroad and falling prey to any cheating or a conspiracy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the country-wise and State-wise from where maximum number of youth travel abroad for jobs;

(c) and whether the Government proposes to enact any legislation against such fake agents working in the country who mislead youth and if so, the details thereof?

Coal Fired Power Plants

1405. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has pushed back deadlines for coal-fired power plants to adopt new emission norms and allowed utilities that missed the new targets and imposed penalties so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise?

Loss in Revenue From Telecom Service Providers

1406. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics with regard to loss in revenue on account of underpayment of license fee, Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) and related issues of Telecom Service Providers(TSPs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government against those TSPs for such underpayment and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total payment due from TSPs as on date?

Post Offices Operating From Rented Buildings

- †1407. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum number of Post Offices in rural areas of Rajasthan are operating from rented buildings;

(b) if so, the details of the Post Offices operating from Government buildings and the rented buildings, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate budget for the construction of Government buildings in mission mode for the Post Offices operating in rented buildings in various Districts of Rajasthan including Nagaur district;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when these buildings are likely to be constructed;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the policy of the Government regarding modernisation and provision of allocating Government buildings to the Post Offices operating from rural areas?

Electrification/Doubling of Railway Tracks

1408. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of electrification and doubling of railway tracks in the State of Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) the details of sections of railways where work is underway and route in kms that have been sanctioned in Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to extend MEMU trains from Bangalore to other adjoining locations and increase the frequency of trains thereon; and

(d) if so, the details of pending railway projects in Karnataka along with the reasons in this regard?

Selling of Personal Information by Social Networking Sites

†1409. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:
SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

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 incidents of selling of customers' personal details by social networking sites;

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

(c) whether the Government has made any rule to check the sharing of personal details of customers without their consent;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any action to deal with this matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Railway network

1410. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the division-wise details of Railway network available in the State of Karnataka as on 30.6.2021;

(b) the number of new line projects falling fully/ partly in the State of Karnataka taken up to improve

connectivity and the expenditure incurred during the last three years as on 31.3.2021;

(c) the names of the Railway Zones covered by Karnataka;

(d) whether average annual Budget allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Rajasthan during 2014-19 has increased, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to formulate any action plan to connect all the District headquarters of the State of Karnataka with superfast train service and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Non-Coal Minerals

1411. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Mineral Exploration Trust has been set up to promote non-coal minerals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all States/UTs have set up District Mineral Foundations in pursuance of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to monitor implementation of various provisions of the said Act?

Cyber Attack on Critical Infrastructure

1412. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been attempts of cyber attacks on critical infrastructure of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen cyber security infrastructure of the country in recent years; and

(c) whether the country has the capability to launch offensive cyber operations to thwart enemy attacks and if so, the details thereof and the progress made by the country in this regard during the last five years?

MiG Aircrafts

1413. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force plans to phase out the MiG series aircraft due to frequent accidents in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the time line for acquiring 36 Rafale air craft has been advanced due to the threat that our country is facing in eastern and north western border recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of Vacant Areas at Stations

1414. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to make museum aquarium etc. in the vacant areas of railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the stations included in this programme;

(d) by when the Government is planning to implement the same; and

(e) the funds allotted for each station?

Broadband Connectivity Under Digital India Mission

1415. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats which have operational broadband connectivity under Digital India Mission, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to get the broadband connectivity under the said mission, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats having broadband connectivity under Digital Indian Mission in Haryana, District-wise; and

(d) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to get the broadband connectivity under the mission in Haryana, District-wise?

Data Centre Parks

1416. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to enable private players to set up data centre parks in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such parks set up in the country post the formulation of the said policy, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the basic infrastructure has been established for setting up such parks and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of proposals for opening up of Startups and Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPOs) that have been received by the Government and the time by when these proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government?

ICMED Plus Scheme

†1417. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Quality Council of India (QCI) has recently launched the Indian Certification of Medical Devices (ICMED) Plus Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ICMED 13485 PLUS, will undertake verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices and if so, the additional features of this new scheme with respect to the previous scheme;

(d) whether the new scheme would assist the procurement agencies to tackle challenges relating to the menace of counterfeit products and fake certification; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Universal Periodic Review

1418. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:
DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will submit a mid-term report to the United Nations Human Rights Council on the status of implementation of recommendations received during its third Universal Periodic Review(UPR);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the timeline for such submission, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether civil society will be included in the process of implementation and monitoring of UPR recommendations and the preparation of the Government's next report for India's fourth UPR; and

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

Disinvestment in Coal Sector

1419. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified coal mine projects and/or collieries for disinvestment purposes;

(b) if so, reports of the expert committee and the proposal details of the Government and the reaction from different PSUs and federations therein; and

(c) the detail of reserves of coal of such areas and FDI on commercial mining licences with regulatory authority given to private companies and MoU signed thereof?

Pending Schemes in NER

1420. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names, amount, status and number of schemes sanctioned and pending to be completed in all the States in the North Eastern Region (NER) as on date;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to complete all the long pending schemes in the NER; and

(c) the schemes sanctioned and implemented in skill development and capacity building for the youth of NER as on date?

Redevelopment of Stations like Adarsh Stations

†1421. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to complete the infrastructure related to drinking water, shed for passengers, display boards construction of toilets separately for women, parcel system, air conditioned waiting rooms and hotels, for developing railway stations of Jalore, Bheenmal, Raniwada, Modaran, Aburoad, Pindwara-Swaroopganj within the fixed time line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the budget provided for the project;

(c) the reasons for delay in developing the basic infrastructure at Jalore, Bheenmal, Raniwada, Modaran, Aburoad, Pindwara-Swaroopganj stations as per model station; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent for the public amenities at Jalore, Bheenmal, Raniwada, Modaran, Aburoad, Pindwara-Swaroopganj railway stations during the last three years?

Production of Nuclear Medicines

1422. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has evolved a design of Research Reactor for production of nuclear medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make India self reliant in key radio isotopes used in medical and industrial applications?

KNPP

1423. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of setting up of proposed 5th unit of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of CSR activity which the Department has started/planning to start in and around Kudankulam village, or nearby district in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Dams by China

1424. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is aware that there are now multiple operational dams by China in the Yarlung Tsangpo basin and has ambitious plans with more dams commissioned and under construction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken up with China, the severe economic costs of these projects, considering that it ecologically affects one of the most sensitive zones and such projects will lead to massive degradation of the entire basin and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether damming this perennial river not pose a geopolitical threat as there is the potential to significantly change the flow rate during times of standoffs and high tensions where close to a million people live; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps the Government is planning to take against the ambitious dam construction projects?

Access to Internet and Digital Transaction

1425. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of internet penetration in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of internet penetration in the rural areas; State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the lack of access to internet has hampered digital payments in many areas and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) the steps taken by the Government in the last five years to improve the quality of digital access in rural India;

(e) whether the rate of digital transactions has increased in rural India over the last five years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the percentage increase in digital transactions in each year, State/UT-wise including Odisha?

Export by FMCG companies

1426. SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies have registered huge growth during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is an increase of export of FMCG products from the country and if so, the details thereof and the quantum of exports registered during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the contribution of FMCG in the overall economic development of the country;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to increase FMCG sales in the country especially in rural areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the measures undertaken by the Government to monitor the FMCG companies producing sub-standard products along with the companies that have been booked in the last three Years?

Wi-Fi at Stations

†1427. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI
VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in the country where free Wi-Fi facility is being provided to the passengers at present in the entire country; and

(b) the number of railway stations where passengers are not getting the said facility along with the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided in all the stations of the country and the details thereof?

Coal Production and Import

1428. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI
SHAH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and consumption of coal in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether a major portion of coal consumption of the country is imported;

(c) if so, the amount of coal imported during each of the last three years, country-wise and details of the forex outflow;

(d) whether the Government has laid emphasis on reducing this import and resorting to other alternative measures for energy production and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of efforts made to increase coal production and exploring new areas in the country itself so as to meet the current demand by producing coal in the country and protect the capital of the country by reducing import;

(f) the total employment generated by coal mining across the country in the last two years, State-wise; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to boost domestic coal production in the country?

Green Pass

1429. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had conveyed to the EU Member States that it will adopt a policy of reciprocity and exempt European Nationals holding the 'Green Pass' from mandatory quarantine in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of foreign countries and EU Member States which so far is not recognizing Covaxin and Covishield vaccines;

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to stop Covid variants percolating into the country through foreign nationals and travellers from abroad;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether the Government is keeping its medical fraternity, infrastructure and machineries ready to combat in case of any third wave; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the effective precautionary measures taken by the Government to face such a tough situation?

Railway Projects in Odisha

1430. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in the State of Odisha;

(b) the status of those projects along with the estimated cost, expenditure incurred and the scheduled date of their completion;

(c) the reasons for cost and time overrun in those projects, if any; and

(d) whether any timeline has been fixed for completion of all these projects including provision of sufficient funds in the Budget, if so, the details thereof?

Domestic Electronics Manufacturing Ecosystem

1431. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the absence of a robust domestic electronics ecosystem is adversely impacting the space programme targets of the country set by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO);

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

(c) the details of the electronic imports by the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to promote local semi-conductor fabrication units in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits provided by the Government for the said units, State/UT-wise; and

(f) further steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the chip manufacturing in the country?

Wi-Fi at Stations by Railtel

†1432. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether RailTel is transforming railway stations into digital hubs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether RailTel proposes to provide free wi-fi facilities at more number of railway stations across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vaccine Passports

1433. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO
NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce vaccine passports to bring ease of travel to and from foreign destinations;

(b) if so, the details of the personal information which would be included in the digital vaccine passport;

(c) whether the Government is planning to collaborate with other countries to bring out an interoperable passport and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has started negotiating with foreign countries and other international organisations for vaccine passports; and

(e) if so, the details of the Countries/Organizations with which the Government has initiated talks?

Beautification of Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh

†1434. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans for beautification of the railway stations in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when the work in this regard is likely to commence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indo Pacific Vision

1435. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative(s) to pitch for countries like Indonesia and Singapore to be invited to join in the future keeping in view the fact that India has many other partners in the Indo-Pacific and there is also a vital need to economically expand the Quad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Quad nations need to better explain the Indo-Pacific Vision in an overarching framework with the objective of advancing everyone's economic and security interests; and

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

MEMU Services between Kannur and Mangalore

1436. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern Railways had introduced 8 MEMU car rakes in north Malabar route that were being operated exclusively for railway workers during the pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is of the opinion that the availability of rakes is an issue for operating MEMU service between Kannur and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received several requests from elected representatives seeking the introduction of MEMU services between Kannur and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government had planned to introduce MEMU services between Kannur and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for delay in providing MEMU services between Kannur and Mangalore?

Patents Act

1437. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:
DR. AMAR SINGH:
MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to invoke the Patents Act, 1970 to increase the domestic production of COVID-19 vaccines;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the anticipated timeline for such invocation and implementation of the same and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has invoked compulsory licensing of COVID-9 vaccines; and

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

Disposal of Court Cases

†1438. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the courts in India take more time in disposal of cases in comparison to the developed countries of the world;

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

(c) the average time being taken by the Supreme Court, High Courts, District Courts and Subordinate Courts in the disposal of civil and criminal cases; and

(d) whether any assessment has been made regarding the time taken for the disposal of cases in America, England, Japan, France and other European countries and if so, the details thereof?

Nationalized Coal Mines

†1439. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the nationalised coal mines under the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973; and

(b) the names of schemes being run for promoting coal based industries like cement plants, power plants, textiles etc. in Rajasthan?

Telecom Towers in the Villages

†1440. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the rural areas of the country where telecommunication towers have been set up during each of the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise and telecom company-wise; and

(b) the number of such towers targeted to be set up in the rural areas in the next financial year, State/UT-wise?

Modernisation of Trains and Platforms

1441. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to modernise the existing trains and platforms across the country specially in Uttar Pradesh, station-wise; and

(b) if so, the details of trains and platforms that have been revamped so far, State/UT-wise?

Travellers from India

1442. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether travellers from India are not allowed in most parts of the developed countries on whimsical grounds relating to the pandemic which is now threatening to enter a third wave and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether even if travellers from India are declared negative both on departure from India and arrival overseas, the immigration travel laws of most of the developed countries bar Indian travellers on flimsy grounds and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such treatment to Indians tantamount to enforcing "Apartheid" policy reminiscent of the colonial days that has forced more than 10 lakhs overseas Indian workers held up in India who are denied reentry overseas on valid work visas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Common Service Centre

1443. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch Common Service Centre (CSC) to promote Rural e-Mobilities Programme whereby urging people to switch to electric vehicles to preserve & conserve environment by reducing their carbon foot-print and also to establish connectivity to remote corners of the country; and

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

Laying New Railway Tracks

1444. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of new railway tracks built and funds sanctioned for the same in the State of Telangana during the last seven years;

(b) whether the State Government had supported with matching grants, if any, while laying new railway tracks; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chandrayaan 3

1445. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launching of Chandrayaan 3 has been further delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed functions thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be launched?

Court Cases Disposed Through Digital System

†1446. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of court cases disposed of through the digital system during the lockdown of 2020-21 in the country; State/UT-wise;

(b) the present status of the disposal of general and less important court cases; and

(c) whether the Government is working on some special plan for disposing of the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Railway Projects in Karnataka

1447. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and project-wise details of various ongoing and pending rail projects in Karnataka;

(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 Karnataka State which are likely to be completed or started during the year 2021-22; and

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

Atmanirbhar Bharat in Defence Sector

1448. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procurement started through Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence sector of the country;

- (b) whether the Government has issued guidelines to mandatory purchase any items only domestically; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Critical Infrastructure Projects

1449. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has reviewed 59 issues in critical infrastructure projects;
(b) if so, the details of the projects reviewed and the anticipated investment value of these projects;
(c) whether the Union Government has issued directions and timelines to ensure expeditious resolution of pending issues for timely commissioning of projects;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether regular multi-level monitoring of infrastructure projects is critical to the economic growth and employment generation in the country; and
(f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this direction?

Vaccine Certificate

1450. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has approached any country or regions to discuss an arrangement for reciprocal vaccine certificate for travellers; and
(b) if so, the details and the progress in arrangements made thereof?

Production Linked Incentive

1451. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) whether all the schemes under Production Linked Incentive(PLI) are ready and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of domestic and foreign companies that have come forward under PLI scheme; and
(c) the total investment that the Government is expecting to get and employment opportunities that it is going to generate under PLI?

Blockchain Technologies

1452. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

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

- (a) whether APEDA plans to implement block-chain based technologies in the supply chain side for exports in the Agricultural Sector;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has implemented any pilot project in any of supply chains in the export industry; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

MoUs for ICT Services

1453. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

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

- (a) the number of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed between India and other countries in the field of Telecommunication/ICTs that are currently in force;
(b) the common areas of interest for cooperation in the sector; and
(c) the nature of the performance of these MoUs with respect to projects initiated, completed, or at various stages over the last ten years?

Communication of ISRO

1454. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of technologies of ISRO that have been commercialized since 2014 including the additional technologies that are currently slated for commercialization and the commercialization roadmap determined; and
(b) the details of technologies which had the most impact for the benefit of citizens?

Digital Safety of Citizen

- †1455. SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

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

(a) whether efforts are being made by the Government ensure digital safety of the citizens especially women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether orders have been issued by the Government to social media platforms to take down the contents that jeopardize citizen's digital safety;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Home Affairs, Women and Child Development have consulted together on the issues of social media platforms; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Export of Indian Products

†1456. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

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

(a) the names of all Indian products regarding which scheme is being prepared by the Government to export them in the coming years along with the details thereof;

(b) whether the quantum of some of the imported products may be reduced or fully stopped by manufacturing them in India itself;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether by increasing the production level and quality of some of the Indian products, their export may be increased or started; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such products which are associated with Madhya Pradesh?

Indian Exports

1457. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

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

(a) the current status of India's exports during January-June in the year 2021;

(b) the details of total export of various commodities, sector-wise during the same period indicating rate of export;

(c) the challenges faced by the Government in boosting India's exports in the said period;

(d) whether the Union Government has extended any assistance/incentives/facilities to Tamil Nadu for creating appropriate infrastructure for the development and growth of exports during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details of contribution made by the State of Tamil Nadu in the total export of the country during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to extend help to all sectors to boost exports?

Allocation of Coal Blocks

1458. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private players are allocated coal blocks in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the total number of coal blocks that are allocated to private players during the last three years, year-wise and coal block-wise;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the target of revenue generation from allocation of coal blocks; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

Policy of Coal India

1459. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether different rehabilitation and resettlement policies are being followed by Coal India Organisations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the rehabilitation and resettlement policy of Coal India and others who acquire land from public;

(c) whether all companies are providing jobs to one person from families whose land has been acquired as has been the laid down procedure;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner for violation and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government also makes up for the gross violation towards the land givers and if so, the details thereof?

Extension of Nuapada-Gunupur Rail Line

1460. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Odisha has sent a proposal to Railways to bear 50 per cent of cost for extension of Nuapada - Gunupur line upto Therubali due to poor rate of return and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has advised the State Joint Venture of Odisha to get bankability examined at their end and come up with a financial model;

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

(d) the time by when the project would be made operational: and

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

Anti-Drone System

†1461. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:
SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether, considering the security challenges, the Government has developed any anti-drone system to neutralize every drone attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the institutes and countries with which agreements have been signed to develop indigenous anti-drone system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Commercial Coal Mining

†1462. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed coal mines to be auctioned for commercial mining by the Government, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the assessment made on its environmental implications for each coal mine, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether many locals are protesting against these projects;

(d) if so, the details of the impact of these commercial minings on the locals;

(e) the details of the forest cover destroyed due to commercial mining in these coal mines, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the impact of commercial mining on Ecological System, State/UT-wise?

Nanded-Wardha new Rail Line

†1463. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of new rail line of Nanded-Wardha is in progress;

(b) if so, the time by which the work on the said railway line is likely to be completed;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct over bridges on the National Highways coming in that route; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

BSNL Services in Darbhanga

†1464. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) installed in Darbhanga;

(b) whether 3G service is being provided by all BSNL towers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of towers equipped with 3G service in order to improve the BSNL 3G service which is too weak in rural areas of Darbhanga district at present and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which Government is likely to start BSNL 4G services in Darbhanga and its nearby districts?

Human Rights Violations in Sri Lanka

1465. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the gross human rights violations against Tamils and those critical of the Sri Lankan Government in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken into account the aforementioned issue of human rights abuse before announcing the grant of \$ 12 million for the installation of renewable energy systems in northern Sri Lanka;

(d) whether the Government will take any concrete step in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

High Speed Railway Project

1466. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:
SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to construct a high speed Railway line from Trivandrum to Kasaragod and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present stage of implementation of Sabari Railway Line(Sliver Line) project in the State of Kerala;

(c) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from Kerala that the State Government will bear 50% of implementation cost of the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon;

(e) if not, whether the Government will implement the project, if the State Government is ready to bear 50% of implementation cost; and

(f) whether the Government has any details regarding the proposed implementation cost of this project and if so, the details thereof?

Problem of Call Drops

†1467. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of call drop has become a serious issue in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(b) the efforts being made by the Government to check call drop problem and take appropriate action against the concerned companies which have failed in reining-in the problem of call drops?

Vande Bharat Express

1468. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to expand the network of Vande Bharat Express;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plan of the Government to operate new routes with respect to this train and other semi-high speed trains in the country

Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana

1469. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to expand the scope of Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana(PBBY) to provide insurance cover for Covid-19 affected persons;

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

(c) whether such insurance benefits are being offered retrospectively to those impacted by Covid-19;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether the Government intends to make the PBBY scheme applicable to countries other than the Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries as well in the light of the Covid-19 crisis;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any other means have been devised to ensure that workers in such countries are covered by some other scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Service Sector Activities

1470. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services sector activities in the country have contracted sharply in the recent months;

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

(c) whether there has also been a contraction in the manufacturing activity and firms have been regularly shedding headcount, with the fastest reduction rate recorded in June 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is taking any measures to improve the business activity in the country to boost manufacturing and services sector related activities in the country; and

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

Import of Natural Rubber

1471. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the data of the import of natural rubber in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has the data of the production of natural rubber in country in the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Construction of ROB/RUBs

1472. DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Maharashtra for the construction of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) during the last three years along with the details thereof, proposal-wise;

(b) the reaction of the Government to the said proposals;

(c) the number of proposals from Maharashtra that are lying pending with the Railways at present along with the details of the said proposals, location-wise; and

(d) the details of the ROB and RUBs being constructed in Maharashtra at present, location-wise along with the current status thereof?

Martyred Soldiers due to Terror Attacks

- †1473. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of Indian soldiers martyred due to terror attacks on the Indo-Pak border during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the likely time limit to eliminate the terrorists and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Coal Mine Workers

1474. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers in various coal companies located in different States of the country, Company/State-wise;

(b) the number of workers engaged in manual work and on machines in coal companies, company and State-wise;

(c) the quantity of coal produced manually and through machines separately during the last three years and the current year, company and State-wise;

(d) the details of problems/hardships being faced by the labourers/workers in the coal mines;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve their condition; and

(f) whether Government has taken any steps for the security of coal mine workers who remain exposed to grave danger at the time of mining and if so, the details thereof?

Closure of Companies

1475. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered companies that have closed since March 2020, month-wise;

(b) the number of registered companies that closed since March 2020 in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the number of registered companies that reported temporary cessation of operations since March, 2020, month-wise in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to bring the rising numbers of closures under control?

Doubling of Railway Line in Kerala

1476. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to release the amount required for the doubling of railway line from Ambalappuzha to Ernakulam via Alappuzha on the Ernakulam-Kayamkulam stretch in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether the Government will expedite the said release of amount;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any timeline for the completion of the doubling of the above stretch in a time-bound manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to enhance the infrastructure and amenities at Alappuzha railway station, which is a major back-water tourism destination in Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Supply Chain

- †1477. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

(a) whether India is getting several opportunities to increase supply chain in the world or carry out export after corona pandemic;

(b) if so, the countries with which our commercial relations are likely to see an increase;

(c) the products which are going to be exported more after this pandemic; and

(d) whether the exporters of Gujarat are also going to avail this opportunity?

Telecom Towers

1478. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) the total number of towers installed in Ahmednagar, Kolhapur, Nandurbar, Jalgaon and Thane districts of Maharashtra during each of the last three years, telecom company-wise; and

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

Renovation of Railway Bridges

1479. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway bridges in various zones of Indian Railways, Zone-wise;

(b) whether any study/survey has been conducted to assess the present condition, repair and renovation of bridges, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for reconstruction/ strengthening of rail bridges, State-wise especially in the backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(d) the funds allocated and utilised for the said schemes during the last three years and the current financial year along with status of such bridges?

BharatNet Project in Tamil Nadu

1480. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Bharat Net Project;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this project in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the target set and achievements made by the Government so far under this project in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the details of the number of villages covered under the said project in Tamil Nadu so far; and

(e) whether the Government has planned to provide broadband facilities to each village through this project within Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof along with the target set by the Government in this regard?

Industrial Schemes for Maharashtra

1481. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new central sector scheme for industrial development of Maharashtra has been formulated; and

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

New Railway Projects in Punjab

1482. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railway projects that were announced for Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the number of projects out of these, commissioned so far and the budgetary allocations made for the same; and

(c) the status of those projects which have not been commissioned and the time by when these would be commissioned?

Import of Weapons

†1483. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Pakistan and China import more weapons as compared to India;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any review and proposes to review the implications thereof, till date, so that India can take appropriate action for its defence preparedness; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Wayanad District Action Plan

1484. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether programmes are being implemented to capitalize on the opportunities identified in the Wayanad district action plan in the agriculture and animal husbandry sector under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP);

(b) if so, the details thereof including improving access to crop insurance and micro-irrigation facilities;

(c) the initiatives/programmes being undertaken to improve financial inclusion and skill development in Wayanad district under the ADP especially regarding financial literacy;

(d) the measures being taken to facilitate access to credit for micro entrepreneurs, especially in rural agri-entrepreneurs in Wayanad district;

(e) details of the performance of Wayanad district in improving financial inclusion and skill development since March 2020;

(f) whether an appraisal of the ADP has been conducted by an independent agency; and

(g) if so, the details thereof including key recommendations to address gaps in the programme implementation?

New Cement Plants

1485. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to set up new cement plants in Odisha;

(b) if so, the number of cement plants proposed to be set up in Sundargarh District and the capacity thereof; and

(c) the details and number of local youths likely to be provided employment in those plants?

Use of Illegal Explosives

1486. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the rampant use of illegal explosives in mining and quarrying;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such use;

(c) whether the Government is planning for better regulation of explosives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital India Programme

†1487. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent status of Digital India programme across the country;

(b) whether the Government has any schemes or projects to increase communication in rural area villages through information and service centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof, particularly in regard to Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government has taken any decision to provide the said service centres to NGOs functioning in such areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the said programme has affected the rural areas?

Captive Mines

1488. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the constraints faced by some PSU steel plants in view of non-availability of captive mines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these steel plants are forced to buy coal from open market/import from other countries at an exorbitant cost, resulting in losses;

(c) if so, the efforts being made to allocate captive mines to such plants;

(d) the details of captive mines allocated on nomination basis to various steel plants in the country, steel plant-wise; and

(e) the manner in which present procedure of allocation of captive mines is different from earlier one?

Mobile Towers in Far-Flung Areas

1489. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to install mobile towers in every Panchayat of the country to fulfill the demand of digitalization and strengthen the rural banking system ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to provide mobile towers in those far-flung villages of the country where these towers are not available till now and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proposed time-line for installing mobile towers in every far-flung villages and each panchayat region of the country?

Illegal Food Vendors at Jabalpur Station

†1490. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether food items prepared outside are sold at the main Jabalpur Station under the West Central Railway zone;

(b) if so, whether food items at the platforms are also being sold by illegal vendors;

(c) whether unhygienic food items lying in the open is being sold to the passengers by the vendors; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is likely to take any corrective measures by taking cognizance of the information in this regard?

Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)1491. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently approved a budgetary support of around Rs 500 crore over the next five years to Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) - Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this approved budget aims to provide financial support to start-ups, MSMEs, individual innovators and other partner incubators under the DIO framework;

(d) if so, the details of any norms or guidelines that have been prescribed to select such partner organisations; and

(e) whether the Department of Defence Production (DDP) will release funds to DIO for setting up and managing the iDEX network and if so, the details thereof?

Total Imports

1492. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the value of the total imports during the last one year, items and country-wise;

(b) whether there is any impact on imports due to Atmanirbhar Bharat project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh

†1493. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pace of modernization of railway stations in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the facilities like high level platform, waiting hall, lift, escalator, ramp at all the grade of railway stations including non-suburban stations in Uttar Pradesh have been provided;

(c) the total amount spent on the modernization of the railway stations during the last three years; and

(d) the time by when all these stations are likely to be modernized?

Mineral Resources

†1494. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government contemplates to promote and conserve the huge mineral resources of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Privatisation of Freight Corridors

1495. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether after allowing private players to run passenger trains, Indian Railways is going to open two freight corridors to private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) has started the process in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of routes and trains allowed to be operated by private operators; and

(f) the future plan for privatisation of freight corridors and passenger trains and the extent to which this process is likely to adversely affect the railway employees?

Atomic Energy Generation

1496. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved atomic energy generation target set for the current year so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the future targets of the Government in this regard?

Utilization of Optical Fibre Network

1497. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether utilization of large and high capacity optical fibre network laid down under BharatNet project is not optimum and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Government to prevent under utilisation of the said infrastructure;

(b) whether the steps taken by the Government to ensure optimum utilisation of optical fibre network have yielded any outcomes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is taking any efforts to improve internet speed and quality in view of poor performance of the country in the global mobile internet speed ranking and if so, the details thereof?

Cancellations of Tickets during Lockdown

1498. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers whose reserved tickets have been cancelled by the Railway during the lockdown along with the details thereof;

(b) whether a certain percentage of the total amount of the tickets of all the passengers were deducted; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the total amount earned by the Railways as a result of this?

BharatNet Project in Assam

1499. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the BharatNet Scheme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme in Assam so far;

(c) the details of the number of districts that have been covered under this scheme within Assam so far;

(d) whether the Government is aware that due to COVID-19 pandemic all school and colleges have been closed and the students are bound to continue their studies through online education during this period and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government is aware of the fact that districts the Karimganj and Helakandi of Assam are still not covered under the scheme of BharatNet which has impeded the educational pursuit of the students and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

Marketing and Export Assistance to SHG

1500. DR. G RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry regarding preparation and export, albeit small quantity of non-vegetarian pickles, snacks, fried chicken, etc. by SHG women from Irkode village in Siddipet district of Telangana;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that these products have become hot cakes and are also being exported to Middle East, USA, etc.; and

(c) the help/assistance that the Ministry would extend for marketing and export of Siddipet Non-vegetarian pickles, etc. to other parts of the country and the world?

Problem of Call Drop

1501. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is of the view that it is not possible to check the call drop problem completely and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether call drop problem is prevalent worldwide and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government and TRAI are making every effort to check the call drop problem and bring it within the permissible limits with the help of telecom operators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Intermediary Guidelines

1502. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tech platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Google and Amazon continue to be considered as intermediaries under the Information Technology (IT) Act and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the changes that were brought to the Intermediary Guidelines by the Government and the rationale for bringing the said changes;

(c) whether all tech platforms have complied with the said new guidelines and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of a newer audio-only social media platform called clubhouse and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the said platform will be regulated and considered an intermediary under the IT Act and if so, the details thereof?

Revival Package for BSNL and MTNL

1503. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised and announced the revival package for the ailing MTNL and BSNL;

(b) if so, the details of the revival plan proposed by the Government and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the implementation of the said plan;

(c) whether the employees of these two public sector companies have been taken into confidence before finalising the revival package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of Southern Railways

1504. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering to complete the electrification of 124 Route Km Palakkad-Pollachi - Palani rail corridors and 44 Route Km Kollam-Punalur along with 673 Route Km. targeted by Southern Railway during 2021-22;

(b) whether the Railways is targeting to switch over to Green Railways by December, 2023 by electrifying all broad gauge routes to achieve 100% electrification of broad gauge routes;

(c) whether 100% electrification by 2023 will result in annual savings of Rs.14,500 crore for Railways;

(d) whether around Rs.21,000 crore are expected to be incurred for completion of the work; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure Projects

1505. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of ongoing national importance infrastructure projects, state-wise across the country;

(b) whether these projects, few at times, are delayed due to the involvement of multiple agencies such as land acquisition, forest-clearance, utility shifting, etc;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any single window time bound redressal mechanism comprising of inter-agency co-ordination for its resolution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Deepfake Technology

1506. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Deepfakes' technology has alarming implication for national security, foreign relations, safety and security of women and children and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has taken any preventive steps in light of the fact that audio deepfakes technology have been used to clone voices and defraud people along with breach privacy of the people and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there exists any legal provision in the Indian Penal code to deal with the said technology and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reason of delay, if any in the enacted of specific legislation to deal with the menace of this technology?

Projects under NEC

1507. SHRI TOKHEHO YEPTHOMI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of approved projects under NEC and NLCPR from March 2018-2021 from the State of Nagaland?

Catering Licenses

1508. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received since 1st April 2017 from legal heirs of deceased catering vending Licensees of GMU and SMU static units for transfer of licenses in their names,

(b) if so, the number of licenses transferred to legal heirs till date, division-wise along with the names of licenses, stations, unit, date of transfer of licences; and

(c) whether, in some cases, transfer of licenses to legal heirs has not been made till date, if so, the reasons therefor?

All India Bar Exam

1509. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lawyer need to qualify for All India Bar Exam (AIBE) to practice law after enrolment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether AIBE Rules, framed by the Bar Council of India (BCI) violates Advocates Act and compel a lawyer to undergo AIBE even after his or her enrolment as an advocate and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding current status of proposal to withdraw AIBE along with the time by which it is likely to be withdrawn;

(d) whether the Government feels that Bar Council is going ahead with the examination in open book mode, which is completely unscientific and a waste of time and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that, in the case of V Sudhir vs BCI, and in another 1999 (3) SCC 176

cases, the Supreme Court had repealed the Bar Council Training Rules 1995 and that the BCI could not impose additional conditions on lawyers through subordinate laws and that such matters violated the provisions of the Advocacy Act, 1961 and if so, the details thereof?

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

1510. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Darjeeling Himalayan Railway is facing acute shortage of skilled workers and that there are candidates who have cleared Apprentice Training since 2014 but are still not engaged by the Railways;

(b) whether Darjeeling Himalayan Railways is a heritage train running on steam engine with an older technology;

(c) if so, the steps taken towards training employees with special skills and understanding of the train and the terrain; and

(d) whether Railways is hiring local youth under the DHR as they are more adept to the local environment and the required skillsets and expertise can be nurtured locally?

Outreach Programme by NPCIL

1511. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outreach programme implemented by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to spread awareness about nuclear power, address the apprehensions of the people to allay their concerns in a simple, understandable and credible manner;

(b) the number of attendees of the said programme;

(c) whether their concerns are being addressed in the manner prescribed; and

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

BharatNet Project and Usage of USOF

1512. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:
SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for connecting villages under Bharat Net Project during each of the last three years;

(b) the total estimated cost of completion of the entire project of connecting all the villages under different phases of the Bharat Net Project, State/UT-wise;

(c) the total number of villages that are covered with free wi-fi till date under the said project and the time by which entire villages are likely to be covered under the free wi-fi scheme; and

(d) the number of Gram Panchayats that are covered under the Bharat Net Scheme?

Crowd Control Mechanism

1513. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has re-designed the trains for passengers post-pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the technology/software developed for controlling the crowding; and

(d) whether the Government proposes full-fledged passenger services to States shortly?

Allotment of Land at Railway Yard

1514. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH
RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from public representatives regarding allotment of land at Railway Yard on long lease basis to CONCOR for setting up an Inland Container Depot at Rajkot in public interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Defence Academies

†1515. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Madhya Pradesh where the Government proposes to set up defence academies;

(b) whether a proposal for setting up of a defence academy in Indore, Madhya Pradesh is under consideration and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the places in the State where defence academies are functioning; and

(d) whether a new recruitment centre for recruiting in the army is also likely to be established in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Global Bids for Broadband Services in Villages

1516. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invite global bids to bring broadband services in 3,61,000 villages across sixteen states under Public Private Participation (PPP) mode to be executed under the aegis of BharatNet Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total budget estimate to execute the PPP project and the source of money finalized by the Government to meet the said budget; and

(c) the total number of villages from Tamil Nadu to be covered under this PPP mode of the BharatNet Project?

Rail Developmental Works

1517. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU
KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delayed rail developmental works pertaining to Andhra Pradesh (AP) along with the details of value of works, budget allocation, fund utilisation etc. and the reasons for delay;

(b) whether any rail projects works pertaining to Andhra Pradesh have been delayed due to the AP Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cancer Centres in Coal Mining Areas

1518. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up cancer centres in coal mining areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the cancer centres will be financed fully by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these cancer centres will provide research facilities and funds for further study to combat this disease; and

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

Mechanised BOOT Laundries

1519. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken some measures to resolve the issue of payments in contracts of mechanized BOOT laundries that have been raised in the time of Covid-19 pandemic period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether South East Central Railway (SECR) zone has made payments to mechanized BOOT laundries as per the minimum assured load clause of their Contract Agreement during lockdown period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry of Railways has received any representations from Public representatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Projects in North Eastern Region

1520. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of railway projects that are yet to be completed in the North Eastern Region;

(b) the total amount of funds that have been allocated to NER towards the completion of the said railway projects;

(c) whether the Government has a plan to increase the amount of funds allotted to the NER owing to its increased rail infrastructure requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Liquid Oxygen1521. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU
REDDY:DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA
DEVARAYALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO had provided Liquid Oxygen continuously on a large scale to several State Governments from their own manufacturing facilities during the pandemic time;

(b) if so, the details thereof of the total quantities of liquid oxygen supplied along with the State-wise break-up thereof;

(c) whether ISRO had transferred the technology of Oxygen Concentrators and Ventilators developed in-house to Indian Industry for mass manufacture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of companies that had signed a Transfer of Technology Agreement with ISRO for the same and a state-wise break up of these companies?

Infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh

†1522. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing assistance in construction of necessary infrastructure to make Arunachal Pradesh a global tourist spot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether North-Eastern Council has allocated any funds for the above mentioned works?

Promotion of Bureaucrats

1523. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed a new comprehensive policy on promotion of bureaucrats;

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

(c) whether the Government has also reviewed the performance of Government servants and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of officers who have been compulsorily retired due to non-performance during each of the last three years and the current year?

Non Coking Coal

1524. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the country's annual compound growth in consumption and dependence on non-coking coal, especially in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce schemes to reduce its consumption; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Exploration of Lithium

1525. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to explore the development of Lithium in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reserves of Lithium in the country;

(c) whether the Government has recently signed an agreement with Argentina for joint exploration of Lithium;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any other similar agreements with other countries for Lithium sourcing; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Transit Through Bangladesh

1526. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken up the issue of transit through Bangladesh with the Bangladesh Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is interested in reviving the pre-independence rail, road and water connectivity through Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Nashik-Dahanu Railway Line

1527. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work of Nashik-Dahanu new railway line approved in 2010-11 has not yet been done;

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

(c) whether any officer has been held responsible by the Railways in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Enforcement of IT Intermediary Guidelines

1528. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has enforced the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 in the country if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said new IT rules make digital companies more accountable for the online content posted on their platforms websites and protects users from abuse and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines require digital companies including Twitter and WhatsApp to regulate content, appoint nodal officers for compliance and grievance redressal and adopt features such as traceability of messages and voluntary user verification if so, the details thereof; and

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

Misuse of Export Schemes

†1529. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inordinate delay caused in the process of investigation into the matters related to misuse of export schemes and concessions as a result of which guilty persons are not punished on time and there is no time frame fixed for completing the investigation process which leads to undue delay in investigation;

(b) whether the work related to such investigation process has been reviewed; and

(c) if so, the time when it was reviewed along with the outcome thereof?

Regulation of Internet Companies

1530. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any regulatory framework for Internet companies;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of internet users in the matter of privacy and safety of data?

Satellite Broadband Services

1531. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on introducing Satellite Broadband Service in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private players have been roped in to provide this Satellite Broadband Service to the customers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said service is likely to be made available?

Assessment of Schemes/Programmes

†1532. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made/proposes to make any assessment regarding important big schemes/programmes in the country including in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for various schemes/programmes during the last three years;
- (d) whether the allocated fund is being utilized properly;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Startups and Investors

†1533. SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI:
SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any plans to ensure conducive atmosphere for startups and investors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of investors benefitted during the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

GI Products

1534. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the products under Geographical Indication (GI) in Karnataka and the steps taken by the Government to promote and increase the sales of GI products; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that authorized user registration for different GI products has been very less and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Panipat-Meerut Railway Line

†1535. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Panipat-Meerut Railway line is pending for the last 30 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for non-action on Panipat-Meerut railway line so far whereas Meerut Cantonment is one of the largest cantonment in India and our soldiers while travelling from Meerut Cantt to Ambala Cantt, Pathankot Cantt and Jammu & Kashmir have to travel via Delhi due to which they face some sort of inconvenience and also the people travelling from Panipat, Kurukshetra, Karnal to Haridwar have to travel via Delhi or Ambala in overloaded buses and trains;
- (d) the time by which the work on Panipat-Meerut railways is likely to commence;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Refund for Tatkal Cancellations

†1536. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tatkal ticketing system does not have any provision for refund of any amount to railway passengers on cancellation of tickets whereas cancellation of reserved tickets of other category provide for refund of some percentage of the ticket cost;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Railways proposes to consider to refund amount by deducting some amount on cancellation of tickets by changing the tatkal ticketing system to protect the financial interest of railway passengers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Curative Petitions

1537. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA
DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains a record of the number of review and curative petitions allowed in the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the total number of review and curative petitions allowed in the Supreme Court per year since 2010?

Industrial Nodes in Maharashtra

1538. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the places identified for development as industrial nodes or cities in Maharashtra under different Industrial Corridors;

(b) the status of proposed industrial nodes above, their investment and employment potential;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

BSNL Broadband Services

1539. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal or scheme for the development and extension of BSNL broadband services;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Facial Recognition Technology

1540. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has studied and taken into consideration the privacy concerns of employing the Facial Recognition Technology(FRT) by the public and private sector;

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

(c) the Central Government agencies which are currently employing or proposes to employ the said FRT technology; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement a system integrating Aadhaar with the FRT and if so, the details thereof?

Private Entities

1541. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during COVID-19 more than two lakhs of private entities have been shut down during the last eight months;

(b) if so, the details of units closed and new companies registered State-wise since April 2020 to June 2021;

(c) the number of unemployment registered and losses incurred and reported thereto; and

(d) the proposal of the Government to assess the fact and reality therefor and action taken/to be taken therein?

Approving Indian Vaccines

1542. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries which have approved inward travel of passengers vaccinated with the two Indian manufactured vaccines Covaxin and Covishield respectively;

(b) the list of countries not allowing inward travel by passengers vaccinated with Covaxin and Covishield vaccine for Covid-19;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiative for getting the approvals for the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for New Railway Zone in Kerala

1543. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to sanction railway zone for Kerala State;

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

(c) whether the Government has received a new proposal for the railway zone in Kerala State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is intending to bifurcate or merge Trivandrum and Madurai divisions in Southern Railway; and

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

Setting up of Industries in Bihar

†1544. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for setting up industries in Bihar including Bhagalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the location-wise number of industries set up in Bhagalpur during the last three years; and

(e) the status of the industries in operation?

Change of Court Jurisdiction

1545. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:
SHRI HIBI EDEN:

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

(a) whether the Government's attention is drawn to a proposal by the Lakshadweep Administration to transfer the legal jurisdiction from Kerala High Court to the Karnataka High Court and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reason behind this move and the response of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether measures are taken to reduce the financial expenses and to increase the ease of the citizens of Lakshadweep to approach the Karnataka High Court if the jurisdiction is changed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural Exports

†1546. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

(a) whether export of agriculture and related products has been adversely affected due to the situation that arose from Corona pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to tackle this situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Nuclear and Radiation Safety

1547. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

the details of action plan chalked out/envisaged by the Government to ensure nuclear and radiation safety, nuclear security along with upgradation of safety features of old nuclear plants?

Election Campaign COVID-19 pandemic period

1548. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission of India had suggested restriction of maximum number of persons to be allowed in the election campaign of any of the General or Bye-Elections during the COVID-19 pandemic period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed/ascertained the maximum number of persons who can be allowed in the campaign that may take place during any period of such pandemic;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Internet Connectivity

†1549. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats provided with FTTH internet connectivity in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to be provided with FTTH internet connectivity in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats provided with FTTH internet connectivity and the number of those yet to be provided with the said connectivity in his Lok Sabha constituency, district-wise;

(d) the names of agencies working for providing FTTH internet service in his Lok Sabha constituency along with the cost to be incurred therein;

(e) the extent of work completed by the agencies within the stipulated time period along with the cost of the work incurred thereon so far; and

(f) the reason for non-completion of the work along with the time by which the rest of the work is likely to be completed?

Impact of New Intermediary Guidelines

†1550. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented new Intermediary Guidelines under Information Technology Act, 2000 to allegedly avoid censure of Government's works and policies on social media and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the said rules will likely impede social media platforms in providing free, fair and unbiased reformation to citizens and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether such rules will violate the fundamental and democratic rights of the citizens and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the details of actions taken under the said rules of IT Act till date?

Kishanganj-Jalalgarh New Rail Line

1551. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned amount for the Kishanganj-Jalalgarh New Railway line project under the Northeast Frontier Railway Zone;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any time frame for the completion of the said project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Green Railways

1552. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has taken various initiatives to transform itself into 'Green Railways' and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Railways has plans to utilise its unused vacant land parcels for setting up Solar Plants for its traction power requirement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways has set a target of becoming 'Net Zero Carbon Emission' by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Railways proposes to make assessment and rating of major Railway Workshops and Production Units as 'Green Industrial Units' and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Railway Stations have been certified for implementation of Environment Management System and if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Cyber Security Incidents

1553. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyber security incidents in the country have increased in conjunction with escalating border disputes with neighbouring countries;

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

(c) whether the Government plans to set up/has set up a central authority tackling cyber security threats to the country's critical infrastructure in particular; and

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

Boost to e-Commerce Sector

†1554. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government accepts that India is a big market in e-commerce, fintech, smart manufacturing and health sector;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to boost the said sectors;

(c) the manner in which 'GIFT' city is providing boost to foreign investment in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish more such cities in the country and if so, the outlines thereof;

(e) the Indian institutes (private and public) which have played key role in foreign investment during the last one year; and

(f) whether the Government has fixed any target/made any provision to create employment opportunities for youths in this field and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Electronics Manufacturing Sector

1555. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote electronics manufacturing sector in order to make the country self sufficient in electronic manufacturing and generate employment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the employment generated in the sector during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals from State Governments with regard to Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) and Electronic System Design Manufacturing (ESDM) incubation centre and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to approve the aforesaid proposals?

Safety of Women in Trains

1556. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide safety and security to the women passengers, who travel by trains, for their whole journey from the starting station to the destination station; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that high-speed trains connect tourist hubs, pilgrimage spots and other crucial areas?

Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality Technology

1557. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) Technology in the Electronics and Information Technology sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether AR and VR technology is helpful in generating awareness about the various concept related issues in the said sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has collaborated with any agency(ies) or any other entity for the introduction of this innovative technology in the fields of IT and Electronics and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has developed any infrastructure for imparting education and training of this technology aimed at the appropriate target group (s) and if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Catering and Reservation System

1558. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board proposes to stop catering, tourism and ticketing operations in the country and privatise the process through IRCTC;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to lease the railway reservation counters through open bidding system; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the proposal?

Export from Ladakh

1559. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of products being exported to other countries the from Union Territory of Ladakh; and

(b) the details of measures being taken by the Government to promote quality and productivity of various agriculture and horticulture based products in Indian industry?

FDI Norms for e-Commerce

1560. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received complaints from some segments of the industry that

some e-commerce behemoths have been flouting the policy rolled out by the Government;

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

(c) the action taken by the Union Government against e-commerce giants who have been flouting the FDI policy norms;

(d) whether the Union Government is proposing to issue clarification on Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) in e-commerce; and

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

Transfer Policy

1561. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a transfer policy for all categories of Railway employees including Group B,C and D employees and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there exists a policy for inter-zonal transfer accepting bottom seniority and if so, details thereof;

(c) the number of applications in each division that are pending for transfer at various levels of seniority for inter-zonal transfers accepting bottom seniority;

(d) whether any exceptions have been made to the policy and if so, the details thereof;

Errors Committed by Aadhaar Card Service Providers

†1562. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action against the Aadhar card service providers committing errors in the enrolment of Aadhar card;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the nature of the action taken by the Government against such service providers; and

(c) the details of the problems faced by common people due to the said errors committed by the said service providers and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Quality and Speed of Internet Services

1563. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country ranks 131 out of 138 in the global mobile internet speed ranking as per a report published in September 2020 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any effort to improve internet speed and quality in view of the said report and if so, the details thereof?

Alternate Dispute Redressal System

1564. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote Alternate Dispute Redressal System than the traditional court system;

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

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government to promote the Alternate Disputes Redressal System during the last six years;

(d) whether it is very difficult to execute the orders of the Alternate Disputes Redressal System;

(e) if so, the action taken for the execution of orders passed by the various Alternate Disputes Redressal System;

(f) whether persons without legal knowledge and legal education are appointed as presiding officers in the Alternate Disputes Redressal System; and

(g) if so, the action taken for ensuring the appointment of persons with legal background as presiding officer in Alternate Disputes Redressal System?

Use of Vacant Land in Rajasthan

†1565. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the unused land belonging to Railways in the country including tribal areas of Banswada and Dungarpur of Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any scheme for the commercial use of unutilized land and if so, the names of institutions allotted land for commercial utilization by the Railway's so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been entrusted to do the same?

BharatNet Project in Chhattisgarh

†1566. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of BharatNet project throughout the country;

(b) its present status of implementation of the said project in Durg parliamentary constituency and other districts of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether there has been any delay in the implementation of the project in the aforesaid areas and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

IT Intermediary Rules

1567. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 to align it with judicial precedents and global practices and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether intermediaries are shielded from any liability for the content uploaded on their platform by third party;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to address the issues related to safe harbor protection to intermediaries and the right to free speech of users and if so, the details thereof?

Passenger Train between Motumari and Vishnupuram

1568. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans of starting passenger trains on the line between Motumari and Vishnupuram in Telangana;

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

(c) the reasons due to which passenger trains on this line have not been started yet?

Pending Rail Routes in Maharashtra

†1569. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rail routes announced by the Government during the last 15 years specially in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of rail routes for which work has been completed;

(c) the number of rail routes for which work is pending along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether inadequate budgetary allocation is causing hurdles;

(e) whether the Government has released the required funds by increasing the budget for the early completion of these routes, if so, the details thereof;

(f) the steps taken by the Government for demarcation of the proposed land of these projects and the details of amount of funds allocated under the project;

(g) whether the funds are adequate and funds have been released, if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether the funds are inadequate for the demarcation land acquisition; and

(i) the time by when the Government is likely to release the required/adequate funds?

Atmanirbhar Bharat

1570. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special plan for the Railways to translate the idea of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and "Five Trillion Dollar Economy" envisaged by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its reflection in Odisha, particularly the uncovered regions of the State;

(c) the steps taken by the Government including allocation of funds by the Railways to the post-survey activities, including laying of Railway Lines of Bargarh Nuapara - via-Padampur in Odisha that will connect the State with Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether the Railways would consider sympathetically the new-line between Bargarh in Odisha to Raipur in Chhattisgarh via Sohe - Basna and Bargarh to Raigarg via Bhatli-Ambabana which will further connect two underdeveloped States of India to take India a step further toward 'Atmanirbhar India' and Five-Trillion Dollar Economy?

Spices Park in Odisha

1571. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Considering that Odisha is one of the largest producers of spices in the country, including Kandhamal Haldi which has a GI tag, whether the Government is considering to open a Spices Park in Odisha to ensure common infrastructural and processing facilities for a large number of farmers, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the other steps being implemented by the Government to encourage both domestic and export-oriented uses of the spices from Odisha, considering that a large number of them have proven health benefits and can be marketed under the 'India Organic' brand?

Stoppage at Shreemadhopur

†1572. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Jan Shatabdi express train runs between Delhi to Ajmer via Shrimadhopur and Ringas;

(b) if so, whether this train had its stoppage at Shrimadhopur station earlier;

(c) whether this train has a stoppage at Shrimadhopur Station at present;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a stoppage at Shrimadhopur Station is proposed for this train in future; and

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

Coal off-take

1573. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal off-take in last quarter has grown in comparison to the previous three terms;

(b) if so, the details thereto;

(c) whether coal-based power generation is in a steady rhythm and coal-fired electricity generation has slowed down during this quarters; and

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

Defective Ammunition to Army

1574. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that around Rs.62.10 crore has been reported as loss on replacement of defective ammunition to Army by Ordnance Factory, Badmal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute a committee to inquire the reasons for such loss;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Tea Industry

1575. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has taken several initiatives for the promotion of tea industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken special initiatives for the promotion of orthodox tea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in Financial Status

†1576. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been qualitative improvement in the financial condition of the people living in North Eastern States of the country during the last five years;

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

(c) if not, the details of development works carried out by the Government in these States?

Electrification of Railway Tracks

1577. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to electrify all railways lines by 2024 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the length of the entire railway network in the country and the length that the Government proposes to add during the next three years;

(c) the details, including location and length of railway tracks that have already been electrified and that are yet to be electrified; and

(d) the estimated cost of electrifying all railway tracks by 2024?

Coal Mining

1578. SHRI B.N.BACHE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has opened commercial coal mining to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when it has been opened;

(c) whether currently the Coal India Limited (CIL) is the world's largest miner being allowed to sell coal to end-users and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CIL has not been able to fulfil its responsibility due to which the commercial coal mining has been allowed/opened to the private sector and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) the percentage of Coal that is being imported to India from various countries; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that the opening of coal mines to the private sector is transparent?

SDGs Report

1579. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH *ALIAS*
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) report 2020-21 that Bihar is the most backward State in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the backwardness of Bihar State;

(c) whether the Government is considering to give special status to Bihar, which is a long pending demand of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tribunal Courts

†1580. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway zones of the country where tribunal courts have been set up;

(b) the rules/criteria to set up the said tribunal courts; and

(c) whether the setting up of tribunal court under South East Central railway zone is under process?

Sanctioned Strength of Judges

†1581. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts in the country at present, court-wise;

(b) the total number of male and female judges in Supreme Court and various High Courts at present and

the number out of them belonging to minority community and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the details of the number of vacancies of judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts?

Adverse Impact on Export

1582. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the adverse impact on exports from the manufacturing sector in the last two years;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken corrective measures to reduce adverse impact on exports from the manufacturing sector due to sudden lockdown and the pandemic;

(c) if so, the details of quarter-wise exports from the manufacturing sector in the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to revive the exports at the earliest?

Supply of Coal to Power Plants

1583. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of quantum of coal supplied by the Government to thermal power stations of Telangana;

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

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

(d) the details of quantum of coal supplied to industries and private sector in Telangana?

Increase in Fare

†1584. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for operating special trains by changing the name and fare of the trains that used to be operated earlier in the very important train service of the country;

(b) whether there has been a big increase in the fare of the trains being operated presently as compared to the trains operated earlier; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Salt Pans

1585. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans to lease 17000 acres of salt pan owned by Union Government for other commercial purposes in Tamilnadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plans to close salt pans in Marakkanam of Viluppuram District, Tamilnadu and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to setup iodisation plant at Marakkanam and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has any plans to resume medical camps for workers and educational aid, as well as financial grants for meritorious students of their families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India Post Payments Bank

†1586. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

(a) the salient features of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB);

(b) the number of districts and the population covered under this scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and district-wise;

(c) the details of the facilities currently being provided by the Government to the account holders of IPPB; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the services of IPPB more convenient in future?

Provision for Bulk Encryption in Unified License

1587. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

(a) whether unified license, issued to Telecom Service Providers(TSPs) bars the usage of bulk encryption and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the details of encryption standard employed by TSPs in India; and

(c) the details of the relevant section of unified license wherein the issue of bulk encryption has been dealt with?

Promotion of Staff

†1588. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether Data Entry Operators in the office of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks selected by the Staff Selection Commission have been working on the same post regularly from the year 2011 and have neither been promoted nor have any channel of promotion;

(b) if so, whether any decision to merge the post of Data Entry Operator with Upper Division Clerk was taken by the department three years back;

(c) whether the recruitment rules for various posts have not been revised as per Department of Personnel and Training rules for years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time which the pending cases of Data Entry Operators are likely to be disposed?

Management of COVID-19

1589. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the serving Army Medical Corps personnel mobilized for supporting civil hospitals in the management of COVID-19;

(b) the number of retired and reservists mustered for the purpose of managing COVID-19;

(c) the response from the retired and reservists personnel in this regard;

(d) the general role performed by serving medical corps as well as retired personnel; and

(e) the details of the response and support provided by the civil authorities?

Indegineous Development of Social Media Apps

†1590. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

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

(a) the details of measures taken by the Government to develop/incentivize indigenous apps

on the lines of similar apps like Whatsapp and other Microsoft software;

(b) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to put a check on Facebook, Twitter and other foreign social media that have established server in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women's Representation Bill

1591. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring the Women's Representation Bill for providing 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and State Legislatures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reducing of Dependence on Chinese Electronic Items

†1592. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any scheme to reduce dependence on Chinese electronic items in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and

(b) the policies of the Government to provide electronic items at reduced or same rate as that of Chinese electronic products?

Construction of Nanded-Bidar Railway Line

†1593. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL
CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in starting the process of Nanded-Bidar new railway line;

(b) the estimated time to start the work of the said railway line;

(c) the details of the amount likely to be spent thereon; and

(d) the time limit fixed to complete the laying of this railway line?

Fake Railway Recruitment Cases

†1594. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fake railway recruitment cases reported during the last five years;

(b) the action being taken against the persons involved in this racket; and

(c) the manner in which the innocent people who became victims by the racket are being compensated?

Curb on Rumours, Illegal Advertisements and Fake News

†1595. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take concrete steps to curb spread of rumours, illegal advertisements and fake news on various media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to set up a monitoring mechanism in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of authentic data and facts; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure data security of informations of citizens of the country?

Land under Security Zone of NAD Karanja

†1596. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested the Defence Ministry to withdraw the restrictions imposed on the land falling under security zone of NAD Karanja as per section 7 of the Works of the Defence Act, 1903;

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

(c) the reasons for pendency of this proposal along with the time by which it will be sanctioned?

Pending Court Cases

1597. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details pendency of criminal, civil, etc. cases in the lower courts, fast track courts, and High court of Allahabad including its Lucknow Bench;

(b) whether the impact of COVID-19 pandemic has increased the numbers of cases in the above courts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of remedial measures taken by the Government to reduce the pendency of court cases?

Agricultural Export Zone

1598. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

(a) whether the Government has identified any Agricultural Export Zone, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has implemented the scheme in the past, if so, the details thereof and experiences from the implementation of the same;

(c) whether the Government has provided for qualifying conditions for any area to be recognised as an Agricultural Export Zone and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any plans to provide special focus on agricultural export zones by identifying potential zones and providing support for infrastructure and logistical needs of the zone and if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Safety during Train Journey

†1599. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

(a) whether there is any need to implement FIR system in railway network;

(b) whether any concrete steps are being taken to make train journey safe;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the motto of RPF should be no tolerance towards crime; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Judges

1600. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the shortage of judges and vacant posts in the courts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the process of recruitment has started against the said vacancies during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether any assessment is made regarding the number of such vacant posts in Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Safety of Indian Assets

1601. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian assets in Afghanistan have been targeted by the Haqqani group, a major Taliban faction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of India has formulated any comprehensive policy regarding the post-US era in Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof?

Laying new Railway line between Ajmer-Tonk

†1602. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new railway line project of 165 km from Ajmer(Nasirabad) to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur (Chauth ka Barwada) has been approved in railway budget of 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of progress made in the said railway project till date;

(d) whether the Government of Rajasthan is incapable to bear 50 per cent of the cost of the said project due to which the MoU for the said project is yet to be signed;

(e) whether the Government proposes to complete the said new railway line project from Ajmer to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur by allocating the budget from its own resources in public interest;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Rail link from Karaikal - Peralam

1603. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the rail link from Karaikal to Peralam linking Southern part of the State; and

(b) the time by which the work on the said railway line is likely to be completed?

Import of Toys

†1604. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

(a) whether any criteria have been laid down regarding import of toys/equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make amendments in Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act to put quantitative restrictions on the articles imported from China and to impose fine on traders violating laws; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rubber Act

1605. 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?

Reserve Price of Spectrum

1606. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has given any recommendation to Digital Communications Commission (DCC) regarding the reserve price of sale of 8300 MHz spectrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reserve price recommended by the TRAI and the basis on which the said price has been calculated;

(c) whether the Government has received any objection from Telecom Service Providers regarding the fixation of reserve price and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the apex court judgment on Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) will impact the potential bidders and defer them from investing in telecom infrastructure and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure fair play in spectrum auctioning?

Use of Combative Technologies

†1607. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is contemplating on the use of combative technologies in its strategy towards improving combat capabilities;

(b) if so, the proposed work plan for the induction of such technologies;

(c) whether the Government has any measure in place/proposes to have one so that such technologies does not go into the hands of unauthorized people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Laying New Railway Lines

†1608. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to lay new railway lines under Jhansi Division of North Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that out of two under construction defence corridors in the country one is located in Jhansi district;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to connect this defence corridor with railway lines; and

(e) if so, the time by when it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

WLL Connections

†1609. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether WLL connections provided by the Government in the country particularly at the block level of backward districts are very less as compared to other blocks;

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

(c) whether corruption is allegedly prevalent in providing WLL connections in the rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether the local telecommunication authorities have received any complaints in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

5G and Broadband Services

1610. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of rolling out of 5G services in the country;

(b) the status of broadband services in rural areas and remote villages;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the speed of the network in the country; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to give incentives for promotion of fixed broadband services across the country and if so, the details thereof?

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