

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

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### Corruption in Tenders and Contracts

3681. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a former Income Tax Chief Commissioner has demanded an investigation into deals and tenders handled by one of the recently-retired Revenue Secretaries and if so, the details of the letter and the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether the accusation of corruption was for granting several Government contracts worth Rs 10,000 crore to some of the firms without issuing tenders and by violating General Financial Rules and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has handed over the petition to enforcement agencies and if so, the details including current status of the investigation; and

(d) whether the Government has any information over the petition that had been handed over to enforcement agencies and if so, the details including accusation, charge sheet, investigation, trial, etc.?

### Social Media Companies

3682. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Social Media Companies in the country are not following Indian Laws;

(b) whether such companies come under the Jurisdiction of Indian law;

(c) whether any headquarter/officer of these companies are not established/appointed in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps for the lawful control of these companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Funds to Bodoland Territorial Council

†3683. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes under which funds have been released to the Government of Assam during the last five years including the amount of funds released;

(b) the amount of funds released to Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) during the last five years including the names of schemes under which the said funds have been released along with the details thereof;

(c) the remaining amount of funds to be released to BTC and the Government of Assam including the time by when the said funds are likely to be released along with the names of schemes for which the funds are outstanding including the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from BTC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Vande Bharat Mission

3684. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by the Ministry to support fight against Covid-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any data regarding the labourers who returned to their homes from various states and the Indian citizens who returned to their homeland under Vande Bharat Mission and who have filled up skill development forms have been collected; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for providing employment to them on the basis of database so collected and if so, the details thereof ?

#### Atal Tinkering Labs

†3685. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:  
DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:  
MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) established in schools across the country, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure equal access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education through the ATL initiative along with the number of students engaged in STEM subjects;

(c) whether ATLs initiative has been successful in achieving its aims and mandate in terms of number of labs setup, number of students engaged in STEM subjects, results produced and the outcome achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Scheme for Investment Promotion

3686. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA  
VISWANATH:  
SHRIKOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRIMANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended the scheme for investment promotion beyond 2017-20, with an aim to attract investors and promote economic growth of the country and has also approved the proposal for extension of the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the investment promotion is a multidimensional and complex process which requires continuous efforts to be channelised around certain activities such as FDI related reforms, ease of doing business, investment facilitation and targeted outreach and the main components of the scheme for investment promotion for beyond 2017-20 including investor facilitation, CEO forums and joint commission meetings, international and domestic investment outreach and its amplification, project management, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation; and

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

#### Sending Labourers Abroad

†3687. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with some countries to send labourers abroad during the last three years and as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether provisions have been made in the agreements about providing wages and other facilities to these labourers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of places where the said labourers are proposed to be sent?

#### Live Supreme Court Hearings

3688. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three judge bench led by the then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra in 2018 has accepted in principle the concept of broadcasting Supreme Court hearings live in the Swapnil Tripathi case and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any measure for live streaming of proceedings of the Constitutional courts like High Courts and if so, the details thereof;

#### Ban on Beef Export

†3689. SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ban beef export; and

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

#### Rail Over Bridge/Rail Under Bridge in Kalahandi

†3690. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start construction work of Kesinga Rail Over Bridge and Khariar Rail Over Bridge/Rail Under Bridge in the Parliamentary Constituency of Kalahandi;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and  
 (d) the details of the estimated cost of the said projects?

### Auction of 5G Spectrum

†3691. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by when the Government is likely to conduct auction of 5G spectrum;  
 (b) the time by when 5G services is likely to be made available to common man by the Government;  
 (c) whether in the process of auction of 5G spectrum the Government proposes to consider giving any rebate to the telecom companies already running in debts and if so, the details thereof; and  
 (d) the manner in which 5G spectrum is going to be different from 4G spectrum presently in use along with the details thereof?

### Export in Electronics

3692. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether manufacturing and exports of Electronics in the country has increased in the last 5 years;  
 (b) if so, the details of manufacturing and exports of electronics in India in last 5 years;  
 (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to boost the manufacturing of electronics in India; and  
 (d) financial support provided in the last three years by the Government to boost the manufacturing and exports of electronics in India?

### 5G Technology

3693. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the hurdles and problems being faced/expected in the rolling out of 5G technology in the country;  
 (b) whether prices of 5G services/technology in the country are at par with the international standard prices and if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Surveillance to Check Coal Operations

3694. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
 SHRIVELUSAMY P.:  
 SHRISHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:  
 SHRIRATANSINH MAGANSINH  
 RATHOD:  
 SHRIMANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
 DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:  
 DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
 SHRIKULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
 SHRISUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
 SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Ltd and its subsidiaries including Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has started e-surveillance to check coal operation in their plants, if so, the details thereof;  
 (b) whether the Government is having any proposal to extend or initiate e-surveillance of all coal fields in India to monitor the operations of all coal fields;  
 (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and  
 (d) whether the e-surveillance can track illegal coal mining and transportation of coal by unauthorized persons and if so, the details thereof?

### Assessment of Minerals

†3695. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:  
 SHRIMITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL  
 (BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any comprehensive assessment of minerals available in the country;  
 (b) if so, whether the result of the assessment has been published in public domain; and  
 (c) the plan envisaged for utilisation of the said minerals?

### Assistance under ICWF

3696. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing financial assistance under Indian Community Welfare Fund or any other fund to help the NRIs, who are facing financial difficulties abroad especially in Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme, funds earmarked, funds disbursed and the number of beneficiaries during the last 10 years, year-wise and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any schemes to help the NRIs who are facing financial difficulties because of loss of jobs due to Covid-19 pandemic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Common Service Centres

3697. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

#### Approval of Indian Vaccines

3698. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:  
SHRIBENNY BEHANAN:  
DR. AMAR SINGH:  
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:  
SHRIMOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has initiated any diplomatic efforts to ensure European Medicine Agency (EMA) approval of the Covishield and Covaxin Covid-19 vaccinations;

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

(c) whether various countries including GCC nations such as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have not been accepting the vaccination certificates from India;

(d) whether the Government is also aware of the issues faced by the expatriates and students in foreign universities;

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Non-Resident Indian citizens/students vaccination certificates are accepted by foreign countries; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Export Credit Gurantee Corporation

3699. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIVINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRIRAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRIRAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):  
SHRIBHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC Ltd) to provide export credit insurance services to exporters and banks to promote and support exports from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of products, services and funds spent provided by the ECGC;

(d) the details of performance including premium, claims by the ECGC during the last three years;

(e) the details of MOUs signed by the ECGC with various institutions and the resultant benefits;

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

(g) the other steps being taken by the Government like capital infusion and reforms to improve the performance of the ECGC?

#### Guidelines on BTS Towers

†3700. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any directions to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to implement the norms prescribed to prevent the adverse impact of electro magnetic field radiations emitting from the Base Transceiver Stations BTS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against TSPs for not following/complying with these directions during the last three years?

#### Cost overrun Projects

3701. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 350 infrastructure projects across the country have shown cost overruns of over Rs. 3 trillion;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof, project and year-wise including those of Railways;

(c) the State and year-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized on infrastructure projects worth Rs. 150 crore and above from 2014 to 2021; and

(d) whether any corrective framework has been implemented for effective monitoring and to reduce cost overruns of all Central Government projects including those of Railways and if so, the details thereof?

#### Atomic Radiation

†3702. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of scientists/employees working in various nuclear plants as well as the local people coming into contact with atomic radiation have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether wide use of nuclear energy is proving to be a boon in the fields of medical treatment and agriculture;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of active schemes proposed to be formulated by the Government for timely completion of the work of nuclear plants in the country?

#### Schemes in Villages

3703. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes that are being run by the Ministry for villages in the country; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries in both Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts of the State of Jharkhand under the above-said schemes?

#### Pending Court Cases

3704. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present 4.5 crore cases are pending in courts across the country;

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

(c) whether the Government will take necessary alternative justice methods such as conciliation and arbitration to close all these pending cases; and

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

#### Fast Track Courts

†3705. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:  
SHRIVINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh dedicated to justice delivery in cases of rape, crimes against women and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012;

(b) whether all courts envisioned to be set up to deliver justice on such matters have been set up and if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the current pendency of such sensitive cases which required speedy dispensation of justice; and

(d) the steps taken to address this pendency, including accelerated set up of more FTSCs?

#### TCAS/TPWs

†3706. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken to develop and install various safety measures including Train Collision Avoidance System (TPAS) Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS);

(b) whether the employees operating railway safety equipment/system are given any special training;

(c) if so, the details of the training institutes set up in the country for this purpose, State-wise;

(d) whether the employees receiving special training are also given refresher training on regular basis;

(e) if so, the time gap after which refresher training is imparted to them;

(f) whether the Government proposes to open new training centers in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise?

#### e-Court Mission Mode Project

3707. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRIRANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:  
SHRIRAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of Phase III of the e-Courts Mission Mode Project;

(b) whether the Government has considered the Draft Vision Document for Phase III as prepared by the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India and if so, whether this document has been accepted;

(c) whether the Government is considering the use of virtual courts in criminal trial proceedings as a special category of proceedings requiring additional safeguards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Backward Districts in Andhra Pradesh

3708. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of backward districts in Andhra Pradesh out of the 112 such identified districts;

(b) the efforts made by the Government proposed to bring these at par with other developed districts;

(c) the details of performance indicators selected to develop these districts and the manner in which these indicators are being implemented in the above identified districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the provisions relating to backward districts in Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act and the steps taken by the Ministry to fulfill provisions in the above Act; and

(e) the details of Budgetary allocation/grants made to 112 backward districts for 2021-22?

#### Modernisation of Railway Stations

†3709. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:  
SHRIRAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:  
SHRIVISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has reviewed its cent percent electrification policy and is actively focusing on its annual targets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is making efforts to take the services of private sector for modernisation and redevelopment of railway stations in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the names of the stations proposed to be modernised and developed commercially?

#### Occupancy in Special Trains

3710. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes normal train movement including more special trains for movement of passengers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued guidelines for safe traveling in the Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the occupancy rates in the special trains remain low and if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to ease movement of the passengers across the country?

#### Stoppage at Pindwara

†3711. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stoppage of train No.12915-12916 (Ashram Express) and Garib Rath Express (12215/12216) at Pindwara Railway Station is a long pending demand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the commuters and tourists face a lot of problems due to the lack of stoppage of important trains at Pindwara Railway Station; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not providing stoppage of trains at this station?

#### Death of Indians Abroad

3712. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to collect the number and details of Indian citizens who have succumbed to Covid-19 while staying abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether the Government will consider collecting the said details through Indian Embassies or High Commissions in each foreign country;

(c) whether the Government intends to provide compensation to the family of Indian citizens who succumbed to Covid-19 while staying abroad as in the

case of those who died in India as ordered by the Supreme Court recently; and

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

#### Survey of Biharsharif-Nawada Railway Line

†3713. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed for the survey of Biharsharif-Pavapuri-Nawada railway line under the Danapur zone of East-Central Railway;

(b) if so, the time by when the survey of this line is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Setting up of Mineral and Metal Based Industries

3714. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to set up mineral and metal based industrial units;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such industrial units are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the infrastructural facilities are available in Odisha to set up mineral and metal based units; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up such units in Odisha?

#### Digital Villages

3715. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 13 villages in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been identified as digital villages;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the details of services that the identified digital villages would provide;

(d) the details of physical targets proposed and targets achieved in all 13 villages in the State of Andhra Pradesh, village-wise; and

(e) whether the Ministry has any plan of digitizing other villages?

#### Reforms in Army, Navy and IAF

3716. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having a proposal to bring about major reforms in the Indian Army, Navy and IAF, during current financial year, as far as its cadre restructuring is concerned;

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

(c) whether the Government is having a proposal to raise the retirement age for those Jawans and Junior Commissioned Officers who are working other than logistics, technical and medical branches; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Declining Consumer Base of BSNL and MTNL

†3717. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the separate details of the number of Landline, Mobile and Internet subscribers of BSNL and MTNL during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to curb the declining consumer base of MTNL and BSNL in India;

(c) whether tariff reduction has helped in increasing the consumer base of these telecom companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether MTNL is planning to provide 5G services and if so, the details thereof?

#### Strength of General Railway Police (GRP)

3718. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of Government Railway Police (GRP) in Karnataka along with zone-wise details;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government to strengthen the GRP in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the current status of the proposal and the time by when action is likely to be initiated for the recruitment of GRP for better maintenance of Law and Order, prevention and detection of crime and safety of passengers?

### Road Connectivity with Neighbours

†3719. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with the neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal for road connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the said agreement; and

(d) the amount estimated to be spent for the road construction and the time by when the said work is likely to be completed?

### National Digital Communication Policy

3720. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National Digital Communication Policy, 2018 and its implementation in the State of Bihar;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the targets fixed under the abovesaid policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Information Technology Software

3721. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the budget allocated, if any, to purchase software to intercept, monitor or decrypt or cause to be intercepted or monitored or decrypted any information generated, transmitted, received or stored in any computer resource, as permitted under Section 69 of the Information Technology Act;

(b) if so, the details of software thus purchased;

(c) whether there were any global tenders for purchase of abovesaid software; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Setting up of DMF

3722. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:  
SHRIRAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been set up in all Districts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the role of Members of Parliament (MPs) in DMF; and

(e) the details of the works carried out so far under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) for the welfare of the affected people in Maharashtra particularly in Vidarbha region during the last three years?

### Optical Fibre Based High Speed Internet Connections in Rural Areas

3723. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Telecom Service Providers(TSPs) who provide optical fibre based high speed internet connections in rural areas of the country;

(b) the reasons for absence of optical fibre based high speed internet services in rural and interior areas of the country; and

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

### Redevelopment of Bhagalpur Railway Station

†3724. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:  
SHRIAJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for redevelopment of railway stations by utilizing the vacant railway land/ airspace in and around the railway stations, particularly in the railway stations in Bhagalpur district and Bhagalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of stations selected in Jharkhand State and also in Bhagalpur Parliamentary constituency and Bhagalpur district for redevelopment along with the details thereof;

(d) whether the said redevelopment is likely to be done on Public Private Partnership(PPP); and

(e) if so, the criteria laid down in this regard?

### FDI

3725. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:



(a) the details of the Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) in India since Financial Year 2014-15 to till date, Financial Year and Sector-wise;

(b) the details in changes in FDI norms and the reasons for the same since 2014 to till date, Financial Year and Sector wise; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to include more sectors under FDI cap in future and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **New POPSK in Maharashtra**

3726. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received in Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) in Maharashtra State especially in (POPSK) of Wardha and Amravati district during the last five years;

(b) the number of passports issued in the light of applications received;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open new Passport Seva Kendra/Post Offices (POPSKs) in Maharashtra State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacant Land in Prayagraj**

†3727. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway land lying vacant in Prayagraj under North-Central Railway Zone and Northern Railway Zone;

(b) whether there is any plan to lease these vacant lands for commercial use;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been assigned any responsibility in this regard?

#### **Railway Land on Lease**

3728. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has a policy to give its land to non-railway organisations on lease;

(b) if so, the details of the said policy; and

(c) the details of the land which are on lease given by Railways in Sirsa, Fatehabad and Hisar districts of Haryana, area of land and organisation-wise?

#### **Virtual hearing in Rural Courts**

3729. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:  
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Courts in rural areas have adequate infrastructure to move to virtual hearing?

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has allocated funds to make the transition to virtual courts in rural areas smoother;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly Maharashtra; and

(f) the other steps, taken by the Government to strengthen the IT infrastructure of courts in rural areas?

#### **Tea Board**

3730. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board of India is trying to increase production and improve the quality of tea in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the main functions of the Zonal Office of North Eastern Region Tea Board of India;

(c) whether the Regional Office is trying to encourage tea cultivation in different hilly areas of the region other than Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Tea Board of India has any special package to encourage small tea growers in the North East; and

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

#### **Kharagpur-Vijayawada DFC**

3731. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Dedicated Freight Corridor(DFC) is to be created between Kharagpur and Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details of the progress of this project;

(c) whether any stakeholders meet has been undertaken for the project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Detailed Project Report and tenders have been floated for the project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the timeline fixed for the same?

#### **Vistadome Coaches**

3732. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is allocating more Vistadome coaches to Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the Vistadome coaches manufactured so far and distributed till date; and

(c) the details of Vistadome coaches to be supplied to the state of Karnataka in the next fiscal year?

#### **Resumption of Construction of ROB in Tapi**

†3733. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date from when the work of Railway Over Bridge near Dastan railway crossing on Surat-Dhulia Tapi railway line on the level crossing No.17 and on LC No. 57 at Vyara district Tapi is being constructed in collaboration with Railway department and the Government of Gujarat falling under the Parliamentary constituency of Bardoli, Gujarat;

(b) the time by when the said work is likely to be resumed and completed;

(c) the reasons for stalling the work at both the above sites; and

(d) the time by when the work of both these over bridges was scheduled to be completed?

#### **Commercial Monopolies of Private Publishers**

3734. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for lawyers to submit copies/quote para numbers from judgment copies as available on Court websites and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any plan to start providing neutral citation on each copy of judgment/order which the Courts and lawyers have to quote in future and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether courts are insisting on judgment copies of select publishers despite E-court project causing financial hardship to litigants and lawyers;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent commercial monopolies of private publishers;

(e) whether in England the official reports published by Incorporated Council of Law Reports are binding precedents and not citations by private publishers; and

(f) if so, the reasons for similar mechanism not being followed in India to prevent monopolies?

#### **Sainik Schools**

†3735. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:  
MS. DIYA KUMARI:  
SHRIGOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) details of the number of new Sainik Schools set up along with the details of the number of schools functioning at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more Sainik Schools across the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including in the States of Bihar and Rajasthan;

(c) the details of the estimated amount, targets fixed and funds allotted for the said purpose, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the curriculum of the existing schools to the Sainik School curriculum and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has partnered with NGOs and private schools for establishing new sainik Schools, including in the State of Rajasthan and Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lokpal Report**

3736. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:  
SHRID.K.SURESH:  
SHRINALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Lokpal is required to present/ to lay the annual report of Lok Pal on the work done by it in the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details of the Annual Report of the Lokpal for the last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Situation in Afghanistan**

†3737. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is watching the situation in Afghanistan;
- (b) whether the Government is making any efforts to restore peace in Afghanistan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government of Afghanistan has sought any assistance from the Government of India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

#### **New Information Technology Hubs**

3738. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up new hubs for Information Technology (IT) in various States of the country, including the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of Information Technology hubs already existing in the country, State-wise?

#### **Adarsh Station Yojana in Maharashtra**

3739. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of railway stations upgraded so far in the State of Maharashtra, under Adarsh Station Yojana?
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for upgradation of all the stations in Maharashtra under the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under this scheme during the last three years in Maharashtra;
- (d) the details of amenities and facilities provided/ likely to be provided at these stations? and
- (e) the names of stations which are proposed to be upgraded as Adarsh stations in future in Maharashtra?

#### **Compensation to Accident Victims**

†3740. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an amount of Rs. four lakhs is given to the families of the persons as compensation who die in rail accidents;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to increase the amount of compensation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Mobile Network Coverage and Digital Divide in Kerala**

3741. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated measures to bridge the digital divide, particularly through ensuring broadband connectivity with adequate bandwidth to rural habitations in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, particularly in Wayanad Parliamentary Constituency;
- (c) the measures have been taken by the Government to extend mobile network coverage to partially covered and uncovered habitations, particularly to tribal habitations in Wayanad Parliamentary Constituency;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections in Wayanad parliamentary constituency to meet the growing demand for online education and other internet enabled public services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether BSNL has been granted funds to incur expenditure for providing 4G based mobile services in uncovered/partially covered areas in Kerala including Wayanad under the Universal Service obligation fund and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Corporate Social Responsibility**

3742. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various undertakings under the Ministry have allocated funds under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years and till date;
- (b) if so, undertaking, area and head-wise amount of the funds allocated and spent particularly in the Backward and Scheduled Caste dominated areas of the country during the aforesaid period;
- (c) the location-wise number of persons benefited therefrom;

(d) whether any effective measures have been taken for the funds to be spent particularly in education sector in the Backward and Scheduled Caste and minority dominated areas of the country, under the CSR; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Upgradation of Railway Infrastructure

†3743. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:  
SHRIDILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken for upgradation of railway infrastructure especially damaged rail tracks which are not fit for regular use along with the details thereof;

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

(c) whether the Railways has chalked out any structural plan by identifying the railway zones where there is an urgent need of overhauling;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is an urgent need of overhauling of railway tracks of East Central Railway; and

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

#### Sanctioned Posts of Officers in Army

†3744. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the sanctioned posts of the officers in the Army along with the number of officers working at present; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to fulfill the shortage of officers so that the Army could get the sanctioned strength as early as possible?

#### Restoration of Trains in Tamil Nadu

3745. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of many trains are stopped in Tamil Nadu due to covid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to start all trains in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Salaries and Pensions of Sainik School Teachers

3746. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proper system of payment of salaries and pensions to the teachers of Sainik Schools, controlled by the Sainik Schools Society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government feel it is time to create a separate rule or frame work for the unsung heroes (the sainik school teachers) who have been able to mould around about 25 percent of defense officers till date and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government will identify the issues from the Sainik School Society and undo with the current system of payment of the salary to the teachers through the scholarships of the cadets and if so, the details thereof?

#### Digital Communication Facilities in Rural Areas of Bhagalpur

†3747. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural areas deprived of Digital Communication facilities in the Parliamentary Constituency of Bhagalpur;

(b) whether steps have been taken by the Government to increase digital literacy in rural areas of Bhagalpur district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### One Nation One Election

†3748. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to hold 'One Nation, One Election' in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set any target while taking steps for creating awareness among the people of the country and to persuade other State Governments to concur in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Reduction in Travel Time of Train

3749. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to reduce the travel time of Ahmedabad to New Delhi Rajdhani Express train; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Relocation of Slums

†3750. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to relocate slums located near railway tracks;

(b) the details of the number of stations under the North Central railway near which slums are located;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints of encroachment on railway land in various parts of the country including North Central railway; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to remove the said encroachment?

#### Modernization of Post Offices

3751. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has failed in its objective of modernization/upgradation of the post offices and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) the reason for slow modernisation/upgradation of the post offices particularly in rural and backward areas of Maharashtra; and

(c) the new scope of activities assigned to the post offices under the modernisation process?

#### Setting up of Atomic Power Plants

3752. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

SHRIUNMESH BHAIIYASAHEB PATIL:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE

PATIL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up atomic power plants with a view to meet the shortage of electricity in the country;

(b) if so, the status along with the names of locations where atomic power plants are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise;

(c) the names of various countries with whom negotiations have been held for the supply of fuel for these atomic power plants; and

(d) the time by which these atomic power plants are likely to be set up?

#### Anti-Corruption Cell

†3753. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any anti-corruption cell has been established in Prime Minister's Office (PMO);

(b) if so, the date on which the said cell was established;

(c) the year-wise/State-wise details of names of important persons against whom complaints have been received in this cell since its establishment and till date;

(d) the current status of such complaints as on date; and

(e) the State-wise details of the cases lying pending at present?

#### Transpotation of Oxygen by Rail

†3754. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRIPARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the metric-tonne-wise delivery record of liquid medical oxygen set by Oxygen Express in the service of the nation;

(b) the number of Oxygen Express trains pressed into service for delivering oxygen in the country along with the details thereof State-wise; and

(c) the parts of the country where oxygen produced in Gujarat was delivered along with the details thereof?

#### Ongoing Programme Implementation

3755. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRIL.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

SHRIB.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Government of Karnataka for the various Government schemes during the last three years;

(b) the details regarding status of utilization of funds and the certificates received, Ministry-wise; and

(c) the details of the Ongoing Programme implementation in Karnataka?

#### **BSNL Services in West Bengal**

3756. SHRIMATI SATABDI ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) when BSNL will start its 4G services in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of active BSNL mobile phone connections in West Bengal till 30th June, 2021;

(c) the number of active BSNL landline connections in West Bengal till 30th June, 2021; and

(d) the number of active Wi-Fi connections of BSNL in West Bengal till 30th June 2021?

#### **Vacancy in Judiciary**

3757. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether posts of judges are lying vacant at the Patna High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the Supreme Court collegium for filing up the vacancies for the post of judges at the Patna High Court in the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the filing up of vacant posts of judges at the Patna High court; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Army's Budget**

3758. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the revenue invariably forming a large part of the army's budget, there is little left for capital expenditure, thus putting severe constraints on its modernisation ability and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the distribution of the Budget among the three services is not necessarily in proportion to their size;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pendency of RTI Requests**

3759. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

SHRITALARI RANGAIAH:

SHRIADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pendency of RTI requests has been rising in the past few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps undertaken by the Government to clear backlog and reduce this;

(c) whether there is lack of enabling infrastructure and inadequate training of Public Information Officers (PIOs) which causes delay in processing of RTI requests;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve awareness about RTI Act among the backward and disadvantaged communities?

#### **Demand for Lithium**

3760. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that worldwide demand for Lithium will more than double by 2024 and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is entirely relying on the import of lithium-ion batteries from other countries; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to domestically mine Lithium?

#### **Authorization of Access of Call Data Record**

3761. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum designation level in the police or other central law enforcement authority which is required for authorizing access of CMS data;

(b) is the legal procedure laid down by the Government for obtaining a Call Detail Record (CDR) through the CMS database;

(c) the status of operationalisation of the CMS project; and

(d) the Government organizations/agencies that are involved in the operation and management of CMS project and the extent of their past and current involvement in a similar kind of project?

#### Monetization of surplus Government Land

3762. SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:  
SHRINALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce the monetization of surplus Government land policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepare a roadmap for core and non-core asset monetization;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by what time the policy is likely to be introduced;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to conduct the per annum assessment on land monetization; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Unutilized Railway Land

†3763. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRIDHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRIUNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area of Railway land lying unutilized and undeveloped in various States of the country along with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the time since when this land is lying unutilized;

(c) whether the Government has created any monitoring mechanism to safeguard the said land from encroachment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to provide the said land on lease for other purposes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps for proper development and utilization of the said land; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Startup India Policy

3764. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to extend the Startup India Policy upto the year 2025;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the criteria and the eligibility norms envisaged in the policy; and

(d) the impact of the policy on the our exports and imports of the country?

#### Optical Fibre in Himanchal Pradesh

†3765. SHRI KISHAN KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is laying the optical fibre in state of Himachal Pradesh in order to provide internet facility to every village of the State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of district in the country where the said work has been completed, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of district in Himachal Pradesh where this work has been completed; and

(d) the time by when the aforesaid work likely to be completed in the remaining districts of the State?

#### Production Units

3766. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production units of Railways have produced large number of diesel and electric locos during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year/unit-wise and the estimated cost of the project and the details of domestic use and exports made during the said period;

(c) whether it is proposed to expand the production capacity of the units in the coming years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Army Bunkers

†3767. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to built lego like portable blast/bullet proof resistant bunkers in place of stone-mud-logwood and steel built bankers for the Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives thereof and the funds required and allocated for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government has co-operated with any organisation for the said purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which decisions is likely to be taken in this regard?

#### **Wi-Fi Hotspot and Broadband Facilities Under USOF**

†3768. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is setting up Wi-Fi hotspot, broadband facility throught Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress made by the Government so far in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the amount spent by the Government on the aforesaid provisions during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

#### **Pending Court Cases**

†3769. SHRI BALAK NATH:  
SHRISUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of cases pending in high courts and subordinate courts of the country;

(b) whether quantitative reduction in number of above mentioned pending cases is possible if rural courts are constituted at Panchayat level and given the right of hearing limited nature of cases; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the Government for Panchayat level reformation?

#### **Implementation of BharatNet Project**

3770. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:  
SHRIMOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many agencies are engaged in the implementation of BharatNet Project across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the agencies handling implementation of the said project, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) the details of agencies whose implementation of work is lagging behind the set timeline related to the BharatNet Project and the details of delay, district-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Government against agencies for not performing the implementation as per the fixed schedule?

#### **Nuclear Waste Disposal Policy**

3771. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a nuclear waste disposal policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether this policy is slated to be changed;

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

(d) whether the Government is planning of formulating one and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of Uranium mines in the country, State-wise?

#### **Nuclear Reactor**

3772. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether France has shown interest in building Nuclear Reactors in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any agreement is finalised and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of nuclear reactors likely to be built alongwith its cost, State/UT-wise?

#### **National Monitoring Framework**

3773. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to establish a National Monitoring framework to oversee the functioning of Sustainable Development Goals;



(b) if so, the details of indicators to decide the disabilities and socially deprived groups and religious minority categories;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Export of Organic Agri-Products

3774. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

(a) the details of the policy regarding the export of organic agri-products;

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

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

#### Accountability of Social Media Websites

†3775. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to ensure the accountability of social media websites for the context on their websites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some social media websites have not cooperated with the Government in this process; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken by the Government against such websites?

#### Coal supplied to Non Power Sector

†3776. SHRI ARUN SAO:  
SHRIVIJAY BAGHEL:  
SHRISUNIL KUMAR SONI:

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

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) and South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has supplied coal to the non-power sector;

(b) if so, the details of coal supplied every year during the last three years and the current year, company-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of target fixed for supply of coal to non-power sector in the year 2021-22 in comparison to the year 2020-21?

#### Wi-Fi by RailTel

†3777. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RailTel is converting railway stations into Digital Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the RailTel proposes to provide free Wi-Fi facility at more railway stations across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Operating Ratio

3778. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:  
SHRINAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the operating ratio for freight railways vs passenger railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the improvement in the operating ratio in 2020-21 is due to the cancellation of passenger railways;

(d) the details of advance freight collected from NTPC, CONCOR and any other Government or private entities over the past five years including the current year, year-wise;

(e) the details of advance freight collected over the past five years including the current year that was booked/recognized as earnings, year-wise; and

(f) whether the Government has already implemented or has made any plans to implement the recommendations of the CAG audit report for the year ended March 2019 regarding the pragmatic accounting treatment of freight advance and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Whole of Governance

3779. SHRI T.R. BAALU:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India needs legislation to enable a 'whole-of-Government' approach that would allow and spur the country to secure its vital interests against the vagaries of space weather;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government keeping in view the fact that India's economy is expected to become increasingly dependent on space and India therefore needs legislation like America's to fulfil its blue-water navy aspiration, operate

an indigenous satellite navigation system, secure road, rail, energy, telecom, shipping and aviation infrastructure, respond to natural disasters and ward off national security threats - all of which will depend on a comprehensive national space-weather law; and

(c) the details of measures being taken by the Government to develop and adopt space weather forecasts before initiating outer space activities?

#### Defence Land lying Vacant

†3780. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area of defence land lying vacant along with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether there is any plan of the Government for the allotment of this vacant land on lease to earn revenue from it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### New Railway Zone

†3781. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to form a new zone from Secunderabad division to Nanded division under South Central railway;

(b) if so, whether any survey is being conducted to make Nanded division a new railway zone; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### VRS Scheme

3782. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees from BSNL and MTNL who opted for the VRS scheme which was introduced in 2019;

(b) the number of employees opted for VRS scheme, who have been fully paid the outstanding salaries and the lumpsum amount owed to them on account of VRS benefit;

(c) the amount of dues that is still owed to BSNL's employees who opted for the said scheme and the time by when these dues are likely to be cleared; and

(d) whether ex-gratia payment will not be released to the family/legal heirs of deceased employee who submitted the VRS application but died before the

effective date of voluntary retirement and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### Expansion of BSNL and MTNL Network

†3783. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the network of BSNL and MTNL with the help of latest technologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the closure of mobile towers without any prior notice in the remote, lowland, hilly and economically backward regions;

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

(e) the details of steps being taken by the Government for redressal of the inconvenience caused to the customers due to closure of mobile towers?

#### Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary

3784. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary by providing financial assistance to State Governments/UTs in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the details about the allocation made to State of Bihar including district Gopalganj for infrastructural development; and

(d) the details about the judiciary infrastructure has improved so far in Bihar including district Gopalganj?

#### Shortage of BSNL Towers in Karnataka

3785. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of shortage of BSNL towers and network related issues in Hassan district of Karnataka particularly in hilly and forest areas of Alur and Sakaleshapura blocks which is causing inconvenience to public and impacting the functioning of Government offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken or being taken by the Government to solve this problem; and

(c) the number of BSNL towers approved to be set up in the said district along with the funds sanctioned and utilized therefor?

#### Female Judges

3786. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of women who are currently serving as a Judge in Supreme Court, High Courts and at the District level, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the tribunal-wise number of female judges appointed in tribunals and Subordinate Judiciary;

(c) whether the Government gives reservation to women while appointing as judge in courts and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is shortage of female judges in the courts at all levels including Supreme Court in the country;

(e) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to increase female participation in judicial process; and

(f) whether the Government would consider implementing reservations to increase the representation of women in the judiciary and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Forensic Labs

3787. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any forensic labs for technology and electronic evidence exists in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to set up or increase such labs in the country, if so, the details thereof and the targets proposed;

(c) whether such labs will help in strengthening the position of electronic evidence in the country, if so, reasons thereof;

(d) whether any amendment in law or rules will be introduced for regulation of such forensic labs; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any such forensic labs at present are efficiently utilized upto their potential, if not, reasons thereof?

#### Ongoing Construction Projects

†3788. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:  
SHRIARUN SAO:  
SHRISUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing major construction projects of the Railways State-wise/zone-wise;

(b) the percentage of developmental works affected across the country during Corona period;

(c) the names of important schemes which have been cancelled permanently and those stopped for a long time by the Government due to Corona; and

(d) the works related to the Railways being affected in the country including Chhattisgarh during Corona period?

#### Digitalisation

3789. DR. G RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Panchayats identified in the State of Telangana under PMGDISHA to provide digital literacy to every household;

(b) whether more than 5.5 lakh households have been registered for digital literacy;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, with particular reference to both the districts of Vikarabad and Ranga Reddy;

(d) the details of households which are yet to be registered and efforts being made by the Ministry to cover all households to achieve the goals of digital literacy in rural areas; and

(e) whether all the registered households have been trained, and given certificates and, if so, the details thereof?

#### Restoration of MPLAD Fund

3790. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered to revoke the decision of suspending MPLADS for two years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is likely to restore MPLADS as the Members of Parliament are unable to fulfill the local development needs without this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Implementation of BharatNet in Gujarat

†3791. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded any approval for a implementation strategy for BharatNet project to provide Optical Fibre Connectivity in all inhabited villages through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in sixteen states of the country recently and if so, the details thereof and the names of states included in the said proposal;

(b) whether the State of Gujarat has been included in the said list of sixteen states and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the tribal areas of Gujarat are also proposed to be covered for the said connectivity and if so, the details thereof?

### Exploration of Minerals

3792. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has explored for mineral resources in foreign continents and countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking steps to locate strategic mineral resources like Lithium, cobalt, etc in the African continent and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade technology and equipment for mining operations during the last five years?

### Virtual Hearing

3793. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure made so far for implementing information & communication technology based system in high courts and Supreme Court;

(b) the achievements of Supreme Court e-committee during last 16 years of its existence; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government for making virtual hearing a permanent feature of judicial system?

### Restoration of Trains in Maharashtra

3794. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of many trains is stopped in Maharashtra due to covid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to restart all trains in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Jaleswar-Digha Broad Gauge Line Project

3795. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target date for commissioning of the Jaleswar-Digha new broad gauge rail line;

(b) whether the project was sanctioned in the year 2010-11;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay of the project has been attributed to non-cooperation of West Bengal state Government in the land acquisition process; and

(d) the present status thereof and the timeline fixed for completion of the same?

### Internet access in Courts

3796. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of district courts that have access to internet, State-wise;

(b) the total number of cases dealt through e-courts since March; and

(c) the provisions made by the Government for people with no internet access to reach out to the courts for redressal?

### Guidelines for Confirmation of Probation

3797. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DOPT has issued guidelines for confirmation of probation in Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criteria for confirmation of probation in Gazetted cadre;

(d) the details of situations in which probation is extended;

(e) the number of days of attendance required during probation period (two years) for confirmation;

(f) the number of days of leaves that can be taken during probation period (two years) to avoid extension of the probation;

(g) whether it is brought to the notice of DOPT that due to abnormal delay in convening Departmental Promotion Committee(DPC), employees are not confirmed on time which results in delay in their promotion; and

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

### **Cyber Security Literacy**

3798. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:  
SHRIP.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the prevalence of cyber attacks has increased in the past few years and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is undertaking efforts to increase cyber security literacy in the country;

(c) if so, the details of the activities undertaken in this regard like awareness campaigns, etc and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Pending Railway works in Tamil Nadu**

3799. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of the pending works related to new railway lines, doublings, conversion of railway lines as well as electrification in Tamil Nadu, since 2016?

(b) the details of funds allocated/sanctioned/spent on the above projects so far in Tamil Nadu, since 2016?

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

(d) whether the Government has fixed any targets for completion of the above projects; and

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

### **News Reporters Visiting Sensitive Military Places**

3800. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that various news reporters visit the sensitive military places and air the videos revealing all the information, routines and activities of the places on their channels, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government does not think that this violate the rule and give extra information to our enemies and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Establishment of Call Centre**

3801. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS  
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any call centre in Bihar especially Patna to provide employment to computer professionals and IT engineers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any such call centres have reportedly been closed without working on account of lack of support from the Government and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

### **Infrastructure Projects**

3802. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:  
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 403 infrastructure projects, each of worth rupees 150 crores, have been hit badly;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Union Government has constituted

a Task Force with the objective of effective delivery of projects including

those based on Public-Private Partnership mode within time and budget

for Central/State Governments and Public Sector Enterprises and if so, the composition of the Task Force;

(d) whether the Task Force has submitted its recommendation;

(e) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government on these recommendations?

**Data Breaches**

3803. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:  
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:  
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recorded any instances of data breaches of sensitive customer data by private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has decided to penalise abovesaid companies for the same and if so, the details thereof?

**Visakhapatnam Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)**

3804. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated and utilized for the development of Visakhapatnam Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC);

(b) whether any timeframe has been fixed for completion of the development project to avoid any delay and if so, the details thereof including the date since when the VCIC has been in the initial stage;

(d) whether the State Government has initiated the master planning and preliminary engineering for the Visakhapatnam node of VCIC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Techno-economic feasibility of Stations**

3805. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways conducts techno-economic feasibility studies of stations across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Railways has any plans to redevelop Gadag, Haveri, Byadagi, Ranibennur, Yalvagi, Hole Alur and Mallapur railway stations with state-of-art passenger facilities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up seven new projects for laying rail line on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis with the Government of Karnataka, if so, the

details thereof, project-wise and the estimated cost of these projects;

(d) whether the Government propose to develop multi-functional complex at Bellary railway station, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government propose to restore and preserve railway stations in Karnataka, which are considered to be heritage buildings, if so, the details thereof ?

**Seperate Supreme Court Bench**

3806. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal/plans to open a separate Supreme Court bench in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on requests in this regard?

**100 New Sainik Schools**

†3807. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision has been made to set up 100 new Sainik Schools in the General Budget for the year 2020-21;

(b) if so, the guidelines and policies set up by the Government to sanction these schools and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to sanction Sainik School in view of the glorious military history of Nagaur district (Rajasthan); and

(d) if so, the time by when it will be sanctioned and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Export of Herbs and Herbal Products**

3808. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total export of herbs and herbal products made from the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether India's share in the total global export of herbs and herbal products is very low;

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

(d) whether there is a huge demand for Indian herbs in the European and other developed countries;

(e) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the export of these products from the country along with the incentives provided to the exporters for the said purpose; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the said exports and increase India's share in the global export of herbs?

#### Conducting Examination

†3809. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether interview has been held after the examination for the post of Assistant Foreman (Electrical and Mechanical) in the year 2011;

(b) the date on which the said examination was conducted, the number of candidates passed and the number of candidates who have been selected from interview;

(c) whether the said recruitment has been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### Railway Wagon Factory in Odisha

3810. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railway lines constructed during the Financial Year 2020-21, State-wise;

(b) the budget allocated in the current financial year towards the construction of new railway lines in Odisha and the proposed railway connectivity from Berhampur of Ganjam District to Western Odisha;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish to Railway Wagon Factory in the Ganjam District of Odisha; and

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

#### Setting up of Industries in Katihar

†3811. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working in the direction of setting up of industries in the parliamentary constituency of Katihar and in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of industries set up in the State of Bihar and in the Parliamentary Constituency of Katihar; and

(e) the status of running industries?

#### Operation of Trains towards Delhi

†3812. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to operate the trains as usual in view of decrease in Covid-19 cases and relaxation in lockdowns and curfews in various States, resulting into normalcy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to operate all local trains going towards Delhi from Ambala, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Panipat and Sonapat as usual; and

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

#### Delimitation Process

3813. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

a) the present status regarding backlog of delimitations process which was to be taken up under the Delimitation Commission of 2002 for the four north-eastern states of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh ?

(b) the reasons for the deletion of these four north-eastern states from the exercise of the ongoing delimitation process under the Chairperson of Justice (Retd) Ranjana Desai in March 2021?; and

(c) whether the Government initiated any corrective measure to put the delimitation process of the four north-eastern states back in the steam And if so, the details thereof and the time frame fixed in this regard?

#### Development of Tribal Societies

†3814. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented by the Government for the development of the tribal societies in the North Eastern Region;

(b) the details of the major schemes for the development of hilly and remote areas; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch new schemes for the development of tribal societies in

future in the North Eastern Region and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Train from Bhavnagar**

†3815. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new train from Bhavnagar to Haridwar is proposed to be run by the Government;

(b) if so, the time by which the operation of the said train is likely to be started; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the operation of the said train?

#### **Peace in Afghanistan**

3816. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is cooperating with Afghanistan to endeavour for regional stability, and enduring peace in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details of initiatives taken to meet this objective and the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether the bilateral relations between India and Afghanistan are guided by any bilateral strategic agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Privatising Operations of Trains**

3817. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hand over the operation of trains to private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of works being carried out and proposed by private companies?

#### **ROB at Badarughat**

3818. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a strong public demand for construction of Rail Over Bridge(ROB) at Badarughat and Kanisail near Karimganj

town in Assam for uninterrupted Road communication and for safety of the road users; and

(b) if so, whether the Government plans to take up the matter with the Union Surface Transport Ministry and the Government of Assam for formulating any proposal for early materialization of the public demand?

#### **POPSK in Districts**

3819. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in all district headquarters or in all Parliamentary constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of POPSKs set up so far;

(c) the number of POPSKs which have started functioning so far in Telangana along with the number of POPSKs proposed to be made operational in the near future;and

(d) the extent to which getting passports is likely to become easier through POPSKs along with the details of its style of functioning ?

#### **Priority to MSME Units in rake loading**

3820. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(MSME) Units in the country including the State of Punjab are faced with the issue of long waiting time for loading of coal rake due to lack of any provision of special priority to these units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any measures to ensure special priority to these MSME units and ensure rake allotment and faster rake loading within a specified time period by the Railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Broadband Connections in Villages**

3821. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

SHRIUNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

SHRIDHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds that have been spent on the Bharat Net Scheme by the Government till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of villages that have commercial FTTH (fiber-to-the home) connections in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of villages that have been connected with commercial broadband under the Bharat Net Project;

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to increase uptake of connections under the said project by Gram Panchayats and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the role and duties of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) and other agencies in the implementation of the project?

#### Opening Australian Border

3822. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making any effort to open the India Australia International Border so that the education of Indian-origin students do not suffer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has entered into any formal agreement with Australia to pre-quarantine Indian students for 15 days; and

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

#### Voter Identity Card

3823. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce electronic version of voter identity cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the precautionary steps taken by the Government to make this foolproof?

#### System for Students

3824. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:  
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up a system for students who wants to join/return to study abroad to contact the Ministry of External Affairs if they face difficulties;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue of difficulty in obtaining visas for higher education overseas with the Governments concerned;

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by the country concerned; and

(e) the steps the Ministry is taking to ensure that visa services are opened for all geographies where student are to travel?

#### Gurjar Batalion

†3825. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering raising the Gurjar battalion in the Indian Army keeping in view the sacrifice of Gurjars for the country;

(b) whether most of the weapon power available with the country to fight against the enemies is imported from the other countries; and

(c) if so, whether the Government intend to make India self dependent in the matters of sophisticated weapons through its effective polices and the details thereof?

#### Railway projects in Jharkhand

3826. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rail projects being implemented in Jharkhand along with the present status thereof, Project-wise;

(b) the number of projects lagging behind schedule along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the cost overrun of the delayed projects, the source of financing along with the time limit for completing these projects; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to complete the said projects on time?

#### Survey on Poverty

3827. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National survey to estimate poverty with new metrics has been launched nation-wide and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of significant difference of this survey compared to the previous one such as C. Rangarajan Committee report on poverty and such other reports;

(c) the desired outcome and the financial details of this survey; and

(d) the estimated time limit within which the survey is likely to be completed?

### Speedy Justice

†3828. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to change laws formulated by the British so as to provide speedy justice;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered to take any steps in this direction till date; and

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

### Impact of Coal Mining on Environment

†3829. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of coal mining works on the environment;

(b) whether the Government has issued any directions to lessen the impact of coal mining works on the environment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Deadline to decide Rape Cases

3830. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to fix a deadline for deciding rape cases in the country; and

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

### New Nuclear Reactors

3831. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to add new nuclear reactors in the near future to augment its 7 Gigawatt (GW) total installed nuclear energy capacity of present;

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

(c) whether the Government plans to phase out their nuclear power stations in view of reports of many countries doing the same or continue adding new nuclear reactors in the future; and

(d) the details thereof?

### Coal Mines

3832. DR. AMAR SINGH:  
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:  
SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the under-utilisation of existing coal mines in India;

(b) if so, the whether any action has been taken to enhance such utilisation and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) allocated coal blocks, year-wise from 2014 till date as well as the details of cancellation of allotted mines to PSEs during this period, if any;

(d) the reasons for failure to auction nearly 70 mines out of 112 mines from 2015-2020;

(e) whether the newly listed 41 mines include those mines on the order list which were not auctioned and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government is aware that 21 out of the newly listed mines for auction fall under the 'No-Go' areas classified in 2011 and the reasons for proceeding forward despite such classification?

### Fake News on Social Media

3833. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of people are exposed to fake news and trolling on social media;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce concrete laws on regulating social media in the near future and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is consulting all stakeholders including private players in drafting such rules or regulations to regulate social media, if so, the details thereof?

#### Concession to Pilgrims of Mansarovar

†3834. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide concessions due to Corona to the pilgrims going to Mansarovar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether pilgrims of Mansarovar for the year 2020-2021 have availed the benefits of the scheme of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details of the facilities likely to be provided by the Government to the pilgrims under this scheme ?

#### Introduce New Emerging Technology

3835. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

whether Ministry has any plan in place for introducing new emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Geo-fencing and IoT (Internet of Things) in Agriculture and allied activities sector?

#### Internet Shutdowns

3836. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on internet shutdowns, the corresponding reason for such shutdowns along with the duration of the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including number of instances of internet shutdowns during each of the last seven years, State/UT-wise and year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has contemplated the impact of internet shutdowns on freedom of speech, dissemination of information and online socialisation and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Fund for Aspirational Districts

†3837. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Development Grant Fund released by the Government for Aspirational districts in the country, particularly for Shrawasti and Balrampur districts of Uttar Pradesh from 2019 till date, year-wise;

(b) whether any fund is pending with the Government for development assistance of Aspirational districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Performance of CSC-SPV

3838. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of CSC-SPV;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the performance of CSC-SPV in consultation with Panchayat Raj Institution?

#### Internet Subscribers

†3839. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias

PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

SHRIKRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of internet subscriber in rural and urban districts of the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the extent to which internet facility has expanded in each rural and urban districts in each state;

(c) whether there is uniformity in communication services in rural and urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the reason for not providing internet services at par with urban areas; and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by when availability of internet services in rural areas will be streamlined?

### Encroachment of Railway Land

†3840. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area of Railways Land lying unutilized and has been encroached upon by anti-social elements and the people living near the said land;

(b) whether the Government has identified such land; and

(c) if so, the present status of land of the loco near Fatehgarh railway station of North-Eastern railway?

### Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects

†3841. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the steps taken by the Government to complete the said projects on time; and

(c) whether any complaints has been received against any of the companies working under the DFC and the action taken on the said complaints along with the details thereof?

### Transformation of Railways Services

†3842. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works for increasing the speed of trains, converting more number of trains to superfast category, installing bio toilets in all trains, electrifying the entire railway network in around one year, reducing the time taken for transforming trains for improving the colour and shape of coaches, etc. have been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether each member of the Railways Board is preparing a ten-point programme for the areas related to the said transformation; and

(d) whether the biggest challenge for the Railways is to required manpower; and

(e) if so, the effective steps taken in this regard?

### Railway Printing Press

3843. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is intending to install new Railway Printing Press in place of old presses to modernise the railway system;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with futuristic plan in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether modern technologies are being adopted from foreign countries for fast and rapid action in railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the plan envisaged for this purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Lok Adalats

3844. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA  
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making access to justice for the poor through Lok Adalats which is a constitutional mandate to ensure fair treatment under our legal system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken to make justice accessible and affordable to all and to address the problems of crowded case dockets outside the formal adjudicatory system;

(c) whether compromises are imposed on the poor who often have no choice but to accept them and in most cases, such litigants have to accept discounted future values of their claims instead of their just entitlements, or small compensations, to bring a long-pending legal process to an end;

(d) whether poor women also under the so-called 'harmony ideology' are virtually dictated by family courts to compromise on matrimonial disputes; and

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

### Targetting Indian Projects

3845. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Taliban forces have made it known that their utmost priority is to target buildings/installations in Afghanistan built with Indian aid and manpower after US withdrawal from Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has planned to dismantle and transport equipments from Afghan projects/installations funded by it to save these from total destruction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Mini Rescue Station of Coast Guard

3846. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the long pending demand for Helipad and mini rescue station of Coast Guard setup in Kanniyakumari;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost, present status, amount allocated for the project; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to complete the project in a time bound manner;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Filming in Thoise Airforce Station

†3847. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of Cinematographers filmed the outer and inner premises of the Thoise Air Force Station located in Ladakh by using drone camera during September, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether approval was not taken for the said filming through the authorised competent authority and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said act is a big lapse in highly sensitive security of defence establishments in the country;

(d) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government will take stringent action against the concerned officers under the code of conduct by fixing responsibility for the said lapses in order to prevent recurrence of such incidents and if so, the details thereof?

### Linking Accounts to Social Media

3848. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to link a Government identity to a social media account like Facebook, Twitter, etc. in order to validate the accounts;

(b) the number of cases registered related to social media crimes and the number out of the cases, who have been given response; and

(c) what are the current grievance redressal mechanisms that are available within the social media platforms, which are regulated by the law and the details thereof?

### Gulf Returnees

3849. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data on Gulf returnees since Covid 19 first wave in India;

(b) if so, the details regarding the same;

(c) whether Government has any plans scheme for repatriation of all those Indians in Gulf region who has lost their employment as a result of Covid 19 crisis;

(d) if so, the details regarding the same;

(e) whether the Government has any plans to include ex gratia aid for families of expats who died due to Covid 19; and

(f) if so, the details regarding the same ?

### Tribunals

3850. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that civil courts are equipped to handle matters previously adjudicated on by specialised tribunals, in the context of rationalisation under the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Bill, 2021;

(b) whether the Government will introduce any special application process to make the process of filing a case in the proposed judicial entity as accessible as in the appellate bodies that are proposed to be dissolved. if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that civil courts are not overburdened by the added case loads resulting from rationalisation of tribunals?

### Internet Facility

†3851. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether condition of internet in rural areas of the country is not good;

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

(c) the number of villages/rural areas in the State of Uttar Pradesh where internet facility is still not provided; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve internet facility which is being frequently disrupted due to metro line project work in the city of Kanpur?

#### US Withdrawal from Afghanistan

3852. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether security environment around the country's borders has been affected after US withdrawal from Afghanistan and Taliban advance in many parts of that country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the new situation?

#### Modernisation of Shahjahanpur Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh

†3853. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernization work of Sahajahanpur Railway station in Uttar Pradesh has been completed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the main road towards Shahjahanpur railway station is always stuck with severe traffic jam and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government contemplates to start an approach road in the opposite direction to make traffic movement easy towards railway station and also build a permanent ticket office on that side so that traffic can be manageable on both the roads;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the landmap prepared by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to establish escalators considering the difficulties being faced by the public, especially senior citizens while using of stairs; and

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

#### Investment in Atomic Energy

3854. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the boost in investment in the country in the field of atomic energy during the last five years; and

(b) the number of new atomic reactors proposed by the Department?

#### Trademarks Granting under Startup Scheme

†3855. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any provision for providing employment by granting trade marks to persons under start-up scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the provisions for granting trademarks and the time period within which it is granted from the date of filling of trade mark application;

(d) whether there is any provision for taking action against the officers who failed to grant trademark within the stipulated time limit;

(e) if so, whether the cases of not granting trade marks to women entrepreneurs in Maharashtra have been noticed by the Government; and

(f) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons?

#### Nuclear Power Capacity

†3856. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for growing its nuclear power capacity and infrastructure development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any timeline/target in this direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Research in Field of Medicine

3857. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps/measures to explore/expand, research in the medical application of nuclear-powered equipment for advancement in the field of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish the research institutes for such purposes and if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

### Theft in Railways

3858. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total estimated cost of railway property stolen in the last three years with the break-up of the items stolen, Zone-wise;

(b) the number of people prosecuted for stealing railway property in the last four years;

(c) whether it is a fact that theft of railway property is a great hindrance for Railways in providing better facilities to its passengers and if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent thefts from happening; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Army Recruitment Process

3859. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any impact on the Army recruitment process in the last year due to the pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to give any additional chances with age relaxation to the candidates from recruitment areas where the process was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof?

### Madad Online

3860. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry has put up a 'Madad' online portal for the benefit of the stranded Indian community staying abroad;

(b) if so, the details of the nature of assistance sought by the Indian community, country/region-wise and the support extended;

(c) whether there is any plan for expanding the scope of this online portal to make it an interface of constructive engagement of Indian diaspora with the Government of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

### Utilization of CSR Fund

3861. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government PSU's have failed to spend 100 percent fund for CSR projects towards local development since last 5 years;

(b) if so, allocation of funds and utilization therein since the year 2016-17;

(c) whether Government has any specific budget to develop their properties schools, hospitals, parks, etc. through PPP model towards infrastructural development within their local areas; and

(d) if so, area-wise details of such PPP models running and allocation of budget and expenditure incurred since 2016-17 by the subsidiaries?

### Strengthening of BSNL and MTNL Services

†3862. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen and improve the services of BSNL and MTNL to enable them to compete with various other private telecom companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Installation of Solar Power Projects

3863. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to utilise its unused land for installation of solar power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of nodal agencies and officers appointed for the purpose;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from any MNC in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the time frame for the completion of the project?

### Special Industrial Areas

3864. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up special industrial areas and extend special concessions to them in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose, number of industrial units

established and estimated job opportunities created therefrom during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of industries which are mainly responsible for environment pollution in the country; and

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

#### Existing Rail Projects

3865. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:  
SHRIGIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has focused on the completion of existing rail projects quickly other than simultaneously working on the newly announced projects;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to complete several projects in the financial year 2021-22 to boost rail infrastructure as well as to make Indian Railways future-ready;

(d) if so, the names of the projects pertaining to Maharashtra;

(e) the names of the new projects which are kept in abeyance in order to complete the existing rail projects; and

(f) the details of such projects in Maharashtra?

#### Water Logging in Underpasses

3866. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that most of the under passes below the railway tracks have been water logged during most of the time of the year specially in urban areas;

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

(c) whether the Government has any plans to solve the problem permanently in the under pass below bally station of eastern railway; and

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

#### New Railway Lines in Rajasthan

†3867. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:  
SHRIHANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in continuation of various Budget announcements and other announcements, report after completing the survey for new rail lines in Rajasthan has been sent to the Railway Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether new rail line projects in Rajasthan have been with held by the Government after receiving the survey report;

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

(e) the time by which these new rail line projects in Rajasthan are likely to be approved for which survey report has been sent to the Union Government or the Railway Board; and

(f) whether the Union Government is also contemplating to construct Gajsinghpur-Padampur-Beenjhbayala-Goluwala-Hanumangarh-Rawatsar-Nohar railway line in Rajasthan for which announcement was made in the year 1998 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Communication Network in Tribal Areas

†3868. SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal areas are lagging behind in terms of communication;

(b) whether the Ministry has formulated and concrete plan in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the said plan is likely to be completed?

#### Funds for Disabled Friendly Stations

†3869. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make the 'B' category railway stations across the country disabled friendly;

(b) if so, the details of such railway stations zone-wise; and

(c) the funds spent to make the railway stations accessible for the handicapped people during each of the last three years and the current year?

#### Promoting Products of India

3870. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans of promoting special and unique products of India through the Indian Embassy in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any plans for promoting Geographical Indicators (GI) Registered products of India through the Indian Embassy in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to employ the service of Indian Council for Cultural Relations for promoting GI products and other unique products of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

#### **Assessment of Properties of BSNL**

†3871. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:  
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of immovable properties of BSNL across the country;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to these properties;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen BSNL services and if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the current status of merger of MTNL of BSNL?

#### **Linkage of Mobile Numbers with Aadhaar Card**

†3872. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:  
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile connections of different telecom company in the country yet to be linked with Aadhaar, telecom company-wise;

(b) whether non-linking of mobile members of consumers with their respective Aadhaar number is leading to many cyber crimes and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken likely to be taken by the Government to link each mobile connection with Aadhaar?

#### **Expansion of Railway Network in Odisha**

3873. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways is considering to expand the Rail Network in Odisha, particularly in the uncovered districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering the laying of rail lines between Jharsuguda to Paradeep or Dhamra via Laikera in Jharsuguda, Kuchinda in Sambalpur and Deogarh, to develop the Industrial Corridor of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways has any proposal for laying of rail lines between Sambalpur to Berhampur via Boud and Kandhamal in Odisha, the two districts in Odisha, which has not seen a train in their areas yet; and

(e) if so, the action plan chalked out in this regard?

#### **New Iron Ore Policy**

3874. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new iron ore policy governing allocation of rakes and transportation of iron ore aims to attune it to the present day needs of customers and to meet the complete requirement of transportation of iron ore customers and is also expected to have a positive impact on the steel industry, provide powerful impetus to the core sector of the economy and boost the country's economic growth; and

(b) if so, the complete details thereof?

#### **Stoppage at Kishangarh**

†3875. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stoppages of train No.15715-15716 Garib Nawaz Express (Ajmer-Kishanganj) train No.19333-19334 Bikaner-Indore (Mahamana Express) and train No.12915-12916 (Ashram Express) at Kishangarh (Ajmer) railway station are being demanded for a long time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the stoppages of train No.15715-15716 Garib Nawaz Express (Ajmer-Kishanganj) at Kaithal, Dausa, Phulera, train No.19333-19334 Bikaner-Indore (Mahamana Express) at Kishangarh, Renwal, Navalagarh, Sudsar and train No.12915-12916 (Ashram Express) at Rajgarh, Bandikui, Dausa, Beawar and Falna which are small and low income generating stations are still being continued;

(c) if so, the problem faced by the Railway Board in providing stoppages of the said three trains at Kishangarh (Ajmer) railway station despite having more and equal income than the income of the said stations along with the details thereof; and

(d) the comparative details of the stoppages of the said trains at the stations and the details of the daily income and passenger load?

### Digital Literacy

†3876. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI  
VASAVA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase digital literacy especially in rural areas;

(b) the details of the various schemes run by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) the ranking of India among other developed countries in regard to the digital literacy; and

(d) the reasons for the low percentage Digital Literacy in the country along with the actions taken thereon?

### Construction of New Rail Line between Darrbhanga-Muzaffarpur

†3877. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which construction work of new rail line between Darbhanga-Muzaffarpur announced in the Rail Budget of 2008, is likely to be started along with the details thereof; and

(b) the total cost of the construction of the said rail section along with all the surveys conducted in this regard?

### Karnataka-Goa double tracking Project

3878. SHRI COSME FRANCISCO CAITANO  
SARDINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether doubling of railway tracks from Karnataka to Goa has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the year when it was approved;

(c) the present status of the works relating to doubling of railway tracks in Karnataka and Goa; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to complete the works?

### Mining Surveillance System

3879. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mining Surveillance System(MSS) established in 2016 to curb illegal mining is functioning properly;

(b) if so, the details of illegal mining reported by various States and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the number of States that have established District Mineral Foundation (DMF) under the scheme along with the amount collected by the agencies till date;

(d) the total amount spent on high priority areas from the DMF, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the amount spent in Tamil Nadu under the scheme?

### NCIIPC

3880. SHRI RAVI KUMAR D:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength of personnel with expertise in cybersecurity at the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC);

(b) the number of cybersecurity positions that are currently vacant at NCIIPC;

(c) whether there are any persons, body corporates or any other organisations as consultants engaged by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) for cybersecurity and for incident response purposes on a contractual basis and if so, the number of such contracts entered into by NCIIPC and their details thereof; and

(d) the measures that have been taken by NCIIPC to bridge the cybersecurity skill gap within the Indian Government?

### Compensation for Covid death

3881. SHRI NAKUL KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that 80 labourers of Western Coal Fields(WCL) Pench and Kanhan Coal Mines in Madhya Pradesh died during the first and second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and their deaths were mentioned as Covid-suspected deaths in their death certificates;

(b) whether their deaths were termed Covid-suspected deaths even though the victims were Covid-positive, were quarantined, treated in covid wards and were finally cremated as per covid protocol; and

(c) whether the Government will consider declaring their deaths as covid deaths and provide them compensation of Rs.15 lakh each as demanded by the Trade Union INTUC of Parasia, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

#### Data of Railway Employees

3882. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the data of employees terminated from service in Railways during Covid 19;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment drive to examine how the employees of Railways have been affected, mentally and financially by the Covid 19 crisis;

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, whether the Government is going to constitute such an assessment drive;

(e) whether the Government has the data of new employment since March 2020, if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has the data of employees in Railways; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, gender and sector-wise?

#### Research Activities of DRDO

3883. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the research activities of DRDO;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) whether the Government has plans to conduct the study regarding the scope of research in Nano Technology;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the DRDO proposes to start a National Level Institute for the research and development of Nano Textile Technology;

(f) if so, the details there of;

(g) whether the DRDO proposes to formulate a standard for the manufacture of products using Nano Textile Technology;

(h) if so, the details thereof;

(i) whether the Government has received proposal for establishing a National Level Institute for research of Nano Textile Technology with the support of DRDO;

(j) if so, the details thereof?

#### Privatising Trains and Routes

3884. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Union Government is on the process of handing over the profit earning train routes to private companies for their operations for both passengers and goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such profit earning train routes that are being considered to be handed over to private companies across the country, zone-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for handing over of profit earning train routes to private companies?

#### Approval for Skyways

3885. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has instructed the LMA to hand over the land to the Telangana Government for two skyways that were proposed by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority way back in 2017;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the compensation by the ministry for the increased traffic and congestion due to the delayed approval for skyways; and

(d) the expected time for allocating the land to the state or any expected change in the initial plan?

#### Running staff in Railways

†3886. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of service group of employees who have been deployed as running staff by the Railways;

(b) the details of facilities provided to the running staff by the Railways; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring ticket checking staff under running staff in the future?

#### Projects under DMF

†3887. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of project under District Mineral Foundation (DMF);

(b) the State-wise details of the said projects along with the allocation of DMF funds;

(c) whether Ministry has taken any measures to increase DMF spending;

(d) whether there is any single window monitoring system for DMF;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, whether there is any roadmap to create a monitoring system for DMF?

#### **Rafale Fighter Jets**

3888. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rafale fighter jets received from France as on date out of the total number purchased from France;

(b) the details of the number of Rafale fighters operational/functional as on date; and

(c) the time by when remaining Rafale fighter would be received from France?

#### **Indian Afghanistan Relationship**

3889. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether exit of the US from Afghanistan will impact the India Afghanistan relationship and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is securing interests and openly engaging with the Taliban;

(c) if so, the details thereof;and

(d) whether India has evacuated Indian citizens and officials and shut the Indian consulates in Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Constitutional Amendment**

3890. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to re-enact or reintroduce Part IX-B of the constitution through a constitutional amendment under Article 368 of the constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any details of the provisions to be introduced through these amendments?

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to move cooperative societies into the Concurrent list under schedule 7 of the constitution; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Mining Lease**

3891. SHRIARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRIRANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:  
SHRICHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRISANGAM LAL GUPTA:  
SHRISUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan has the highest number of mine leases in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government maintains a record of the number of cases of illegal sand mining recorded in the country including Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Jharkhand over the last five years and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Tele Law Scheme**

3892. SHRISELVAM G:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRIGAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRIJAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRIC.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRIGAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started Tele-law scheme, if so, the details thereof along-with its main features;

(b) whether the Government plans to provide this scheme throughout the country and if so, details thereof;

(c) the details of all legal services that are proposed to be provided as a part of the scheme;

(d)whether the Government has any plans to spread awareness and convey in simple language the legal procedure for ease of access to the poor and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the ways in which the Government is ensuring that the scheme becomes accessible to the poor; and

(f) the details of the number of Tele-law Paralegal volunteers who have associated with the scheme, State/ UT-wise?

**Decline in Mineral Production**

3893. SHRICHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRISUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRISHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRIMANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRISANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRIPRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRIBIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mineral production of mining and quarrying sector has decline as compare to the corresponding period of previous year;

(b) if so, the mineral-wise details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the factors responsible for such decline during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereto;

(e) whether the decline in Mineral Production has also affected the GDP and generation of employment opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Sainik Schools in Tamil Nadu**

3894. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry runs/operates Sainik Schools and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a number of requests from different States including Tamil Nadu for opening of Sainik Schools are pending with the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in sanctioning of Sainik Schools;

(c) whether girls are not allowed to take admission in Sainik Schools; and

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

**GDP Growth**

3895. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the growth in GDP is estimated at 7.3 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is also aware that the Country's GDP growth is at a very decadal low since 2014;

(d) if so, the reasons for its constant decline; and

(e) whether the Government has any plans to increase GDP growth in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Sanctioned Posts Lying Vacant**

3896. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRIRANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:  
SHRIARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRISUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRISANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned Central Government jobs that currently remain vacant;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fill the vacancy in 2021 including Scheduled Castes (STs) community; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the date by when the same is proposed to be filled?

**Electronic Equipment**

3897. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI  
SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received any proposal from foreign investors to setting up of electronic equipment manufacturing factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount spent by foreign investors in the country during last three years in this regard?

**Vande Bharat Mission**

- †3898. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state the State-wise details of number of Indians brought back to India under Vande Bharat Mission during Covid pandemic?

### Power Generation by using Nuclear Technology

†3899. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes formulated by the Government to increase power generation for domestic and industrial purpose by using nuclear technology;
- (b) the names of the countries with which India has signed civil nuclear agreements so far; and
- (c) the names of the other countries with which India proposes to sign civil nuclear agreement in near future?

### Digital Communication Policy

3900. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRIGIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:  
SHRIRAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented National Digital Communications Policy - 2018;
- (b) if so, the key objectives of the aforesaid policy;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to achieve the key objectives by the end of 2022;
- (d) if so, the extent to which the objectives of the aforesaid policy have been achieved so far; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve goals proposed in the aforesaid policy?

### Construction of New Suburban Railway Tracks

3901. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has approved an investment of \$ 575 million for the development of Mumbai suburban railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the project will also involve the construction of a new suburban railway track between Panvel and Karjat; and
- (d) if so, the details of the project to be undertaken with this investment?

### Draft Rules on e-Commerce

3902. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to revise the e-commerce draft rules on the requests of foreign-funded firms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is facing objections from domestic commerce entities, asking not to undertake any changes in the draft rules;
- (d) whether the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has urged the Government not to succumb to the requests of foreign-funded companies and undertake any changes in the draft rules; and
- (e) the response of the Government in this regard?

### Foreign Law Firms

3903. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRINAMA NAGESWARA RAO:  
SHRISELVAM G:  
SHRIC.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRIGAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRIGAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRISHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to allow foreign law firms to operate/practice in India a phased manner and if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof and the expected flow of FDI legal firms;
- (b) whether the Bar Council of India, the governing body regulating legal practice in India has also accorded its permission to allow foreign law firms to participate in India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken into consideration the adverse Impact of such a move on indigenous law firms;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to stipulate pre-condition that for setting legal practice in India, the foreign legal firms should employ at least 3/4th of Indians to do the legal and paralegal work; and
- (f) if so, the status of the proposal at present?

### Informal Summit with China

3904. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale behind the informal summits with the President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping in Wuhan on April 27th and 28th and in Mamallapuram on 11th and 12th of October 2019;

(b) the details of the discussion held between the Prime Minister and President Xi Jinping at both these informal summits respectively;

(c) whether there was any discussion or decision with regard to the resolution of the outstanding border disputes with China in the Northern, Central and Eastern Sectors respectively and did the Prime Minister formally or informally raised the border question with President Xi Jinping at both or either of these summits respectively;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Prime Minister had such informal summits with the Prime Minister/President/Head of State of any other country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons why was China the only country singled out for this mode of interaction?

#### **Export of Oilmeal and its Products**

3905. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRIRATANSINH MAGANSINH  
RATHOD:  
SHRIMANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRIKULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRISUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

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

(a) the quantum of oilmeal and oilmeal products exported to major countries, quantity and country-wise during the last three years and the current year indicating the share of India's oilmeal exports in global exports;

(b) whether the export of oilmeal products from the country has declined during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of decline in export of oilmeal, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering to implement any special incentive scheme to encourage oilmeal production in the country

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of agricultural products including oilmeals?

#### **Pre Legislative Consultation**

3906. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:  
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE  
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has maintained records relating to compliance with Pre Legislative Consultation as provided under the Pre Legislative Consultation Policy, 2014;

(b) if so, the list of bills vetted by the Legislative Drafting department from February 2014 till date, as well as the list of those which were not, along with reasons for the same;

(c) the reasons for not complying with the mandatory requirement under the Pre  
Legislative Consultation Policy, 2014?

#### **Information Technology Investment Region**

3907. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) project in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in executing abovesaid project;

(c) whether the Government has released any budget for this project so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rail Development Authority**

3908. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by when the Rail Development Authority is likely to be established and operationalized;

(b) the rationale of the Government behind mandating an advisory/ recommendatory role for the Rail Development Authority in its functions;

(c) the different policies adopted by the Government to encourage greater private sector participation in the Public-Private-Partnership drive by the Indian Railways;

(d) the details of the total amount of private sector investment through different kinds of private sector collaborations with the Indian Railways over the past three years;

(e) the price determination mechanisms for PPP projects of the Indian Railways;

(f) whether the Government is likely to set price caps in case of hardships being faced by the citizens due to high prices; and

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

**FDI in e-Commerce**

3909. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a revamped draft policy for regulation of FDI in e-commerce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether comprehensive steps are being planned to restrict control of foreign marketplace platform entities over the sellers on their platform, that enable them to do anti-competitive practices such as predatory pricing and deep discounting through capital dumping that has led to closure of a large number of small businesses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any regulator is intended to be set up in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**New Dedicated Freight Corridors**

3910. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any proposal for new Dedicated Freight Corridors along the East and West Coast of India; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the timeline fixed for completion of this project?

NEW DELHI;

*August 5, 2021**Sravana 14, 1943 (Saka)*

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

*Secretary General*



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