

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Wednesday, August 4, 2021/Sravana 13, 1943 (Saka)

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

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

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Delay in Judicial Verdict

†2531. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to corona pandemic judicial verdicts are getting inordinately delayed in the country due to which the undertrials are not getting proper justice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Warfare

2532. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to specifically develop Cyber Warfare capabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country has reported any instances of Cyber Warfare in the last 10 years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Handing over Fast Petrol Vessel

2533. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken for handing over of fast patrol vessel to countries including Seychelles Coast Guard as part of the high level virtual policy of the

country for the Indian Ocean region and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(b) the details of similar vessels gifted to other countries including Seychelles during the last three years?

New Technologies in Indian Industry

2534. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any incentive policy for introducing new technologies in Indian industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of Government policy on Patent Right at present?

Electronics and IT Facilities

2535. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that electronics and IT facilities are not reachable to economically weaker students of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

Digital Villages

2536. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI ANNASHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number and details of the villages made digital in the State of Karnataka at present;
- (b) funds allocated so far to the State of Karnataka for making the said villages digital; and
- (c) the various facilities being provided in the said digital villages at present?

Cyber harassment and Cyber bullying

2537. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Cyber bullying or Cyber harassment which is also known as online bullying has become increasingly common especially among teenagers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with criteria for identifying the same;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any preventive measures to address this menace; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Watch on Social Media

2538. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has constituted several committees in the past to suggest a framework to keep a watch on social media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the information about the recommendations of the committees;
- (c) in view of the large scale misuse of social media and propagating alleged anti-India feelings, whether the Government has issued any rules and regulations which recently, to be followed by the social media groups;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number and details of social media groups who have already complied with the aforementioned rules and consequently appointed nodal officers for addressing the complaints?

Blockchain Technology

2539. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is mapping areas where the blockchain technology can be implemented and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has already undertaken any projects related to health, agriculture or finance along with the implementation of blockchain technology; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Electronics Manufacturing Clusters

2540. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) sanctioned in the country;
- (b) the list of clusters sanctioned for the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of each cluster sanctioned in terms of investment received, employment generated both direct and indirect;
- (d) the details of major electronics manufacturing companies setting up their units in such clusters; and
- (e) the details of manufacturing of electronics in the clusters of the State of Tamil Nadu

Section 43A of IT Act

2541. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any representations have been received by the Union Government under Section 43A of IT Act from 2014 to till date and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the list of cases and orders passed by the appropriate authority under section 43A; and
- (c) the list of cases where compensation has been awarded?

Aadhaar of Deceased Persons

2542. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has any procedure/process to deactivate Aadhaar of the deceased person;

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

(c) whether the UIDAI proposes to link Aadhaar of the person with his/her death certificate upon his/her demise to prevent the misuse of Aadhaar number/card and if so, the details thereof?

Transportation of Coal

2543. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is adequate availability of logistic support for transportation of coal through the Indian Railways;

(b) whether Railway projects get delayed due to various constraints and whether the Government is taking alternative steps to ensure speedy execution of projects and logistical connectivity;

(c) if so, whether the Government is planning to facilitate coal mining with support for offtake routes for bulk transportation over long distances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Consumer Price Index

2544. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state the percentage of consumer price index in the last six months during this year and the increase in rate of inflation this year in comparison to last year?

Open Network for Digital Commerce

2545. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of new Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) project;

(b) the manner in which its open network is likely to empower small businesses by the adoption of e-commerce;

(c) whether the Government proposes to ensure that consumers from local areas can also actively participate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Good Governance

2546. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether good governance is essential for sustainable development, both economic and social;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide more responsive and citizen-friendly governance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of implementation of Citizen Charter in every Public Service Department to ensure time-bound delivery of Goods and Services?

CSR Fund used by NPCIL

2547. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and other project authorities under the administrative control of the department used Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund to help people around plant area;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of persons/families benefited as a result thereof, plant-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year for the purpose, plant-wise?

Boosting Domestic Production of Defence Equipment

2548. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been successful in boosting domestic production of defence equipment under the "Make in India" scheme;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken/is taking any steps/measures to boost production of Defence Equipment in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the country's Defence imports are likely to reduce in the next three years as a result of those steps/measures, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the imports and exports made by the Government in the Defence sector during the last five years, year-wise?

First Mile Connectivity in Coal Mines

2549. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of First Mile Connectivity projects under implementation by the Government and the location of these projects, State-wise;

(b) the costs and timelines for the completion of these projects;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred by the coal companies to improve the First Mile Connectivity in the coal mines; and

(d) whether the Government has set any time frame in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay a Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratisthan Scheme

†2550. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratisthan Scheme;

(b) whether this Scheme provides livelihood to the youths of the states especially of Gujarat by imparting training to them for the development of telecom-sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Digital India Scheme

2551. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of 'Digital India' Scheme in the country especially with respect to Karnataka and Bengaluru in particular;

(b) whether all villages and remote towns of the country have been covered by basic communication/ internet services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when the entire country is likely to be covered by the said services?

Industrial Corridors

2552. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of functioning of industrial corridors in various States in the country including Chennai - Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any fresh proposal to set up new industrial corridors in various States in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise along with the amount allocated for the purpose and the extent to which it is likely to promote trade and employment opportunities in the region; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electronics and IT Facilities

2535. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that electronics and IT facilities are not reachable to economically weaker students of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

Escalator at Stations

†2554. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide escalators at all the railway stations with footfall of more than 25000 persons and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any list of all those railway stations with footfall of more than 25000 persons and whether any budgetary allocation has been made for the said project;

(c) if so, the amount of funds allocated for the said purpose during the current financial year; and

(d) the time limit set by the Government to complete the said project?

MoU on Migration

2555. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently approved the signing of MoU on 'Migration and Mobility Partnership' between India and Northern Ireland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issuance of visas will promote mobility of students, researchers and skilled professionals on both sides and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the MoU is likely to strengthen cooperation on issues related to irregular migration, human trafficking, etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Coal Industries

†2556. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided any funds to the State of Rajasthan to develop infrastructure for coal industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to develop the infrastructure for coal industries in the State of Rajasthan?

Mobile Train Radio Communication System

2557. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has commissioned Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC) System for trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features of the new communication technology;

(c) whether before commissioning of new MTRC the system has already been installed in some rakes of Indian Railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which system has so far been helpful in preventing adverse events and smooth movement of rakes so far;

(e) whether there is any proposal to set up MTRC in all the trains operating in the country and if so, the details in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred in setting up of MTRC system; and

(g) the details of funds allocated, released and so far utilized for the said purpose, zone-wise?

Mobile Towers in Tribal And Hilly Areas

2558. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the setting up of mobile towers in tribal and hilly areas of the country including Odisha to address the problem of poor connectivity;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the reach and quality of broadband services of BSNL in rural areas in view of huge increase in internet consumption on account of online education during the pandemic years;

(c) whether the Government is planning to provide BSNL broadband connections in rural areas and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to provide such connections in rural areas of Odisha; and

(d) the time by when all the rural areas will be connected with broadband services of BSNL?

Menace of Unwanted/Unsolicited Calls

†2559. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the menace of unwanted/unsolicited calls or SMSs;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes provision levy to heavy penalty on the companies indulging in the said menace;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the time by when the said provision is likely to be implemented?

Releasing the MPLADs Funds

2560. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered releasing the MPLADs funds for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 in a time bound manner, as most of the development works in the constituencies are affected by the suspension of the Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Climate on Indian Firms

2561. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent study a very large number of Indian firms are expected to suffer potential financial impact due to climate-related risks in the next five years;;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated loss to the Indian economy in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to ensure maximum insulation of these Indian companies from suffering huge financial losses due to these climate-related risks and to encourage a climate-focussed approach in these companies; and

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

Post of Judges Lying vacant

2562. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of judges lying vacant in District Courts of Andhra Pradesh at present and time since when they are lying vacant, district-wise;

(b) the number of cases pending in the above district courts during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise and the reasons for such backlog pendency;

(c) whether the Government is persuading State Governments to fill the vacancies; and

(d) the timeline by when these vacancies is likely to be filled?

Vaccine to Diplomats

2563. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign diplomats posted in India received COVID screening;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of coverage of fully vaccinated foreign diplomats currently in India, along with the number and percentage thereof; and

(d) the details of places from where these vaccine were sourced from?

Redressal of Consumer Grievances

2564. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made provisions for proper redressal of consumer grievances relating to mobile, landline and internet services;

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

(c) whether the Government has laid down any quality standards/benchmarks for the telecom service providers; and

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

'Make in India' Programme in Gujarat

†2565. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of Gujarat where 'Make in India' programme has been implemented;

(b) the number of people benefited from 'Make in India' programme in Gujarat, district-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated/released/utilized under 'Make in India' programme in Gujarat, district-wise?

Internet Connection to Financially Backward Families

2566. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the State of Kerala is implementing an ambitious project for providing internet connection to thirty lakh financially backward families free of cost and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to emulate the aforesaid project across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala for providing financial assistance under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for the said project and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Various R&D Projects taken up by DRDO

2567. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) undertakes various Research & Development (R&D) projects;

(b) if so, the details of projects undertaken during the last three years, lab-wise;

(c) the details of technologies developed by DRDO during the last three years, lab-wise;

(d) whether the Government has collaborated with FICCI for commercialisation of technologies developed by DRDO; and

(e) if so, the details of achievements made so far including number and cost of technology commercialized so far;

(f) whether the Government has reviewed the working of DRDO and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps being taken by the Government to improve the functioning of DRDO?

Robot Soldiers

2568. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO)has undertaken a project to develop robot soldiers to beef up unmanned fighting capabilities of the country in difficult warfare zones;

(b) if so, the details of the project indicating the time schedule set for its implementation, estimated total cost and capabilities of such robotic soldiers; and

(c) the names of the countries which are already using robot soldiers?

Pending Court Cases

2569. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

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 cases pending in the courts situated in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, States/UTs wise;

(c) whether the Government, on its part, is taking steps to faster the delivery of justice in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Splitting of Supreme Court

2570. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether three Law Commissions (11th, 10th and 18th) have recommended for splitting of Supreme Court into Constitutional Court and Court of Appeal at Delhi and later one each in four parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing this recommendation;

(c) the details of hurdles that the Ministry is facing and the manner in which it is planning to overcome them;

(d) whether there have been demands and that 18th Law Commission has recommended setting up of a Southern Bench of Supreme Court at Hyderabad since it is centrally located; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Fast Track Courts

2571. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the criteria fixed for sitting up of Fast Track Court (FTC) in the country along with the number of FTCs constituted and functioning including Jharkhand and Karnataka;

(c) the achievements made by these courts including number of cases transferred and disposed of during the last three years and current year along with the number of cases pending in these Courts at present;

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

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

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

(g) whether the Government proposes to set up more FTCs in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise?

Ongoing/pending Railway Projects

2572. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:
SHRI JUAL ORAM:
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:
SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:
SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of ongoing and pending railway projects in the country including Tamil Nadu, Assam and Punjab, State/Zone-wise;

(b) whether many ongoing railway projects are getting delayed due to which their costs are escalating drastically;

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

(d) the project, State and Zone-wise details of estimated amounts for the completion of these projects and the details of amount spent on these projects till date?

UMANG Mobile App

2573. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to integrate UMANG Mobile App with MapmyIndia Maps with a view to further enhance the initiatives of Digital India Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of State Governments particularly in UP Region that are offering their services through the said App;

(d) the total cost involved in development of the App; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ease the lives of citizens by facilitating online delivery of Government services?

Conducting Elections

†2574. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the frequency of elections conducted in some States or the other every year in the country not only affects the administrative and policy decisions but also puts heavy burden on the State Exchequer;

(b) if so, the total number of Legislative Assembly elections conducted in addition to the 16th Lok Sabha elections and the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the Year-wise and State-wise details of the total number of States where polls were held during the period from 2014 to 2019 and the total expenditure incurred thereon and the total number of days spent in conducting elections;

(d) whether the Law Commission of India in its 170th Report has endorsed simultaneous elections of Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the implementation of the report concerning political and electoral reforms?

Sand Mining

†2575. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where sand mining from rivers has been discontinued;

(b) whether sand mining or illegal sand mining from rivers has been banned by the Supreme Court of India;

(c) whether despite discontinuing sand mining in Rajasthan, illegal sand mining or black marketing of sand is increasing in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government and State Government intend for an early hearing of the case related to ban on sand mining in Supreme Court of India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance of ROB/RUBs

2576. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways conducts annual inspection and maintenance of Railway Bridges, Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Foot over Bridges (FOBs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria fixed for conducting such inspections;

(c) the details of various such bridges inspected during each of the last three years along with the inspection report of such bridges;

(d) whether third party audit of critical bridges is also being done by expert agencies;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereto;

(f) the details of bridges recommended for rebuilding during each of the last three years; and

(g) the details of funds allocated, released and so far utilized in rebuilding various such bridges?

Revamping of Rubber Cultivation

2577. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to push fresh plans to revamp rubber cultivation within Assam as an important component of the Atmanirbhar scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds targets estimated for revamping of rubber cultivation; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be initiated?

Auction of Coal Mines

2578. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to auction 14 coal blocks from Odisha for commercial coal mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of coal blocks of the State that shall be placed for auctions;

(d) the revenue that the Union Government and State Governments are likely to get from said auctions; and

(e) the provisos and mechanism under which said auctions will be conducted?

PM-WANI Project

†2579. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide last mile broadband connectivity to the people through public Wi-Fi access points under the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress made by the Government under the scheme so far in the State of Odisha;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines regarding the role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in the implementation, monitoring and vigilance of the said scheme; and

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

Data of Foreign Investment

†2580. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether details of foreign investment made in the country, State-wise, are not maintained;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in the absence of the above information the strategy followed for the development of states on account of foreign investment in the country?

Vacant Posts in Patent Offices

2581. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of vacant posts of trademark and patent officers including the steps taken by the Government to fill these vacant posts;

- (b) whether the Government safeguards rights of owners against the threat of trademark squatting;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

CCTV from Nirbhaya Fund

2582. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated towards ensuring safety of women at railway stations from the Nirbhaya fund since its inception and utilisation, item/state-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated to set up CCTV cameras at Railway Stations have been utilised and completed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the stations in Tamil Nadu that have been upgraded and are under consideration for implementation of CCTV surveillance facilities;

(d) whether any investigation has been initiated by the Central Vigilance Commission or any other body regarding irregularities in the tendering process for the CCTV project at railway stations under Nirbhaya Fund and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of new proposals and projects being considered under the Nirbhaya fund?

Coal Auction

2583. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal for auction based coal linkage for companies with long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for obtaining coal supply from Coal India Ltd (CIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether CIL in the year 2013 had signed FSAs with certain firms producing stipulated MW of capacity;

(e) if so, the total mega watt generated by these firms against the target fixed; and

(f) whether the benefit of concession in coal supply will be passed on to the consumer by reduction in unit cost and if so, the details thereof?

Special Train from Shri Ganganagar

2584. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received requests from public representatives for operation of a special daily train from Shri Ganganagar city under Ganganagar Parliamentary Constituency in Rajasthan to Chandigarh; and

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

Cost Overrun Projects

2585. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as of 31st March, 2021, nearly 450 projects out of 1750 Central Sector infrastructure projects are cost overrun and 550 are time overrun;

(b) if so, whether it is also true that due to the above time overrun of projects, Government is incurring Rs. 2,91,000 crores as additional cost;

(c) if so, the responsibilities fixed for this monumental Rs. 2.91 lakh crores loss of taxpayers' money;

(d) the details of each of 550 projects which are time overrun, State-wise; and

(e) the details of departmental and other action taken against the officials concerned for delay in projects?

Impact of Internet Shutdown

2586. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of instances of internet shutdown imposed in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise and the specific reasons behind the said internet shutdown;

(b) whether the Government has estimated the economic and other impacts of internet shutdowns on the lives of the citizens in these areas and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof;

(c) whether the economic output of the regions that have suffered internet shutdowns have seen a noticeable decline during the period of the shutdown and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there has been any assessment by the Government about the impact that the lack of internet access has had on the availability of essential facilities like healthcare, education and employment to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and if so, the details thereof?

5G Telecom Services

2587. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan for launching 5G telecom services;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to roll out 5G telecom services across the country at the earliest?

Army Recruitment Camps

†2588. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recruitments for Armed Forces made by Army Recruiting Offices in different states during the last three years and the current year and the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of recruitment camps organized in Uttar Pradesh, especially in Bundelkhand during the last five years, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to organize new army recruitment camps in Bundelkhand;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the criteria to be adopted for organizing the camps and the number of selected youths in Uttar Pradesh during the said period, and the district-wise details thereof?

South Eastern Coal Fields

†2589. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ITI diploma holder employees during the last five years and the number of such employees working presently in the South Eastern coal fields;

(b) the year-wise details of the retired employees during the last five years;

(c) the details of the new appointments made against the retired employees during the last five years; and

(d) whether the operation of South Eastern Coal Fields is being done with the help of unskilled contractual employees instead of new appointments as a result of which a lot of irregularities are taking places and if so, the details thereof?

Presidency of UNSC

2590. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is going to assume Presidency of the 15 nation body United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in August, 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India will take necessary steps with international communities to get the support by its contribution and claim right to become a permanent member of UNSC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

4G Spectrum of BSNL

2591. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of spectrum provided to BSNL across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether BSNL is lagging behind other telecom service providers in terms of 4G technology services and if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that due to delayed allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL, its 4G services could not be launched on time and led to huge revenue loss and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government is also aware that BSNL is unable to come out of its loss as it could not compete with other operators who are providing 4G technology to their consumers and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the expeditious launching of 4G services by BSNL within the country?

Charges against Officers Serving Abroad

2592. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

SHRI D.K.SURESH:

SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that some officers serving abroad are facing charges of various cases and not relieved from their respective offices;

(b) if so, the details of the charges and the officers serving abroad;

(c) whether the Government has taken or taking any disciplinary action against such erring officers serving abroad; and

(d) if so, the details for the past three years?

Import of Coal

†2593. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal is being imported in the country since 2014;

(b) if so, country-wise details thereof along with the quantum of coal imported during the last five years and the current year;

(c) the cost of imported coal as compared to that of the coal produced at domestic level; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote coal production?

Network Services in Far Flung Areas

†2594. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile consumers in remote and small towns are not provided with uniform network facilities like the facilities available to mobile consumers in big cities while the former pay the same convenience fee to companies like rest of the consumers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the areas having constant poor mobile network services in the country, State/UT-wise including Uttarakhand and Bundelkhand region; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the availability of uniform communication facilities at the uniform tariff in the country?

Manual of Parliamentary Procedure (MoP)

2595. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manual of Parliamentary Procedure (MoP), under Chapter 11, stipulates that rules will be framed within a period of six months from the date on which the relevant statute comes into force;

(b) if so, the number of percent of rules/regulations/bye-laws that were framed within the stipulated time by the concerned Ministries/Departments;

(c) the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of legislations that have adhered to the time limit in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha during the last five years;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to frame the rules of all legislations within the time frame;

(f) whether the rules pertaining to Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 have been framed within the stipulated time and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, whether extension has been granted for framing of such rules and the details thereof?

Implementation Strategy for BharatNet Project

2596. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the BharatNet project;

(b) the manner in which recently-announced revised implementation strategy for the BharatNet project differ from the previous strategy and the reasons for changing the implementation strategy for the project;

(c) the details of the funds allocated, objectives and targets revised, post the change in the implementation strategy of the said project;

(d) the details and the expected dates for completion of international bidding process under the revised strategy;

(e) the role of States in the project;

(f) the names of States where the BharatNet project is going to be implemented under the Public-Private Participation (PPP) made under the aforesaid strategy and the reason for not including the state of Andhra Pradesh in the said list along with the details of proposals, if any, to include the said State into the list; and

(g) the implementing agencies for the said project at national, state, district, village level?

Upgradation of High Court

2597. SHRI TOKHEHO YEPHTHOMI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade full fledged High Court in Nagaland; and

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

Survey of Socio-religious Bifurcation

2598. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study to identify the number of people involved in the unorganised sector in India with Socio-religious Bifurcation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to do so in view of the observations made by different Commissions/Committees on the issue; and

(d) if so, the distinctive features of the unorganised sector that could be identified from such study/survey?

Pending Court Cases

2599. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having data of all cases pending in the subordinate courts of Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such huge pendency;

(c) whether poor infrastructure is one of the main reasons and if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made by the Government so far to improve the infrastructure of subordinate courts in the State of Karnataka;

(d) the details of the other measures proposed to be initiated by the Government to speed up disposal of cases in subordinate courts in the country; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to agree to the just and old demand of a High Court bench in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Law Against Exploitation

†2600. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring is a new law to provide adequate protection against exploitation of Indian workers from all the States of the country including Chattisgarh who are working abroad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

MoUs with Vietnam

2601. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MoUs signed with the Government of Vietnam in the last five years by the Union Government;

(b) the details of the amount of investment in India from Vietnam during the last five years along with the

amount of investment in Vietnam by India in the last five years; and

(c) the amount of trade with United Arab Emirates for the same period and the amount of investment in India by UAE?

Alumina Plant

2602. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 2100 acres of land has been acquired by Hindalco for establishing alumina refining unit at the foothills of the Kodingamali in Koraput District, Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the timelines by when the alumina plant would be established;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate delays, if any; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to return land to previous landholders in case the project is further delayed and if so, the details thereof?

Prices of Coal

†2603. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in favour of making the domestic prices of coal at par with international rates;

(b) if so, whether it has been strictly opposed because the international players do not want India's interference in deciding the prices of coal; and

(c) whether lower international prices and insufficient domestic production are leading to increase in coal import in India and if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Railways

2604. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Rail Plan (NRP) for infrastructure development and privatisation of Railways for thirty years has been evolved; and

(b) if so, the timeline for privatisation of passenger trains, freight trains, stations, production units, railway public sector like CONCOR, Dedicated Freight Corridor corporation, etc. as per NRP?

Free Import of Pulses

2605. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
DR. AMAR SINGH:
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has assessed the detrimental impact leading to lower prices for local farmers as a result of the announcement of free import of pulses;

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

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of falling prices of pulses on the sowing quantity by farmers;

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

(e) whether the Government has assessed the impact on traders who already bought grains at higher prices than MSP and stocked them; and

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

National Optical Fibre Network

†2606. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

(a) the details of Optical Fibre laid so far under National Optical Fiber Network Project;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats across the country which are connected under this project, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats which are still to be connected thereunder in the State of Jharkhand, district-wise; and

(d) the amount spent by the Government on this project so far and the estimated cost outlay to complete this project?

Implementation of BharatNet Project

2607. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

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

(a) whether the Government has given any approval for the revised implementation strategy of BharatNet Project through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said mode of implementation of the project will be done in sixteen States of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated maximum viability gap funding approved for the above PPP model and the details thereof?

Propagation of Obscene Mesages/Advertisements

†2608. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

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

(a) whether the telcom companies are propagating the obscene, misleading and unwanted advertisements through e-mails, whatsapp messenger and facebook etc. to gain financial profit and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the number of such complaints received by the Government so far;

(c) whether such messages/advertisements are against the traditions of Indian culture and society which are causing adverse effect on young generations and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ban the publicity of such messages ?

SCO Meeting on Afghanistan

†2609. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

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

(a) the details of the meeting of foreign Ministers of SCO countries on the matter of Afghanistan in Dushanbe;

(b) whether India has suggested any plan to bring peace in Afghanistan in the said meeting;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of efforts being made by India at international level to establish peace in Afghanistan?

Railway Hospitals

2610. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY
VASANTH:
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

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

(a) the names of places where railway hospitals are located in the country, State/Zone/Division-wise;

(b) whether the Railways has any proposal to set up Medical Oxygen Plants in all its railway hospitals to meet the shortage of medical oxygen with the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the new oxygen plants are likely to be set up?

Data of NSO

†2611. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Statistics Office (NSO) has released the data for the period January 2019 to June 2021 on the basis of administrative records available with the selected Government agency to assess the progress of employment in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the report?

Cyber Attack on Organisations

2612. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any data on cyber attack on our organisations including Government and Non-Government organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to avoid building an unbreakable firewall with the aid of any foreign nation;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to invite Chinese telecom giant Huawei and ZTE which are banned in United States regarding the 5G network; and

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

Digital Village Scheme

2613. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Digital Village scheme is currently being implemented in the State of Uttar Pradesh particularly in Kushinagar and in the North East Region particularly in the State of Tripura and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said scheme is working to its desired objectives and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated by the Government under the said scheme;

(d) the details of the benefits that are availed by the people of rural areas thereunder; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to make rural and remote villages/towns more digitally connected?

National War Memorial

2614. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the outflow towards establishing the National War Memorial to commemorate the gallantry awardees and KIA/ MIA of India;

(b) whether the Government is considering any web portal for highlighting the valour and courage of gallantry awardees to honour the awardees and inspire the citizens of India;

(c) if so, the budget planned for such a prestigious and humbling task over the last five years and the details of year wise allocation, expenditure, and agencies involved;

(d) the initiatives being taken to highlight India's gallantry awardees, the roadmap for the same including the details of social media initiatives and outreach through various stakeholders; and

(e) whether the organizational setup to handle the task is a dedicated organisation or an ad-hoc one and if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Defence Cluster

†2615. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government with regard to the development of a Defence cluster in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop a Defence cluster in Jabalpur to promote industrial development of entire skill industry and employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demands from MPs of Chhattisgarh

†2616. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demands representation given by the Members of Parliament from Chhattisgarh to the Ministry of Railways;

(b) the details of demands approved along with the levels at which works have been approved in respect of such demands;

(c) the reasons for not approving the demands, if any; and

(d) the time by which these works are scheduled to be completed?

Cultural Diplomacy

†2617. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is expanding cultural diplomacy around the World through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Centres *via* various Indian cultural activities, cultural heritage and in recent landscape through ancient yoga;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of countries where these centres are running; and

(d) the details of the employees working in these centres and the process of their recruitment?

Startup India Seed Scheme

2618. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has unveiled a Startup India Seed Fund Scheme(SISFS) to handhold and financially support early-stage startups across 300 incubation centres and the fund is expected to benefit around 3,600 startups and boost the startups ecosystem, particularly in tier-2 and 3 cities;

(b) if so, whether the fund aims to provide financial assistance to startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials to ensure adequate availability of funds, especially for startups with good ideas and this scheme supports domestic entrepreneurs and their business ideas who often cannot take off due to the absence of funding at early stage;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including AP and Telangana; and

(d) the details of the progress made/implementation status thereof along with funds sanctioned/spent as on date and the response received, city-wise?

Coal Mining

†2619. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BCCL management in Dhanbad and Bokaro district of Jharkhand are not backfilling the closed mines after coal mining which leads to illegal mining of residual coal in these closed mines;

(b) whether burning coal in these closed mines releases poisonous gases which leads to death and also pollutes the environment;

(c) if so, the number of mines where backfilling has been done at present;

(d) the details of steps undertaken by the Government and the management in this direction, colliery-wise;

(e) the number of closed mines abandoned without backfilling at present along with the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which it will be completed along with the region-wise details?

Extension of Railway lines

†2620. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development activities undertaken in Rajasthan and Haryana for extension of railway line during the last three years;

(b) whether a new railway line is under construction to connect Alwar district of Rajasthan via Mahendgarh-Narnaul in Haryana and if so, the details thereof?

Land Acquisition to lay New Lines

†2621. SHRI RAMAKANT BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether work related to land acquisition to lay new lines from Manglia(Indore) to Budhani has been launched by the Railway Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the action regarding acquisition of land is likely to be started by the Government?

Rights of Migrant Workers

2622. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken initiatives to protect human rights of migrant workers in Bahrain, Dubai and in other gulf countries during corona pandemic and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of migrant workers who came back to India during the pandemic?

Rate of Broadband Services

†2623. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the rate of broadband services;

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

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Vocal for Local

2624. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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

(a) whether it is true that all Government departments are promoting the Prime Ministers call of 'Vocal for Local' and giving priority to India-made goods;

(b) if so, the action taken by various departments of the Government to implement the PMs appeal for increasing use of India-made goods; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the various departments to manufacture various items in the country itself to give priority to exports?

Funds for Digitisation

2625. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the villages made digital in the State of Maharashtra at present;

(b) the funds allocated so far to the State of Maharashtra for making the villages digital; and

(c) the details of facilities being provided in such digital villages during the last two years?

Railway Projects in Odisha

2626. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering to sanction the missing link projects namely Bangiriposi-Gorumahisani in Mayurbhanj District and Buramara-Chakulia in Odisha and Jharkhand to provide the much needed connectivity to augment the existing Railway network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of Odisha has offered land free of cost for the Odisha portion of the above projects to make them viable considering greater interest of the people and the State?

Industrial Policy for J&K

2627. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

(a) whether the Union Government has announced a new Industrial Policy for the UT of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy would help in creation of more employment opportunities and promote tourism in the region;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electrification/doubling of Railway Tracks in Karnataka

2628. 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 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) the details of pending railway projects in Karnataka along with the reasons thereof?

Oxygen Express

2629. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of costs incurred in the running of 'Oxygen Express' trains to transport Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry of Railways meets the costs of the 'Oxygen Express' trains of the State Governments;

(c) the number of trips made by 'Oxygen Express' trains to transport LMO in the country;

(d) the amount of LMO supplied by the 'Oxygen Express' trains in the country;

(d) the number of trips made and the amount of LMO supplied to Tamil Nadu by the 'Oxygen Express' trains; and

(f) the details of funds spent by the Union Government and the State Government on 'Oxygen Express' trains sent to Tamil Nadu so far?

Chinese Threat at the Coastal Region

2630. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken stock of the prevailing conditions in the Coastal regions of South India on both eastern and western sides with respect to the Chinese threat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the diplomatic steps taken by the country keeping in mind the Chinese presence in Srilanka and its territorial waters

(c) whether the Government is done thorough analysis on the security threats emanating from the waters of the eastern and western sides; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect strategically important places in South India like Chennai, Space Centre at Sriharikota, Atomic power plants at Kalpakkam and Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant at Kudankulam?

Infrastructure Projects in Bihar

2631. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of infrastructure projects started by the Government in Bihar particularly in district Gopalganj during the last five years;

(b) the details about the currently released report on infrastructure projects in Bihar;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a Task Force with the objective of effective delivery of projects in Bihar and if so, the details thereon; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to increase infrastructure projects in Bihar particularly in district Gopalganj ?

Installation of Mobile Towers

†2632. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile towers can be installed in densely populated areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government follows the standards and best practices while giving approval to the installation of mobile towers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study on harmful impact of radiation emanating from such towers on human health and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the people are not allowing installation of mobile towers in their areas due to apprehension about the radiation and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of such cases reported so far in Rajasthan where there have been protest by the people against the installation of mobile towers?

Increase in Cyber Crimes

†2633. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of increased cyber crimes related to breach of privacy and fraud and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce any bill related to data security and privacy for digital field; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Concession to Senior Citizens

2634. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had discontinued the fare concession given to the senior citizens for train journey;

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

(c) whether the concession banned for the senior citizens have since been revoked;

(d) if not, whether the Government has any proposal to revoke the concession ban;

(e) the measures the Government is taking to make Railways disabled friendly;

(f) whether the Government has any proposal for attaching a special coach in every train for people with disabilities; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Satellite Based Internet of Things Network Connectivity

†2635. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:
DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

whether any specific efforts are being made by the Government to provide satellite based Internet of Things(IoT) network connectivity through BSNL to enhance the Narrow Band-Internet of Things(NB-IoT) network in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed Railway Project

2636. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has reviewed the ongoing Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project that has faced several delays due to the slow pace of land acquisition and the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to tide over all these impediments to complete the ongoing Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed Railway project;

(d) the revised deadline fixed by the Government to complete the project; and

(e) the total budget earmarked and total amount spent on the project till now?

Intermediaries rules

2637. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recognized the need of drafting intermediaries rules and guidelines in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/being taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cyber Swachhta Kendra

†2638. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of 'Cyber Swachhta Kendra';

(b) the manner in which work is accomplished by the Cyber Swachhta Kendras for creating awareness regarding cyber attacks; and

(c) the steps being taken for creating more awareness in the context of cyber attacks prevalent among the internet users in the State of Gujarat?

Coal Exploration

2639. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge potential for exploration of coal and lignite deposits in the district of Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to use the Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality technology for the exploration of these mineral deposits in the district and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce private companies in the exploration of coalfields in India and if so, the time by which the concept of private partnership is going to materialize in the coal sector;

(d) whether the Government proposes to explore the possibility of extracting and utilizing the Methane gas from the coal mines by private agencies for added revenue generation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government thus propose to incentivize gasification/ liquefaction through rebate in revenue sharing and if so, the details thereof?

Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

†2640. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices opened/started in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years along with details thereof;

(b) the names of the tehsil level post officers in districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh, the buildings of which have been constructed; and

(c) the time by which the damaged buildings of these post officers are likely to be constructed?

Artificial Intelligence

2641. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware above the fact that Blockchains are robust against many security threats and can be used to digitally sign and affirm the validity of any video or document and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to educate media users about the capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms; and

(c) since deep fakes cause multidimensional issues, which require a collaborative, multi-stakeholder response that require experts in every sector to find solutions the measures taken by the Government in this direction?

Development of Aspirational Districts

†2642. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for the development of aspirational districts identified by the NITI Ayog for the financial year 2020-21 and the number of districts regarding which the targets have not been achieved along with the details thereof;

(b) the schemes formulated and targets set for the development of aspirational districts on all fronts for the financial year 2021-22 along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement it's own schemes on the basis of the sustainable development goals;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether NITI Ayog is formulating any action plan for capacity building at the level of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the aspirational districts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

MPLAD Accounts

2643. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed the time frame and rules for closing the MPLADS accounts of the

former members of Lok Sabha and also for transferring the unspent balance in the MPLAD accounts of the successor sitting Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds in the MPLADS accounts of former members of Lok Sabha of Giridih Parliamentary Constituency (Jharkhand) have not been transferred to the funds of MPLADS account of the successor sitting Member of Parliament;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government against those responsible along with the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which amount in the MPLADS accounts of former Members of Parliament of Giridih Parliamentary Constituency is likely to be transferred into the MPLADS account of the successor sitting Member of Parliament?

Space Race

2644. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India still lags behind in the space race when compared to the US, China and Russia;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that India become a competitive space market and also to ensure that the benefits of the space programme reach the poorest;

(c) whether the Government provides a level-playing field to private companies in satellites, launches and space-based services; and

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

Byndoor-Kannur Passenger Train

2645. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any petition seeking to reinstate the Byndoor-Kannur passenger train (06605/06606) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the reasons for poor patronage for the suspended Byndoor-Kannur passenger train (06605/06606) service was due to the unscientific timing schedule, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received several requests seeking to change the unscientific timing schedule of the Byndoor-Kannur passenger train (06605/06606);

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government on the matter;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) whether the Government is willing to re-instate the Byndoor-Kannur passenger train (06605/06606) and extend the service further to Mangalore Central; and

(f) if so, the timeline for implementation of the service and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recommendations of High Court and Supreme Court

†2646. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any suggestions and recommendations on various issues from High Courts and Supreme Court of the country during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Plug and Play Model

†2647. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects set up in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra under the 'plug and play model';

(b) the total foreign investment for the year 2020 till now; and

(c) the details of investment in the 'plug and play model' in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra during the last three years?

Family Courts

†2648. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started family courts in each district of every State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Stoppage at Swaroop Nagar Railway Station

†2649. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide stoppages of Bikaner-Bandra-Bikaner Ranakpur Express Train (14707/14708), Ashram Express (12915/12916),

Ahemadabad Gorakhpur Express (19409/19410) and Haridwar Express ((19105/19106) trains at Swaroopnagar railway station in Sirohi district where there is no stoppages of important trains inspite of the fact that is connected with largest rail network of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Coal Mines

†2650. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coal mines in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any new coal reserves has been explored in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any coal mining scheme is also pending for approval; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?"

Mining and Extraction of Granite

2651. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special plan to improve and monitor mining and extraction of granite;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total stock of Granite in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(d) the quantum of Granite exported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) whether the export of Granite has been affected in the recent times;

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

(g) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

CCTV at Stations

2652. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had planned to put up surveillance cameras at 983 stations across the country four years ago;

(b) if so, whether it is also true that the said project was envisaged under the Nirbhaya Fund to enhance safety of women passengers;

(c) whether it is also true that the Railways has now asked its zonal railways to put up video surveillance system instead of CCTV;

(d) if so, whether it is also true that the railways has asked its zonal railways to install surveillance cameras on their own by floating tenders without depending on national project on the said matter; and

(e) whether it is also true that the Railways had abandoned the national project for installing CCTV cameras across 983 stations and if so, the reasons therefor?

Pending Court Cases

†2653. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy framed by the Government to clear the backlog of higher number of pending cases in the country as compared to the world;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any policy to address the major reasons of pendency cases in the country like shortage of courts in India, lesser number of sanctioned posts of judges and filling up the vacant posts etc. ;

(c) the various steps being taken by the Government to check corruption in judiciary; and

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate any policy with regard to framing of strict laws or to bring some substantial changes into the earlier laws in order to strictly check the increasing gruesome crimes and to maintain law and order situation in the country?

CCTV in Trains

†2654. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to install CCTV cameras in all the train coaches including EMU particularly in short distance trains and passenger trains to strengthen the safety of passengers;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has identified the regions and routes from where regular complaints have been received;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of Social Media

2655. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to implement a new scheme on safeguarding the right to freedom of expression of the citizens and prevention of the misuse of social media platforms and online news platform;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to implement the said new scheme and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when, the new scheme is likely to be implemented and the benefits that are likely to be accrued to the common people therefrom?

Timely Replies to Letters

2656. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for ensuring timely replies to letters sent by the Members of Parliament (MPs) to Union Ministers and Ministries and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure that replies are given to MPs in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof?

Industrial Corridor in UP

†2657. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up industrial corridor for overall development of the districts of Shravasti and Balrampur of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Free Trade Agreements

2658. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is in process of negotiating Free Trade Agreements (FTA) or any other kind of trade agreement with the EU;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dairy and other fresh produce are part of the negotiations;

(d) if so, the list of commodities excluded from the negotiations;

(e) whether there are any plans to revisit the existing regional trade agreements which are not in India's economic interests;

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

(g) the details and the list of regional trade agreements which are not in the economic interests of India?

Closure of Level Crossings in Maharashtra

2659. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of level crossings that have been closed and are proposed for closure on South Central Railway line in Satara district of Maharashtra;

(b) the policy for providing alternative appropriate crossings for affected villagers in the form of under bridges or over bridges and the cost sharing mechanism for the same; and

(c) the mechanism for ensuring that the under bridges provided remain usable throughout the year by preventing water logging during monsoons?

SCO Meeting

†2660. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI

VASAVA:

SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

the details of discussion and the outcome of the meeting between Hon'ble Foreign Minister and his Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of a conference of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO) in Dushanbe?

Modernisation of Stations

2661. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise details of the funds allocated for the modernisation of railway stations located particularly in the backward and rural areas of the country during the last three years and the current year along with the status of Telangana in this regard;

(b) the amount likely to be spent on each railway station along with the target fixed for the next financial year;

(c) the target fixed for the modernisation of those railway stations where the work is in progress;

(d) the number of stations in Telangana which are targeted to be modernized; and

(e) whether the Southern Railway is considering to improve the passenger facilities in Karimnagar Railway Station and if so, the details thereof?

Use of Funds in DMF

†2662. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sent District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules to State Government for effective utilization of funds deposited therein and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government intends the participation of local Members of Parliament(MPs) in these Trusts so that public interest works could be executed on priority basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Collaboration under Make in India

2663. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE

PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the collaboration of the Government with other countries in various sectors under 'Make in India' initiative from the year 2014 till date;

(b) whether foreign companies are providing assistance in production/ information regarding technology/raw material/action plan under Make in India programme;

(c) if so, the details of various services provided by the said foreign companies;

(d) whether the Government has estimated the total amount of investment made under Make in India during the last five years i.e. from 2015 to 2020; and

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

Promotion of Exports

2664. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

Use of Kulhad

†2665. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made the use of 'kulhad' (earthen cups) mandatory in place of plastic cups on all railway stations of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government and the State Governments have issued any guidelines to mandate the use of 'kulhad' (earthen cups) in place of plastic cups on the railway stations/junctions of Haryana including those which fall under Karnal Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof?

Riots in South Africa

2666. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Government's position on the ongoing riots in South Africa;

(b) whether Indians have been victims of the violence in South Africa;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of Indians affected;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to safeguard the personal and economic interests of Indians affected by violence;

(e) whether the Government is considering evacuating Indians from South Africa; and

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

Shikarpur Integrated Check Post

2667. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status on the notification and development of the proposed Shikarpur Integrated Check Post (ICP) in Karimpur (West Bengal);

(b) whether there is any other ICP under development in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IOC, GAIL and H-Energy have been granted approvals by PNGRB to build a natural gas pipeline through Bengal to the Bangladesh border; and

(d) if so, the details of the approval in each case?

Bullet Train

2668. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India's first bullet train project between Ahmedabad-Mumbai is being delayed due to various reasons and unable to complete the desired deadline in December, 2023;

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

(c) the details of the impediments and hardships being faced by the Government to complete the aforesaid bullet train project; and

(d) the time by which the said project is expected to be completed and commercial train operation can be started?

Defence Exports

2669. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of annual defence exports in the past seven years;

(b) the major items of defence exports and the countries to which these have been exported; and

(c) the accruals to the national ex-chequer from these sales?

Privatisation of Routes

2670. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of routes that have been privatised so far and are expected to be privatised in the near future;

(b) the number of private trains operating at present that have received permission and those which are awaiting permission;

(c) the criteria followed to decide the routes for privatisation; and

(d) the manner in which the private train operations have affected the normal trains?

Doubling/electrification of Railway Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2671. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current progress of the doubling and electrification of railway projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of allocation and utilization of funds under these projects till date; and

(c) whether steps have been undertaken to reduce further delay in these projects and if so, details thereof?

Communication Services in Tribal and LWE Affected Areas

2672. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the country are lagging behind when compared with other parts of the country in communication indicators like tele density, quality of services and network coverage, etc.;

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

(c) the target achieved by the Government in terms of aforementioned communication indicators during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including the region of Bolangir in Odisha;

(d) whether the Government has taken any new initiatives for the expansion of telecom services in tribal and LWE affected areas including the region of Bolangir, Odisha;

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

(f) the funds allocated/released/utilized by the Government in the said regions during the last three years?

On demand tickets to passengers

2673. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposed to provide on demand rail tickets to passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether getting a confirmed rail ticket on many routes is still difficult as reflected in the number of waitlisted tickets;

(c) if so, the details of waitlisted tickets along with the amount during the last three years;

(d) whether a large number of tickets are cancelled due to various reasons including long advance booking period of 120 days and if so, the details of tickets cancelled along with the cancellation charge collected during the last three years;

(e) whether there is an urgent need for reforms in ticketing system of Railways like reducing the advance booking from 120 to 90 days, gradual release (monthly) of tickets, faster refund, capacity augmentation, etc.; and

(f) if so, the other steps being taken by the Government to provide on demand rail tickets to passengers?

Coal Blocks

2674. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any arrangement for transfer of fund of about Rs. 560 Crores paid by M/S. Hindalco on account of Talabira I coal block; and

(b) if not, the details thereof and whether the Government has made necessary advisory for release of claims of the State Governments?

Per Capita Income

2675. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge disparity in per capita income among various States and if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the urban and rural per capita income differentials in the country during the current year; and

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

Vaccine Maitri

2676. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the ongoing 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative;

(b) the criteria to decide dispatch of vaccines to other countries and the impact of it on the domestic availability of vaccines; and

(c) the details of number and brand of vaccines shipped from India to various countries under the 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative till date?

PM's Visit to Bangladesh

†2677. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Bangladesh;

(b) the details of the sectors in which the agreements were signed between the two countries during the visit;

(c) whether any discussions were held regarding the sharing of Teesta and Feni river water during the visit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Software Park

2678. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to set up a new software park in India during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the software park of India at Sambalpur in the State of Odisha will be completed within the stipulated time; and

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

Increase in Price of Platform Tickets

†2679. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of platform tickets has been increased immensely by Railways during Corona Pandemic;

(b) if so, the details of hike in the price of tickets along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to rollback this price hike in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Share of Atomic Energy

†2680. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the share of atomic energy in total power generation of the country;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme to double the share of atomic energy in power generation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Single Window System

2681. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has taken a decision to give all approvals and clearances of the Government to the industries at one go by introducing single window approval system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Staff

2682. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several posts which are pending in Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation for confirmations and promotions;

(b) if so, the details thereof post-wise including the total strength of the posts as per Roster Registry (RR);

(c) the details of the RR established for these posts; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

BharatNet Project and NOFN

2683. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of BharatNet project along with the date when it was launched;

(b) whether the said project is an extension of National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) which was launched in 2011;

(c) the details of the States where all Gram Panchayats have already been linked with broadband connectivity under the BharatNet project;

(d) the name of States where Gram Panchayats are still to be connected under the project; and

(e) the funds allocated/released/utilized by the Government thereunder so far?

Internet in Trains

†2684. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to provide internet facility in long distance trains originating from Bhagalpur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to install CCTV cameras in all the coaches of all trains starting from Bhagalpur to New Delhi (Delhi, Anand Vihar), Surat, Lokmanya Tilak and other places to enhance the safety of the passengers; and

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

New Licensing Norms

2685. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring new licensing norms mandating companies to procure telecom gear from trusted sources and if so, the details thereof and the progress made by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether amendments to the telecom licensing norms are made/to be made by the Government mainly to incorporate guidelines of the national security directive (NSD) on the telecommunications sector to seek to control installation of network equipment, mainly from China; and

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

Violation of IT Act

2686. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Twitter has violated 'Intermediary guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, Rules 2021' of Information Technology by labelling the tweets of some leaders and others as manipulated media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the defence comments submitted by Twitter in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited

2687. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total land acquired by the Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL) for different coal mining activities in Odisha;

(b) the number of families displaced by those coal mines;

(c) whether any of those displaced family has been compensated, rehabilitated and any member of their family provided employment;

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

(e) the steps taken to rehabilitate and provide suitable compensation?

Doubling of Pune-Miraj-Londa Railway Line

2688. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the acquisition of land for Pune-Miraj-Londa double lining;

(b) whether the Government has accelerated the process to give due compensation to the farmers; and

(c) if so, the policy adopted by the Government in this regard?

TIDE Scheme

2689. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of centres regulated under the "Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE)" scheme as on date and if so, the State-wise break up thereof;

(b) the total budget allocated and utilized under the abovementioned scheme in the last two financial years; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such institutions that are being supported under the above mentioned scheme in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Security of Free and Public Wi-Fi Connections

2690. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure security of free and public Wi-Fi connections at various places like railway stations, airports, public places etc. and privacy of users data;

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

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

Elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings in Telangana

2691. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is committed to eliminate manned level crossings across the country and if so, the details of manned level crossings removed in the state of Telangana during the last seven years, year-wise;

(b) whether the State Governments are supportive with matching grants, if any, while constructing RUBs/ROBs on railway tracks, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether one of the level crossings in Karimnagar constituency has been long pending; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not removing the same?

India Post Payment Bank

2692. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of functioning of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) under the Department of Posts across the country;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the objective for which IPPB was set up and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of number of branches and access points opened in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether many firms including global banking institutions have reportedly expressed their interest to get associated with IPPB and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(e) whether IPPB is offering payment bank services to the rural population using door step Banking along with the regular counter services and if so, the details thereof and the number of rural population benefitted therefrom; and

(f) whether the Government has any proposal to open more such IPPB in remote and rural areas of the country including Tamil Nadu and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if so, the details thereof?

Allotment of Stalls

†2693. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation system has been implemented for scheduled tribes and scheduled castes in the allotment of stalls at railway stations of all levels in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor with the Government's response in this regard?

MPLAD Fund

2694. SHRI LALUBHAI BABUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is receiving regular updates on the funds used from MPLADS in his constituency;

(b) if so, the details along with the outstanding amount of funds ;

(c) if not, the reasons for non-approval of proposals by the Nodal Officer?

Linking of Accounts with Aadhaar

2695. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to link social media accounts of users with their respective Aadhaar and if so, the purpose and the details thereof;

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

(c) whether the Government has issued any orders/ notification in this context and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding advantages and disadvantages of linking social media profile of users with their respective Aadhaar and if so, the details and findings thereof?

E-Court Project

2696. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement the e-Court project in the country with a view to upgrading information and communication technology infrastructure in various courts including High Court and District Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent so far;

(c) the time by which all the courts will be connected with video conferencing;

(d) the total number of cases pending in Supreme Court of India and High Court of Tamilnadu; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to clear the pending cases in a time bound manner?

Bio-toilets by DRDO

†2697. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of bio-toilets developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);

(b) whether the DRDO is using cowdung in the said bio-toilets;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of bio-toilets constructed so far, State-wise including district Satna along with the number of people benefited so far?

Safe Harbour Immunity for Twitter

2698. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to remove the safe harbour immunity for the micro-blogging website Twitter under IT rules;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria and the evaluation that was undertaken for the said decision; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulation of Internet Shutdowns

2699. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on the number of internet shut downs imposed in the country during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Jammu and Kashmir faced a prolonged internet shutdown in 2019 and 2020 and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has any data on how the number of internet shutdown compares internationally and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that internet shut down incurs economic costs and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has any evaluation mechanism to assess economic losses caused by internet shutdowns; and

(f) whether the Government has taken any steps to restrict the practice of internet shutdown and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Charge Sheet against Higher Officers

†2700. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of charge sheets filed in various courts in regard to corruption or other crimes committed by the higher officers under the jurisdiction of the Union Government and the officers/employees selected by Union Public Service Commission;

(b) the number of such officers/employees;

(c) the number of such officers who are still in service despite charge sheets filed against them;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take any action against such employees/officers under Government service rules and if so, the time by which action is likely to be taken;

(e) the number of such officers/employees who have been found guilty in the country including in Rajasthan in regard to whom the investigating agency has sought permission from the Government for taking action as per the rules;

(f) whether no action has been taken against such officers/employees as the Government has not granted the said permission; and

(g) whether the Government is likely to take any concrete steps against such officers/employees?

Industrial Corridor in Bihar

2701. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to start at least one industrial corridor in Bihar to facilitate industrial development and improvement of state financial health and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bihar is the most backward State as per 2020-21 SDG report of Niti Ayog;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to improve industrialization in Bihar; and

(d) the success achieved so far in this regard?

Pending Railway works in Maharashtra

2702. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

Construction of Bodhan-Mukhed-Latur-Phata Railway Line

†2703. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to construct new railway line on Bodhan-Mukhed-Latur-Phata rail route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any action plan is likely to be prepared to include the said route in the Budget Session 2022-23 and if so, the details thereof?

Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

2704. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of SPACE

अंतरिक्ष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (NaviC system) has seen an increase in usage of its services since its launch in 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of categories of civilian use and restricted use by authorised defence personnel;

(c) whether NaviC has emerged as a strong alternative to Google Maps or other non-Indian Global Positioning Systems and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to incentivise the use of NaviC by civilians?

Domestic Electronic Industry

2705. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the promotion of domestic electronic industry of the country under Make In India scheme keeping in view the challenges from the global electronic industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning for production linked incentive schemes for manufacturing ACs and LEDs in order to boost the domestic manufacturing; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of Mazagon Dock Ltd.

2706. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to Disinvest the Mazagon Dock Ltd.; Defence Ship Building Public Sector Company;

(b) if so, the necessity for disinvesting the ship building company;

(c) whether any new project has been granted to Mazagon Dock Ship Building Company for construction of Submarines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Cases on Selective Basis

2707. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government has paid attention to a press conference organised by four senior judges of the Supreme Court in which the Chief Justice of India (CJI) was charged with allotting the cases to the judges of his choice on selective basis, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to the issues raised in the letter addressed to the Chief Justice of India prior to this incident which was released to the press?

Digitalization of Process

2708. DR. CHANDRA SEN JADON:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to digitalize the process of application, reply to query and Grant of License for Import of Restricted Items; and

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

Promotion of Startups

2709. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

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

(a) whether the Union Government has taken any specific measures to promote startups in the country especially in the States of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of startups that have been benefitted from such specific measures in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra?

Ban of Chinese Telecom Equipments

2710. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the United States of America, Australia and Canada have banned the usage of Chinese telecom equipments in 5G services;

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

(c) whether the Department of Telecommunications has constituted any working groups to prepare a 5G roll out roadmap and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to allow Chinese telecom companies to be involved in the roll out and operation of 5G services and if so, the details thereof?

G7 Agreement

2711. DR. AMAR SINGH:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government has signed the G7 Agreement on free speech which affirmed, "freedom of expression, both online and offline, as a freedom that

safeguards democracy and helps people live free from fear and oppression” and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government believes that signing such a statement contradicts the rise in sedition cases in India against dissenters and critics of the Government, rise in use of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act against such persons and the frequent resort to internet shutdowns;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the steps being taken by the Government to act on its commitment made by signing the agreement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Surveillance Cameras at Stations

2712. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than four years after a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Indian Railways and RailTel for the installation of surveillance cameras at 983 stations across the country to enhance safety of women passengers has derailed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there have been dozens of cases of crimes against women, including murders, sexual assaults, attacks and robbery in railway stations or trains during the last five years;

(c) if so, whether the purposes of setting up surveillance cameras has been defeated over the years;

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;

(e) whether the Union Government has investigated the causes of derailment of the MoU and if so, the outcome thereof and the measures taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government to give priority for installation of surveillance cameras to enhance safety of women passengers?

Production and Supply of Coal

†2713. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and area-wise details of production, demand and supply of coal during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the reasons for gap in production and supply of coal as against the targets fixed in this regard and action plan being contemplated to bridge the above gap during the 12th Five Year Plan;

(c) the quantum and value of coal imported from various countries, country-wise to bridge the gap in

demand and supply of coal during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether the recommendations of the inter-ministerial task force constituted to rationalize the existing coal sources and the supply of coal has been implemented and if so, the details thereof?

New Railway Projects in Bihar

2714. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of various ongoing/pending railway projects in Bihar;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects in a time bound manner;

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has proposed to bear some cost of the said projects for their timely completion and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto;

(d) the number of railway projects in Bihar for which survey has been conducted and approved but for which work is not underway as yet;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the efforts made by the Government to speed up the work of approved railway projects in Bihar;

(g) whether any timeline has been fixed for completion of these projects; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Low passenger Occupancy

2715. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was low passenger occupancy in many trains including Shatabdi during COVID time;

(b) if so, the names of such trains;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to avoid low passenger occupancy in trains; and

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

Vacancy of Chairman in KAT

2716. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the post of Chairman, Kerala Administrative Tribunal (KAT) is vacant from 16/09/2020;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government to fill up the vacancy of Chairman in KAT;

(c) whether the Union Government received recommendation from Government of Kerala for the appointment of Chairman and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the term of members of KAT is also going to expire;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether the Union Government proposes to stop the functioning of KAT;

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay in filling up the vacancy; and

(h) the present status of the appointment of Chairman and members of KAT?

Amendment of IT Act

2717. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is currently considering an overhaul of the Information Technology Act, 2000 in a manner that this legislation will be replaced by a new Act and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government's stated requirement of reforming the Information Technology(IT) Act will be met by way of extensive amendments to the present Act; and

(c) if so, the projected timeline for the release of a new draft bill or amendment bill, as the case may be?

Sainik School in memory of a PVC Awardee

†2718. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up a Sainik School in the memory of Paramvir Chakra award winner Naik Shri Jadunath Singh born at village Khajuri, Tehsil-Kalan of Shahjahanpur district in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has decided to set up Sainik Schools in various other districts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and District-wise?

Cyber Attacks

2719. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to counter both the cyber-attacks and cyber terrorism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the incidents of cyber-attacks and hacking of Indian websites from hackers of foreign countries are on the rise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Redevelopment of Railway Stations

†2720. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting has been held for the redevelopment of all railway stations in Ujjain, the religious capital of Madhya Pradesh on the lines of Gandhi Nagar Railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified in this regard;

(c) whether the city is proposed to be developed through redevelopment of railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal from Afghanistan

†2721. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

SHRI LALLU SINGH:

SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY

VASANTH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security situation in Afghanistan has worsened resulting in evacuation of Indian officials and security forces from Indian Embassy and Missions;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Indian Projects in Afghanistan;

(c) whether the delivery of Visa and consular services have also been discontinued and it is also proposed to close down the mission in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to protect the lives of Indian officials and Indians residing in Afghanistan?

Attari- Wagah Border Road Trade

2722. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to use Attari-Wagah Border post to allow trade with land locked countries and Europe and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the Attari-Wagah land route has a potential to counter road trade of China with these countries to a great extent and has the capability to flourish the industries of Northern border areas in particular and North India in general in a big way; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Review of RTI Act2723. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH *ALIAS*
LALAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to review the RTI Act, 2005 specially in view of many cases pending in Hon'ble Supreme Court and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to make RTI Act more effective and citizen must have right to get their reply without any cost and timely as well as through digital portal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to allow online submission of RTI application and reply also through mail; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

One District One Product Scheme

†2724. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement 'One District One Product' scheme throughout the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to earmark any estimated amount of funds or set targets therefor;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has identified locations in the country for this scheme; and

(f) if so, the details of the locations identified in other States of the country including Rajasthan for this scheme?

Startup India Seed Fund

2725. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

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

(a) whether many projects have been funded, employment generated and economic value created under Startup India Seed Fund; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme since its inception to till date?

New Railway Lines in Maharashtra†2726. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

(a) the details of the proposed railway lines in Maharashtra announced in the last five budgets which have not been completed yet;

(b) the reasons behind the delay in the completion of the proposed railway lines;

(c) the current status of the same;

(d) the time by when the pending works related to the above railway lines are likely to be completed;

(e) whether any time-limit has been prescribed in this regard; and

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

Illegal Payment of Pension

†2727. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

(a) whether the time bound payments of pension to pension holders is being done and those who are dead their pension is being stopped timely from all the post offices in Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether pension of some of the dead pension holders in Uttarakhand was reported released by with connivance of certain officials belonging to Devprayag Post Office in Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of such beneficiaries during the last three years belonging to above post office who deposited death certificate issued by Gram Pradhan especially those with connivance of officials belonging to Devprayag Post Office; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries of the families who submitted death certificates after making affidavits;

(e) whether any FIR is likely to be registered against those beneficiaries and officials who indulged in aforesaid illegal activities and if so, the details thereof?

Employment Opportunities

†2728. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made a comprehensive project for increasing the dividend without compromising on the facilities being provided to the railway passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has set target to create new employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise details of new employment opportunities created by the Railways in private sector during the last five years including Bundelkhand and Uttarakhand?

Defence related Industrial Establishments

2729. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to convert all the country's departmental defence related industrial establishments including AVADI complex, Chennai, Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project and Small Arms Project, Trichy, etc. in Tamil Nadu into corporate entities;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an unprecedented move;

(c) whether such a radical change will not adversely affect the national security interests;

(d) if not, the safeguards proposed to ensure nation's defence concerns; and

(e) whether the Government assure that the existing service conditions and rights of employees including pension and other retirement benefits will not be deprived of lakhs of employees of these departmental establishments and if so, the details thereof?

Postal Services in Rural Areas

†2730. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) total number of operational post offices across the country including rural areas, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether postal services have been provided in all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof including the details of all services being provided by post offices;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the number of such villages where postal services are yet to be provided, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to open post office in all the villages of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Linking of Cherthala Station

2731. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to interlink Cherthala Railway station and Kottayam Railway station via Kumarakom; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Domestic Coal Production

2732. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the domestic exploration and production of coal;

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

(c) the measures taken by the Government to bridge any gap that exists between demand and supply of coal in India;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the production of coking coal in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Coal Import

2733. SHRI COSME FRANCISCO CAITANO
SARDINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state the quantity of coal that was imported at Marmagoa for the last one year and the quantum out of the above is lifted by Rail and road to other parts of India?

Construction of New Railway Lines in Bihar

†2734. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the construction of a new railway line with a cost of Rs.106.20 crore from Pahleja to Banjari of Rohtas district of Bihar under East Central Railway, Hazipur was included in the railway budget for 2008-2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Rail Budget for the year 2014-15 had a provision of an allocation of Rupees Ten lakh only for construction of a railway line of 36.4 kilometers from Dehri-on-sona to Banjari;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the above mentioned both proposed railway lines are likely to be constructed?

Air Bubble Agreement

2735. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to enter into an air bubble agreement with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any data regarding reverse migration of Indians in Gulf region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hansi-Meham-Rohtak Railway Line

2736. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Hansi-Meham-Rohtak Railway line has been completed;

(b) if so, the proposed date for commencement of railway services and if not, the progress of pending work and estimated date of completion;

(c) whether the Government plans to extend said railway line to Hisar in order to reduce the travel time from Delhi to the Hisar Airport;

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

ROB at Unmanned Level Crossings

2737. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received ample requests for construction of underpass and replacing flyovers at railway crossings of the country;

(b) if so, the total demand and the DPR made since 2018 to June, 2021, State-wise;

(c) the commitment of the Government on such projects and their present status since 2019;

(d) whether the Ministry has plans to construct the Satragachi underpass/flyover project near Santragachi Railway Station under South Eastern Railways; and

(e) if so, the details of DPR thereto?

Pending Court Cases

2738. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are millions of cases pending for years in lower and subordinate courts;

(b) if so, the details of number of cases pending and their duration;

(c) whether the Government has taken any major step to effectively reduce the pendency of cases in the lower/subordinate courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Dedicated Freight Corridors Project

†2739. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) projects under Indian Railways;

(b) the steps taken to ensure timely completion of the dedicated Freight Corridor projects along with the details thereof;

(c) the names of the institutions which have been assigned work under East-West DFC as well as in Prayagraj under Eastern DFC;

(d) whether the quality of the work is being examined and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any complaint has been registered against any of the above mentioned institutions and the action taken on the said complaints along with the details thereof and the estimated cost of the projects;

(f) whether cost has increased due to the slow pace of work related to these projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the land acquisition for approach roads in Uttar Pradesh along with the details of approach roads?

Washing Pit in Narkatiaganj

2740. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the washing pit in Narkatiaganj under the North Eastern Railway was operational 20 years ago;

(b) if so, the reasons for the closure of the said washing pit;

(c) whether there is any plan to restart this washing pit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mobile and Landline Connectivity in Madhya Pradesh

†2741. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of villages in Madhya Pradesh which have no mobile and landline connectivity as of now;

(b) whether the Government is making any efforts to provide this connectivity in such villages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Donating Doses2742. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any further requests from neighbouring countries for exporting and donating doses since February 2021; and

(b) if so, the details of requests received and the status of fulfilling these requests?

Stoppage at Jhinhak

†2743. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request regarding stoppage of Howrah-Jodhpur-Howrah Express (Train No.12307/12308) at Jhinhak and Rura Railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision on such a request and if so, the details thereof?

Collection of E-Waste

2744. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to create a central system for e-waste collection by setting up a coordination mechanism between manufacturers, suppliers, and municipalities/panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has coordinated with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change over compliance of e-waste rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Domestic Coal Production

2745. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current domestic production of coal is adequate to meet the markets of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the shortfall, if any, in satisfying the requirements of coal, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is taking any measures for boosting the availability of coal for meeting the energy needs of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Villages/Panchayats

2746. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the villages/panchayats in the country are proposed to be made digital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages/panchayats targeted to be covered by the Government under the said scheme; and

(d) the details of the villages/panchayats that have already been made digital so far under the scheme, State/UT-wise?

Dedicated Freight Corridors

2747. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has made dedicated freight corridors to provide exclusive movement on fast speeds for goods trains;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Railways has reviewed the progress of dedicated freight corridors;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the sections which have already been opened and the number of trains running thereon so far;

(d) the details of construction activities affected due to Covid-19 lockdown along with the increased cost of the project as a result thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Indian Railways to give pace to various construction activities under Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation India Limited (DFCCIL)?

Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan

†2748. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has identified the infrastructure projects which are developed under Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the number of such projects identified in Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Indian Railways has generated more than 5.5 lakhs mandays of work under Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan in selected States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra;

(e) the number of migrated workers are engaged till date under the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan in Indian Railway; and

(f) whether the Railways has identified a lot of works for execution by the State Government/local authorities under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme which provide direct and indirect benefits to the rural communities and if so, the number of works done under MGNREGA in Maharashtra including Vashim-Yavatmal, Usmanabad, Ramtek and Parbhani districts?

New Superfast Train

2749. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to start any new super fast train from Bhuj to New Delhi which can assist to further reduce travel time; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan?

Octroi and Toll tax

2750. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rates of Octroi and toll tax being collected by Cantonment Boards especially Secunderabad Cantonment Board;

(b) the details of Octroi and toll tax collected by Cantonment Boards during the last 5 years including the current year across the country, year-wise and Cantonment Board wise;

(c) whether the Government, Post-GST implementation has directed Cantonments across the country to stop collecting Octroi and toll tax;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation of the said order;

(e) whether despite of Government's orders, Secunderabad Cantonment Board is still collecting Octroi and Toll Tax; and

(f) if so, the details of action taken against those responsible?

Postal Services

2751. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the rapid advancement of electronic and digital communication systems, the role of Department of Posts (DoP) has been greatly diminished with sharp decline in the volume of mails carried and delivered across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the infrastructure and manpower of post offices are underutilized except for the operation of speed post services and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether DoP has any plans to expand its saving bank facilities to cover commercial banking operations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether DoP has obtained a licence from the banking regulator in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Trains via Sitamarhi

†2752. SHRI GOPALJEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to operate the trains originating from Darbhanga to other main cities including New Delhi, Mumbai, Amritsar, Ahmedabad are being run via Samastipur, Mujaffarpur, Hajipur, Sonpur, Chhapra, Siwan, Gorakhpur, etc. via Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Poor Network and Call Drop

†2753. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure better network service and to address the problem of call drops in areas affected by poor connectivity and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the problem of call drops and poor network connectivity in many areas, particularly in the villages of districts and Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to allow spectrum trading and sharing in order to improve connectivity and if so, the details thereof?

Justice Delivery System

2754. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to strengthen the Justice Delivery System in India for early disposal of pending cases piled up in different High Courts of India and to ensure that justice is delivered at the door steps of the poor litigants and that too without delay and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether the Government will consider establishment of the Permanent Bench of Odisha High Court in Western Odisha in pursuance of the recommendation of Justice Jaswant Singh Commission Report; and

(c) whether the Government will take up the matter with the State Government and the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Odisha High Court and in consultation with the stake holders to come to a consensus to pave the way for establishment of permanent bench in Western Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

Growing Litigation in Courts

2755. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the ever-growing litigation burden in the Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in spite of the numerous measures implemented for the improvement of the arbitration environment in India, there are still certain challenges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to meet these challenges?

Tea Industry

2756. 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 Tea Industry is operated through a special auction system;

(b) if so, the procedure of auction in different tea producing States;

(c) the details and the number of brokers in the auction centres across the country; and

(d) the quantum of tea produced and imported to the country, State/UT-wise?

Special Armed Forces Recruitment Campaign

†2757. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run a special armed forces recruitment campaign in view of the national security and increase in requirement of armed forces capacity by recruiting youth in the army from rural areas;

(b) if so, the areas including of Bihar where this campaign is likely to be held; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Commission for Coal Mines

†2758. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to constitute a commission for coal mines in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the locations of coal mines from where coal has been extracted along with the quantity of coal produced therefrom;

(c) whether special arrangements have been made using latest methodology to safeguard the employees of coal mines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Gold Dore Bars

2759. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of import by the Government companies of Gold Dore Bars having Gold content not

exceeding 95 percentage with regard to entities other than Government companies;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to support entities engaged in refining of precious metals and stones;

(c) whether the Government has taken initiative to attract investors to engage in refining of precious metals and stones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ROB in Faridpur

†2760. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct an overbridge on the railway crossing in Faridpur town of the parliamentary constituency of Aonla;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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